Yahoo Group Archive: GRARA

Yahoo Group summary: Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association

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2. New group

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2007-12-12 07:44:03 UTC
From: Thomas R. Wislon
Topic: 2 Message: 2

Hi all. Great to see GRARA start up a Yahoo group. Looking forward to ideas, question/answers, events posting, and Elmering.

73 de Tom KD8DEG

4. Weekend PSK31/PSK63 Contest This Weekend, Dec 15th, 16th

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2007-12-12 12:25:25 UTC
From: mike_w8der
Topic: 4 Message: 4

There is a PSK31/PSK63 contest this weekend sponsored by the Michigan DX Association. It might be a good opportunity to practice PSK and to get macros setup for the ARRL PSK contest on January 5th and 6th.

Thanks to the Tuesday night MDXA Net for this information. (Lowell repeater, 9:00 PM)

Here is the rules site: http://www.mdxa1.org/deathmatch.html

9. Net Files

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2007-12-13 21:05:35 UTC
From: tom_kd8deg
Topic: 9 Message: 9

All, The net spread sheet file in the nets folder is work OK Now.

73 All

Tom KD8DEG

10. Site off to a good start.

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2007-12-14 21:37:39 UTC
From: mike_w8der
Topic: 10 Message: 10

We hope we are getting near the end of the learning curve. Moderators will be changing "stuff" for a few more days, but everything should work well. Feel free to add messages, responses, files, photos, links and databases. We have a 100 meg limit on files.

11. Welcome

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2007-12-15 13:57:01 UTC
From: Jack
Topic: 11 Message: 11

Welcome members to the group.

Thank you to Mike, Tom and Jim for all the work they did and are doing
to get this new Yahoo Group online and working.

Jack, AB8ND

13. Echo Link

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2007-12-16 14:45:31 UTC
From: Jack
Topic: 13 Message: 13

The club call W8DC has been validated by Echolink, we are no ready to go on the air (or online which ever you wish).

Jack

14. Attracting new people to ham radio

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2007-12-21 13:13:15 UTC
From: mike_w8der
Topic: 14 Message: 14

The following was posted on the Holland ARC Yahoo Group by Phil VenHuis. Thought it would be good food for thought.

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Last week there was some discussion about attracting young people to ham radio. I ran across the following piece on e-ham.net today and wanted to share it. It kind of gives an answer to the question brought up last week.

The Future of Ham Radio is Round
David F. Doler Jr. (WA3YAY) on November 22, 2007

I've had it up to here with the notion that Ham Radio can only survive if we bring in legions of new kiddies. Forget it. You'll assure the future of Ham Radio with legions of bored, middle-age dudes with a couple of bucks and some free time on their hands.

Kenwood, Yaesu, Icom and Ten-Tec want to sell radios by the thousands like they did back in the day. Ham Radio needs bodies. Lots of them.Big ones, small ones, skinny ones and round ones. Balding with a bit of gray hair? You the man! Nothing better to do on the weekends but wash the car and wait for the wife and kids outside of the mall? Great! A perfect Ham Radio recruit. We want QRM on every band, all the time.

Sure I'm being flippant here but please don't go all politically correct on me and speak about our responsibility to mentor young people with notions of public service and high technology. Pull-eez. That boat sailed. Please don't yell at me either, I'm a dyed-in-the-wool Amateur too. But think about it. There is a lot of business interests at work here that need customers. Sure, kids have money, but Ham Radio is not sexy and that money is going elsewhere (XBox, Wii, cell phones, iTunes, cars, girlfriends, boyfriends). Maybe you know some kid who actually does want to work a big contest all weekend instead of going out with his friends. Maybe you know two or three. Won't do. Thousands of 52-year-old accountants half-asleep on a Friday night might be the new market for HF rigs.

OK, don't abandon the kids. I understand, we need to be altruistic and we'll snag a few. But lets recruit our baggy-eyed co-worker in the cubicle next to us. Put a 440 rig in the golf cart. Bring QST to read at the Chiropractor's office. Wear an ARRL pin on your lapel to the next sales call. Aging citizens are really where the future of Amateur Radio will be, albeit it the turnover will be more frequent.

I'm really serious here. Wayne Green used to get on his hi-horse about the growing flabbiness of the aging Ham community. Embrace the

belly! Sell to the sagging. Open our doors to the hordes of girth-challenged professionals, semi-professionals, worker bees and retirees. That is the market. I'm convinced it's those guys who can save Ham Radio.

Enjoy ....

Phil, K8PVH

15. Show us that new toy at open radio room next Wednesday

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2007-12-21 13:31:16 UTC
From: mike_w8der
Topic: 15 Message: 15

President Jack assures us that the W8DC radio room will be open as usual at 7:15, next wednesday night. Bring that new ham radio toy you got for Christmas to show the gang.

Last week Dave Ed demonstrated QS0.Net, a simulated radio program that allows you to talk to other hams from your laptop. Dave set the demo up in the conference room across from W8DC (Wi Fi, you know) and members talked to another ham in Canada. (http://www.QSO.Net)

Thanks to the efforts of President Jack and others, we have EchoLink running on the operating position computer in the radio room. Jim Leys (KD8CAN) and others demonstrated how to use EchoLink both in the computer to computer mode and through repeater K8SN.

A good time was had by all. Everyone is welcome to join us for this popular weekly get-together.

16. New poll for GRARA

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2007-12-22 15:04:36 UTC
From: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 16 Message: 16

Enter your vote today! A new poll has been created for the
GRARA group:

What do you think the number one objective of Field Day should be this year? [Other than practice of emergency communications]
Field day is now 6 month off on the last weekend in June.

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o Promoting the hobby to the general public
o Promoting the GRARA
o Promoting GRARA to potential sponsors
o Encouraging good ole fun around the campfire
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o Others

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not collected via email. To vote, you must go to the Yahoo! Groups
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Thanks!

17. Re: New poll for GRARA

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2007-12-22 15:17:05 UTC
From: Jack
Topic: 16 Message: 17

Good poll, kind of brings everyones idea out

Jack,AB8ND

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18. Kenwood TM-V71A Programing Help ?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2007-12-22 15:37:31 UTC
From: bobber202000
Topic: 18 Message: 18

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Thank's

Bob

19. Re: Kenwood TM-V71A Programing Help ?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2007-12-22 16:13:44 UTC
From: mike_w8der
Topic: 18 Message: 19

Good morning Bob,

Maybe I can help --- just a LITTLE.

While you are waiting for a response to your posting, you may want to get answers to specific questions on the yahoo group http://groups.yahoo.com/group/TM-D710_TM-V71/ .

Also search for yahoo groups using "V71" and notice the other smaller groups.

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20. Re: Tranceiver in a Laptop Demo from Dave Ed

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2007-12-23 04:56:30 UTC
From: mike_w8der
Topic: 15 Message: 20

All,

I made a mistake. (I almost made it through the year without making one) Thanks to those of you who pointed it out.

Dave Ed informs me that the Laptop Radio program he demonstrated at the last open radio room night can be found at:

http://www.QSONet.com

(NOT http://www.QSO.Net as I reported.)

It is a program worth looking at during this low sunspot cycle.

From the QSONet.com web site above comes the following description.

What is QSONet?
QsoNet uses the internet to receive audio signals from a ham radio transmitting station, then instantly reflects the audio back to all stations listening on that frequency. There is no RF. Everything is done over the internet. The result is a simulated ionosphere for worldwide amateur radio communication. Stations can use either.

How does it work?
QsoNet works with dialup, DSL and cable internet connections. There is no need to configure router ports. The network consists of an array of internet servers which provide streaming voip audio between stations. After installing transceiver software, QsoNet stations are connected to a central server by a single, outbound TCP connection.

The Windows display looks like a real radio. It is cool. --- A tranceiver in a laptop with no network change with your home system. All you need is a computer with a sound card, speaker and microphone.

The price is free for 90 days and $35 per YEAR thereafter. (I figure that 90 days will take me up to first spring Fox Hunt.)

You must be a ham to talk over this system.

We had a fun time playing with it at open radio room. The simulated tranceiver is awfully realistic. It shows still more ways that the internet and ham radio can work together.

Thanks again to Dave Ed (AC8AB)for the demo at the last W8DC open radio room night. Dave is heading south for the winter. If someone else gets in going on their laptop, maybe they can demonstrate it at the next meeting.

21. Receiving Yahoo Group e-mail Problem

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2007-12-23 08:31:56 UTC
From: tom_kd8deg
Topic: 21 Message: 21

FYI
Anyone having Centurytel for there ISP will have trouble receiving your group e-mails. See below.

Delivery Issues with Centurytel.net E-mail Addresses
We've been in contact with the administrators at Centurytel.net and have taken steps toward correcting the issue with Y! Groups email not being delivered. If you are a Centurytel.net mail user and you are still not receiving Y! Groups email, please let us know by contacting Customer Care at:
http://help.yahoo.com/l/us/yahoo/groups/original/forms_index.html

73

de Tom KD8DEG

22. Welcome new members

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2007-12-27 12:26:56 UTC
From: Jack
Topic: 22 Message: 22

Welcome new members to the GRARA group.

Mike
Gary
Robert

Glad to have ya

Jack, AB8ND

25. ARRL 2008 RTTY Roundup (January 5-6, 2008)

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2007-12-29 20:43:49 UTC
From: mike_w8der
Topic: 25 Message: 25

This is a reminder of the ARRL 2008 RTTY Contest next weekend, January 5th and 6th 2008. This is a fun contest. This is a good opportunity to test out your digital modes.

Object: Amateurs worldwide contact and exchange QSO information with other amateurs using digital modes (Baudot RTTY, ASCII, AMTOR, PSK31, and Packet□attended operation only) on 80, 40, 20, 15, and 10 meter bands. Any station may work any other station.

LINKS.....
Roundup Rules:
http://www.arrl.org/contests/rules/2008/rtty.html

General ARRL Contest Rules:
http://www.arrl.org/contests/announcements/rules-all.html

27. A New Year

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-01-01 16:59:38 UTC
From: tom_kd8deg
Topic: 27 Message: 27

Happy New Year To ALL..

Looking forward to great things for GRARA this year and FUN.

73

Tom KD8DEG

29. happy New Year

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-01-05 18:14:58 UTC
From: Dave Ed
Topic: 29 Message: 29

I hope you all had a great holiday season. We are now in Florida for the winter with temps well up in the 70s. i have found several ham clubs in my area and two hamfests to go to so I will be very busy.
See you all in may.
Dave
AC8AB

32. New poll for GRARA

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-01-05 22:39:52 UTC
From: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 16 Message: 32

Enter your vote today! A new poll has been created for the
GRARA group:

Would you be interested in a one day bus trip to the Dayton Ham Fest
on a Saturday? If there is enought interest this could be a possibility.
Click here to show interest.

o Yes
o No

To vote, please visit the following web page:
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Thanks!

33. New Net on the *MICHIGAN* conference server (EchoLink)

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-01-10 15:19:48 UTC
From: mike_w8der
Topic: 33 Message: 33

For the growing number of EchoLink hams, here is a posting copied from the EchoLink Yahoo Group site related to the mighty *MICHIGAN* conference server. Note that the UPPER Net is connected to the K8SN repeater, 442.175 Mhz, PL 103.5 at Spectrun Hospital for those who enter EchoLink that way.

Posted by: "Michael J. Wolthuis" wolthui3@... kb8zgl
Wed Jan 9, 2008 7:26 am (PST)
I just wanted to take a second an alert everyone to two great nets we have added to the *MICHIGAN* conference [96170] for 2008. Please be aware these are Echolink nets, but combined IRLP connects are allowed on 9617.

Sunday nights at 8:00 PM EST is the Michigan Upper Peninsula and around the United States Social net. Checkins are taken first in the UP of Michigan and then a general check-in follows. This is a social net. We often have checkins from Alaska, Florida, Georgia and beyond.

Saturday mornings at 9:00 AM EST is the South CARS (SCARS) VoIP Net for around the United States. The initial net hosted 100+ checkins and a great time was had by all. This also is a social net. Checkins come from all across the US. More information is online at http://www.voip.southcars.com/
(be aware some parts of the page have music on them).

If anyone is interested in having additional nets on the *MICHIGAN* conference please contact me and we can see what arrangements can be made as we work to drive continued usage of this great asset.

Enjoy! 73s

Mike

Kb8zgl

34. W8DC Open Radio Room is the "Hotspot"

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-01-10 16:20:14 UTC
From: mike_w8der
Topic: 34 Message: 34

This is a reminder about GRARA, W8DC open radio room on Wednesday nights at 7:15 at the Red Cross.

Last night, Mike (K8EX) found a short band opening on 10 meters. Steve (KC8WQL) and others talked to GRARA member Dave Ed (AC8AB) down in Florida on EchoLink. And of course Robert (KD8BIH) and Gary (KD8AZM) ran the regular Wednesday night 2-Meter net.

Bob (KD8HNF ...Happy Naughty Fellow) brought in his new HT to share while Steve (KC8WQL) gave him some pointers. Mike (KD8DLG) and Gary (KD8AZM) made contacts on VoIP using the CQ100 software tranceiver, Gary's laptop and the radio room WiFi.

We welcomed first time visitors Mark (KB8SVV) from Kentwood and Dave (N8WVI) from Portage.

Discussions for the night included (among others) the badly needed message handling training at the next meeting, where to find an old call book from the 1950s and world peace.

The attendees seem to change each week, but there is always room for one more.

35. Skywarn Annual Training. You won't want to miss this free event

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-01-10 21:46:41 UTC
From: mike_w8der
Topic: 35 Message: 35

Guys and gals,

You won't want to miss this event. It is two solid hours of training
in how to spot and report emergency weather conditions. Regardless
of your group affiliation, this is a good training session!
Take a friend -- take your wife or husband.

Meet your favorite TV Weatherman.

Note the RSVP request so they can plan and can have your Skywarn card
ready.

Date: February 21st, 2008
Time: 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Location:
Grandville Middle School Auditorium,
3535 Wilson Avenue SW, Grandville, MI 49418
Cost: FREE!
Bring yourself and a friend.

RSVP required:

http://www.kcraces.net/signup/skywarn.php

36. Romney dismissed Amateur Radio operators

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-01-16 21:56:37 UTC
From: tom_kd8deg
Topic: 36 Message: 36

Governor Mitt Romney dismissed the role of Amateur Radio operators in emergency communications during a televised "town meeting" program last night on WCVB's "When Disaster Strikes: Segment Two." The program featured public safety and volunteer organization officials from across Massachusetts among its audience.

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This user group is a great forum for asking questions and sharing ideas with the valuable resource of both new and experienced N3FJP Software users, but it does get busy. There is an easy way to cut down on the e-mail volume. If you only want to receive announcements from Kimberly and me regarding upgrades and new products, please join our "announcements only" list instead. We keep e-mail to the "announcements only" list to an absolute minimum. Please join by sending a blank e-mail to:

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As always, thanks for your interest, kind thoughts, support and spreading the word about our software!

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37. Re: [GRARA] Romney dismissed Amateur Radio operators

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Date: 2008-01-17 04:58:52 UTC
From: Raymond Larabee Jr
Topic: 36 Message: 37

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73's
Raymond Larabee Jr.
kb8ild@...
WEBMASTER <---- http://www.dapr.org

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> This user group is a great forum for asking questions and sharing
> ideas with the valuable resource of both new and experienced N3FJP
> Software users, but it does get busy. There is an easy way to cut
> down on the e-mail volume. If you only want to receive announcements
> from Kimberly and me regarding upgrades and new products, please join
> our "announcements only" list instead. We keep e-mail to
> the "announcements only" list to an absolute minimum. Please join by
> sending a blank e-mail to:
>
> N3FJP_Software-subscribe@yahoogroups.com
>
> Then unsubscribe from this user group by sending an email to:
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38. Winter Comm. Exercise "Learning Curve II"

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-01-18 13:53:36 UTC
From: mike_w8der
Topic: 38 Message: 38

The first Red Cross quarterly comm drill of 2008 will take place on Sat Feb 23rd with the alternate date of March 8th in case of bad weather. The drill will run from approx. 8 am to 1 pm. We will deploy 2 REV's- activate the radio room and experiment more with ATV. Please put this on your schedules now and e mail me your plans to participate. More details to follow.

WB8USA@...

J. Bell RC Comm Chairman

The Red Cross Communication Team (RCCT) is an affiliation between The Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association (GRARA) and the Local Red Cross.

39. Red Cross Smoke Alarm Initiative

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-01-18 14:08:26 UTC
From: mike_w8der
Topic: 39 Message: 39

We just received this request for Red Cross Communication Team (RCCT) and other GRARA members to participate in the Red Cross Smoke Alarm Initiative. In the past we have had one communicator with each team of installers as they go through a neighborhood installing smoke detectors.

From Joe Bell, RCCT Chairman, WB8USA

Below I've included the Saving Lives At The Sound Smoke Alarm Initiative installation dates and locations that we will be needing radio communication help for. I'm sorry about the late notice on the January date, I just locked that one down. If you could please ask your guys to help out, I would really appreciate it. As incentive, Qdoba will be catering lunch on the dates:)

Anyone who can help out should email SLATS@....

Date: January 26, 2008
NA: South West Area Neighbors
Location: Servants Community Church
53 Deloney SW
Grand Rapids, MI

Date: February 9, 2008
NA: Creston
Location: Berean Baptist Church
1574 Coit Ave NE
Grand Rapids, MI

Date: February 16, 2008
NA: Roosevelt Park
Location: TBD

Date: March 29, 2008
NA: Fuller Area Neighbors
Location: TBD

Thanks for everything!!!

Tamara Habib
Community Disaster Programs Coordinator
American Red Cross of Greater Grand Rapids
1050 N Fuller
Grand Rapids, Michigan, 49503
thabib@...
(616) 456-8661 ext. 3004

The Red Cross Communications Team is an affiliation between the Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association and the local Red Cross organization.
Joe Bell, WB8USA, Chairman

40. Re: [GRARA] Red Cross Smoke Alarm Initiative

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-01-18 16:38:16 UTC
From: wd8usa@aol.com
Topic: 39 Message: 40

In addition send an e mail to me, _wd8ussa@..._ (mailto:wd8ussa@...)
to let me know you are coming! DE WD8USA ...-.-

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http://body.aol.com/fitness/winter-exercise?NCID=aolcmp00300000002489

41. Re: [GRARA] Winter Comm. Exercise "Learning Curve II"

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-01-18 16:42:46 UTC
From: wd8usa@aol.com
Topic: 38 Message: 41

Thanks Mike for putting this on the Yahoo group! No responses yet- JB

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43. Re: [GRARA] Winter Comm. Exercise "Learning Curve II"

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-01-20 04:46:03 UTC
From: wd8usa@aol.com
Topic: 38 Message: 43

So done- JB

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http://body.aol.com/fitness/winter-exercise?NCID=aolcmp00300000002489

44. New Web Sign-up Screens -- Give one a "test drive".

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-01-23 12:12:13 UTC
From: mike_w8der
Topic: 44 Message: 44

You may have noticed new links on the web site like "Click here to sign-up" or a link in an email similar to the one below. These are new applications written to make it easier for GRARA members and friends to sign-up for upcoming events. Each link is a little different depending on the project details. When you click one of these links, you will see a page very much like other sign-up sheets on the web. You can read details, fill in the blanks and then "submit" the request with the appropriate button. The appropriate event leaders will get an email with your sign-up details. You will also get a confirmation email showing your submitted data and detail information about the project as a reminder.

Below is a link to a test sample, fully functional, sign-up page. Why don't you give it a try? Just click the link, fill out the data and click the submit button. (Just a note. For this test, at least your email address should be correct so you can get the sample confirmation email.)

http://www.w8dc.net/w8dc/signup1.aspx

If clicking the above link doesn't work in your browser, cut it from this page and paste it into your browser address line.

45. What a toy! Where have I been for the last 7 years? "ECRV"

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-01-23 12:51:08 UTC
From: mike_w8der
Topic: 45 Message: 45

I was talking to AI4BF yesterday in Kentucky and he was telling me about his communications work with the local Red Cross group. I was especially amazed with their Emergency Communications Response Vehicle.

Google "ECRV"

Take a look at the following web site for details about these compact powerhouses.

http://www.riversidecounty.redcross.org/article.aspx?a=296

Some Specs!

46. Re: What a toy! Where have I been for the last 7 years? "ECRV"

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-01-23 16:17:03 UTC
From: timothy courtier
Topic: 45 Message: 46

--- In GRARA@yahoogroups.com, "mike_w8der" <mike@...> wrote:
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> http://www.riversidecounty.redcross.org/article.aspx?a=296
>
> Some Spec

I saw one in DAYTON a few years ago.
even have a special I.D. made by the red cross, for all who looked at
it.
timothy kb8afs

47. Re: [GRARA] What a toy! Where have I been for the last 7 years? "ECRV"

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-01-24 14:19:35 UTC
From: wd8usa@aol.com
Topic: 45 Message: 47

Yep-The ECRV is a great aid in disaster response-The problem is there are not too many of them in service-There is one based in Chicago and Iowa are the closest ones to us. The chances of getting one when disaster strikes will be problematic as much depends on other disasters happening through out the Country. They are indeed wonderful tools to have- Imagine pulling up anywhere and having direct links to sat phones and the Internet! And that is only part of the weaponry that tank has! DE WD8USA ...-.-

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http://body.aol.com/fitness/winter-exercise?NCID=aolcmp00300000002489

52. Thanks!

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-01-26 21:55:12 UTC
From: wd8usa@aol.com
Topic: 52 Message: 52

Thanks to the following for braving the cold to get the first SmokeAlarm
Event into the history books! We installed around 25 smoke detectors and one
assist with a possible gas leak. Thanks to:
Hank, N8XX
Robert KC8WBR
Jim KD8CAN
Tamara KC8HDL Americorps organizer.
Great job all-We will do it again February 9th!
OH! By the way the sign up page is active for the next event!

DE WD8USA ...-.-

**********Biggest Grammy Award surprises of all time on AOL Music.
(http://music.aol.com/grammys/pictures/never-won-a-grammy?NCID=aolcmp00300000002548)

54. New Hams DInner

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-01-28 12:09:18 UTC
From: Jack
Topic: 54 Message: 54

An announcement from Al, WW8WW

The 'New Hams' dinner will be Saturday, February 16th, starting at 6:00 p.m., at Fire Mountain Restaurant & Grill on Alpine. I have reserved the largest of their two banquet rooms. The room is set up for 80 people, but an additional 20 can be added. The cost is $13.65 per person which includes your drink and gratuity. Anyone newly licensed during the past year, or a ham that moved to this area this past year will get their meal free. Also, the West Michigan 'Ham of the Year' award is also normally given out at this event. Plans are to have some door prizes. So, place this date on your calendar. Talk it up with your ham friends. I will contact MARA & GRARA. See you there. -AL- WW8WW

Jack, AB8ND

56. Red Cross Smoke Alarm Initiative -- One Down, 3 more scheduled

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-01-28 16:46:05 UTC
From: mike_w8der
Topic: 56 Message: 56

The Smoke Alarm Initiative is off to a good start. We will need more communicators for the next three scheduled installs. Please see the dates, locations and times on the web site (W8DC.org) and click on the appropriate links to sign-up.

Saturday February 9th
Saturday February 16th
Saturday March 29th

Questions? Pse email Joe at WD8USA@...

57. Re: [GRARA] New Hams DInner

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-01-28 16:51:57 UTC
From: Dave Ed
Topic: 54 Message: 57

Jack,
Sounds like fun to me. Too bad Ann and I won't be
home to go. Hope all is well.
Dave
AC8AB
--- Jack <ab8nd@...> wrote:

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> Jack, AB8ND
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58. Re: [GRARA] New Hams DInner

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-01-28 19:06:02 UTC
From: AB8ND
Topic: 54 Message: 58

Dave

You don't want to drive up for a free dinner :-D
Hope all is well with you down there, not too cold - its 46 here today

Jack
AB8ND

Dave Ed wrote:
>
> Jack,
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> home to go. Hope all is well.
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59. Re: [GRARA] New Hams DInner

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-01-28 19:31:15 UTC
From: Dave Ed
Topic: 54 Message: 59

Jack,
I thought you might get two meals to go for Ann an me
and stick them in your freezer. we will pick them up
when we get home or just send me a check for the meal
costs. Don't you just love those great ideas. On the
serious side, we would love to be with you all. I
wish the time was different. Nice day for you and a
great day for us down here. I am feeling better and
should be back to normal in a few days.
Dave
--- AB8ND <ab8nd@...> wrote:

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60. How do I pay GRARA dues?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-01-30 03:19:53 UTC
From: mike_w8der
Topic: 60 Message: 60

This has to be dumb question #1 for 2008, but I know that GRARA dues are payable before the end of February, but who do I pay? I read the web site and they say I have to fill out that long form again -- Is that really necessary? (They have me figured out by now!) I told my wife to make the $25 chech out to "The Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association." I plan to be walking around at the meeting Friday night looking for the mystery person who collects dues. Anybody know who gets the check and how much of the application I really need to fill out? If you are the guy, look for me. I will be the guy with a check signed by my wife sticking out from my shirt pocket.

By the way, my wife says that $25 is a bargain to get me out of the house. She would be willing to pay double! She would even be willing to pay more if GRARA starting having open radio room twice a week.

Mike@...

61. Re: [GRARA] How do I pay GRARA dues?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-01-30 11:24:44 UTC
From: AB8ND
Topic: 60 Message: 61

I'll have a talk with the treasurer tonight, I never liked the idea of filling out a whole form again. I think if the treasure makes out a receipt, as we used to, and you are not having problems getting the clubs email and other notices a new form should not be necessary.
We should all hit KC8NKA up at the meeting with our 2008 dues

Jack, AB8ND

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> Mike@... <mailto:Mike%40W8DER.Net>
>
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62. Re: [GRARA] How do I pay GRARA dues?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-01-30 16:41:16 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 60 Message: 62

Jack,

I have been a member for two years, filed out the form each time and still do not get club e-mails, mailings, or notices.

73

de Tom KD8DEG

----- Original Message -----
From: AB8ND
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Wednesday, January 30, 2008 6:24 AM
Subject: Re: [GRARA] How do I pay GRARA dues?

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Mike@W8DER.Net

63. Re: [GRARA] How do I pay GRARA dues?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-01-30 16:54:18 UTC
From: AB8ND
Topic: 60 Message: 63

Tom

I'll get this to the right people

Jack

Wilson wrote:
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> still do not get club e-mails, mailings, or notices.
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64. Principles of Sending and Receiving Official Messages.

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-01-30 20:13:39 UTC
From: mike_w8der
Topic: 64 Message: 64

You will want stay after the meeting Friday night for a special presentation on the "Principles of Sending and Receiving Official Messages" presented by Joe Bell. Joe is the Chairman of the Red Cross Communications Team (RCCT) and has a considerable amount of experience in message handling.

This training will be especially useful in sharpening our communications skills for the 4 simulated emergency tests (SETs) coming up this year. (See "Learning Curve II" on the W8DC.org web site.)

See you there.

69. Code Practice Classes, Beginner and Advanced

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-01-31 16:23:50 UTC
From: mike_w8der
Topic: 69 Message: 69

I have been asked to pass along the following posting from the Holland Amateur Radio Club about their code practice sessions under way. Sounds like a good opportunity to get the cobwebs off the old key.

For those of you who have never been to their club, the "T&TC" is their Technical and Training Center (ie Clubhouse). The clubhouse is easy to find at 280 East 8th ave in Holland. Right next to the train station.

Tuesday night (7 Peeyem) is advanced code practice class at the T & TC...7PM.
Practice starts at 12 - 13 Words per minute.

Anyone is welcome to join us.

Also the beginner class starting at 3 - 5 Words per minute meets Monday nights
at the same time (7 Peeyem) as the Tech / General theory class.

These classes meet in the conference room.

Coffee and snacks always available.

Chuck, W8GCW

more info: http://groups.yahoo.com/group/k8daa/

and website: http://www.hollandarc.org/

72. Re: How do I pay GRARA dues?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-02-02 05:25:22 UTC
From: n8dgd
Topic: 60 Message: 72

--- In GRARA@yahoogroups.com, AB8ND <ab8nd@...> wrote:

Were slackers when it comes to this kind of stuff....
Think we all need a kick it the rear end.

Oh my gracious, you don't have to agree with me!

Tom N8DGD

Hey who let that guy in anyway....

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> Tom
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73. Have you seen the new brochure for the IRA Hamfest 2008.

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-02-03 03:02:17 UTC
From: mike_w8der
Topic: 73 Message: 73

Looks like there will be a lot of new stuff at the IRA Hamfest this year. You can see their new 2008 brochure by going to the W8DC.org main page and clicking the links just above the "Bitten by the Bug 2008" icon.

The Grand Rapids Michigan I.R.A "Good Old Days" Hamfest. Saturday, June 7, 2008 - 8 am to 2 pm.

74. Smoke Alarm Day-

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-02-05 14:55:01 UTC
From: wd8usa@aol.com
Topic: 74 Message: 74

This Saturday is a Smoke alarm Install day. It will be held at the Berean Baptist Church 1574 Coit Ave NE. Please sign up on the GRARA web page if you can help. We were fortunate that there were few teams out because participation was poor on the last one. Please make the effort to be there! There is another one on Feb 16 in the Roosevelt Park area- Location TBA
Also we will have the first quarterly Comm. drill for RCCT on Sat Feb 23rd. We will stage at the chapter at 8am, have a briefing then deploy to the chosen sites. We will man the chapter base and deploy 2 ERV's. It should last until around noon or so. Again, sign up on the GRARA web page if you can participate.
Due to my being called into work this Friday I will not be able to teach the NTS class but have rescheduled it to Friday evening Feb 15th at the Chapter starting at 7pm. This is good because we can thoroughly cover the material and practice sending them as well. E mail me directly if you are attending at _wd8usa@..._ (mailto:wd8usa@...) .
Thanks for your time-It is worth all the money in the world to Red Cross!
DE WD8USA ...-.-

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76. National Traffic System Message Handling Training Rescheduled for Feb 15th

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-02-05 23:00:04 UTC
From: mike_w8der
Topic: 76 Message: 76

The National Traffic System Messaging Handling Training has now been rescheduled for Friday February 15th at 7:00 PM at the Red Cross Building. This class is being taught by Joe Bell, WB8USA. For those of you who have heard him work net control for the West Michigan Traffic Net, you know that Joe really knows his stuff when it comes to passing traffic.

As you also know, this training was originally "snowed-out" last Friday night by the winter storm.

The rescheduled training session will give us the opportunity to thoroughly cover the material and practice sending and receiving as well.

Sign up by emailing Joe directly at WB8USA@... or by clicking the following link to the automated signup sheet.

http://www.w8dc.net/w8dc/ntstraining.aspx

77. Further Info Smoke Alarm Install Saturday

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-02-06 14:45:37 UTC
From: wd8usa@aol.com
Topic: 77 Message: 77

The report time for this Saturday's smoke thing is 915am- The install teams get trained at 10am and sent out then. The event should be over around 1pm to 2pm roughly. The club is encouraged to help us-you do not need to be an RCCT member for this one. Sign up on the web and send me an e mail _wd8usa@..._ (mailto:wd8usa@...) to let us know who is coming. Dress warm! DE WD8USA ...-.-

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78. Code Practice Classes, Beginner and Advanced, Holland ARC, Directions

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-02-06 20:18:27 UTC
From: mike_w8der
Topic: 78 Message: 78

Chuck W8GCW, president of the Holland ARC (and super nice guy) has sent along the following correction on the location of Code Practice Classes at the HARC. He didn't mention it, but they make good coffee down there also.

Correction -- HARC IS LOCATED ACROSS THE STREET AND A BLOCK EAST OF THE TRAIN STATION, THE BIG BLUE HOUSE. YOU ARE ALWYS WELCOME TO JOIN IN ON THE FUN. TUESDAY NIGHT IS DROP IN FOR EYEBALL RAG CHEWS AND OPEN RADIO ROOM PLUS CODE PRACTICE. OUR CLUB MEETING IS THE SECOND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH, SAME PLACE AT 7:15 PEEYEM
SEE YA THERE..!

CHUCK, W8GCW
PRES. HARC

80. Skywarn Training

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-02-06 21:26:29 UTC
From: tom_kd8deg
Topic: 80 Message: 80

Get your Skywarn training on line. Go on line for the training & then
go to the other site to take the quiz to get certified. This is for
this Thursday evening starting at 6:30, assuming Eastern time.
73
de Tom KD8DEG

daniel.noah@... wrote:
To:
Subject: SKYWARN Severe Weather Spotter Information
From: daniel.noah@...
Date:

<<< Scheduled SKYWARN Trainings >>>
<<< as of February 5, 2007 >>>

The SKYWARN Training Tomorrow is LIVE on the Internet and starts at
630 PM!
- Go to http://www.faaproductionstudios.com. Must have high speed
bandwidth.
- Click on "View Safety Seminars LIVE". You will see a FAA promo
video until the training starts.
- To receive Certificate and ID card, take the quiz at
http://www.srh.noaa.gov/tbw/html/tbw/skywarn/spotquiz.html. If you
have AOL, send your answers to my Email at daniel.noah@...

81. Re: Skywarn Training

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-02-07 00:54:21 UTC
From: mike_w8der
Topic: 80 Message: 81

Tom,

Is this SkyWarn Web Certification just good for Ottawa County or is it ok for kent county. I looked at the quiz questions. They are fairly straight forward like what does the F stand for in F4 tornado.

We have the live training coming up on February 21st at the Grandville Junior High School. It is a real fun "happening", but for those who cannot attend, this looks like a good alternative.

82. Re: [GRARA] Re: Skywarn Training

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-02-07 01:36:38 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 80 Message: 82

Mike,

I found out the online Skywarn training is for 15 Florida counties only, and the certificate is only good in those Florida counties. I will check further into the on line training to see if it is available in Michigan.

Tom KD8DEG

----- Original Message -----
From: mike_w8der
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Wednesday, February 06, 2008 7:54 PM
Subject: [GRARA] Re: Skywarn Training

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83. RTTY Contest

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-02-07 11:39:19 UTC
From: AB8ND
Topic: 83 Message: 83

For of us HF Digital freaks this weekend is the CQ WPX RTTY contest, scoring is by call sign prefix making this a fun one especially if you have a new pre. such as the new AD's. With propagation down the WPX contests are great as can you work anyone, where in a dx contest you only work dx. Rules can be found at http://www.cq-amateur-radio.com/RTTY_WPX_Rules_Jan08.pdf

Jack, AB8ND

84. Check the speed of your internet connection.

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-02-07 16:02:23 UTC
From: mike_w8der
Topic: 84 Message: 84

We got talking through EchoLink last night and realized that everyone doesn't know the simple way to check the speed of your internet connection. It's this simple.

Go to http://www.speakeasy.net/speedtest/

Click the Chicago server

Watch the dials until upload and download speeds are displayed.

No signups, no fees, just a simple test.

85. Red Cross Jnos BBS Change

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-02-07 20:41:46 UTC
From: AB8ND
Topic: 85 Message: 85

A note from N8LRF

The Red Cross Jnos Box has been changed. (ARCB)

New Call: K8FM
Host name:redcross.kent.ampr.org
New Freq. 147.56MHz.

This change was necessary to spread out Freq. usage. It is not
good to have everybody on the same Freq. You can send and receive
packet mail to and from all of the other Jnos BBS's in the Mi-DRG
Ampr.net network. and throughout the world......

Check it out. Let me know it I missed a change or if
you see something amiss....

n8lrf@...

Ray
N8LRF

86. Re: Further Info Smoke Alarm Install Saturday

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-02-09 03:13:54 UTC
From: mike_w8der
Topic: 77 Message: 86

Just a reminder again. The time has been changed to 9:15 at the church. This is a worthwhile project installing smoke detectors in inner city homes. More hams are needed for communications.

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> (mailto:wd8usa@...) to let us know who is coming. Dress warm! DE WD8USA
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> 48)
>

88. Thanks Crew!

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-02-10 19:20:30 UTC
From: wd8usa@aol.com
Topic: 88 Message: 88

Thanks to the following club members for helping out at this Saturday's Smoke Alarm install:
Ed N8uxn
Tom N8DGD
Jim KD8CAN
Steven KC8QWL Chairperson
Many thanks again for a job well dome! We will do it again next Saturday!
DE WD8USA ...-.-

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89. SkyWarn Training schedual from the NWS G.R.

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-02-12 06:32:48 UTC
From: tom_kd8deg
Topic: 89 Message: 89

Go to this site, below, to see when and where SkyWarn training classes are being held for those that can't make the Kent county training this Month.

73

de Tom KD8DEG

http://www.crh.noaa.gov/grr/skywarn/training/

90. NTS Traffic handling Training Friday Night. Pleeeessse come.

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-02-13 19:05:08 UTC
From: mike_w8der
Topic: 90 Message: 90

Hey guys and gals,

I know the snow is falling and this event is on a Friday night, but I hope that all of you try to make it to the training class on Friday. This is really important to the club as well as each member. To retain our standing as crack emergency communicators, we need to maintain our personal and club credentials. This spring we have the opportunity to get every member though NTS Message handling and Skywarn.

Skywarn is scheduled for February 21st at the Grandville Middle School auditorium and on March 27th at the Allendale High School Auditorium. (see Tom, KD8DEG's Posting on the GRARA Yahoo site.) In addition, Tom is looking into ways to take the training online.

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The rescheduled training session will give us the opportunity to thoroughly cover the material and practice sending and receiving as well.

Sign up by emailing Joe directly at WB8USA@... or by clicking the following link to the automated event sign-up sheet.

http://www.w8dc.net/w8dc/ntstraining.aspx

91. Re: NTS Traffic handling Training more....

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-02-13 19:30:17 UTC
From: mike_w8der
Topic: 90 Message: 91

Thanks for the email, Yes this is an official GRARA Training
Session. Certificates will be handed out at the next club meeting on
March 7th (see w8dc.org for date/time)

Jack has even promised to sign them this time! :-)

--- In GRARA@yahoogroups.com, "mike_w8der" <mike@...> wrote:
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> http://www.w8dc.net/w8dc/ntstraining.aspx
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92. Special Events Station

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-02-13 19:40:49 UTC
From: Dave Ed
Topic: 92 Message: 92

I am working with the special Events program here in
FT Myers,Fl. They are operating from the winter home
of Thomas Edison, to celebrate his birthday. We were
rained out today but will be working tomorrow and
Friday from 9:30 to 4:00. I will be on site only
tomorrow but try to make contact if you can. Call is
W4LX, at 14.240.
Thanks,
Dave Ed
AC8AB

Never miss a thing. Make Yahoo your home page.
http://www.yahoo.com/r/hs

94. Re: [GRARA] Special Events Station

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-02-13 19:49:10 UTC
From: AB8ND
Topic: 92 Message: 94

Thanks Dave

I'll try to get on

Jack, AB8ND

Dave Ed wrote:
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> FT Myers,Fl. They are operating from the winter home
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>
>

95. ht/mobile cloning???

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-02-14 02:47:05 UTC
From: timothy courtier
Topic: 95 Message: 95

DOSE ANYONE KNOW IF YOU CAN CLONE AN ICOM ICV82 HT WITH A ICOM IC2200H MOBILE?
I HAVE THE MOBILE NOW, AND AM LOOKING AT GETTING THE HT LATER THIS MONTH (WHEN MY TAX RETURN MONEY ARRIVES).
TNX
TIMOTHY KB8AFS

96. Smoke Alarm Install. Saturday, Feb 16

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-02-14 11:14:55 UTC
From: KD8CAN
Topic: 96 Message: 96

[=P~] We will meet at the Hispanic Center, 1204 Grandville at 9 am.

97. Re: Special Events Station

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-02-14 19:30:53 UTC
From: mike_w8der
Topic: 92 Message: 97

I can hear the Thomas Edison Special Event Station W4LX

They have moved up to 14.243 mhz 2:30 est Thursday.

W8DER

--- In GRARA@yahoogroups.com, AB8ND <ab8nd@...> wrote:
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> Thanks Dave
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> Jack, AB8ND
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98. Info On Exercise "Learning Curve II "

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-02-15 18:08:15 UTC
From: wd8usa@aol.com
Topic: 98 Message: 98

On being presented with a unique opportunity I and my staff have decided to cancel the exercise on Saturday the 23rd and reschedule it to Thursday evening Feb 28th from 6pm to 10pm. This is so we can exercise with the Shelter Simulation class which is going on at the Rockford Reformed Church 4890 Eleven Mile Road in Rockford. The class will have Americorps trainees from across the State as participants and young school age folks as simulated "victims" for the shelter. This is a unique opportunity to sharpen our skills and introduce the participants to radio operations. They will be generating messages for us to pass.
We will staff the radio room at the chapter and be using Red Cross radio, 2mtr simplex (the 26/R as backup) and perhaps packet and ATV and set up the big GO Box at the shelter. Plans are being firmed up as of this writing.
Sorry of the sudden change of venire but this opportunity cannot be missed!
DE WD8USA ...-.-
OH! I almost forgot! See some of you tonight at the message handling class and at the smoke alarm install tomorrow!

**********The year's hottest artists on the red carpet at the Grammy Awards. Go to AOL Music.
(http://music.aol.com/grammys?NCID=aolcmp00300000002565)

99. Sometimes I am "button busting" proud to be a GRARA member.

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-02-16 04:44:46 UTC
From: mike_w8der
Topic: 99 Message: 99

Last night it was so cold that the salt couldn't melt the ice on the streets. Michigan Avenue was more like an ice rink than a major thouroughfare. The potholes on Fuller Avenue were so big that President Jack could fall in and never be seen again! Yet 16 hams showed up to take the NTS Traffic Handling class taught by Joe Bell of the Red Cross. We have our next simulated emergency test coming up on Feb 28th. We will be ready! I predict that our traffic scores will be double those of last fall's SET. Go GRARA!

Speaking of the Simulated Emergency of Feb 28th, I hope everyone notices that the date has been changed from Saturday February 23 to Thursday night, February 28th, from 6:00 pm to about 10:00 PM This change is to take advantage of the Americorps Shelter Simulation exercise being held that night at the Rockford Reformed Church, 4890 Eleven Mile Road in Rockford.

The exercise will have Americorps trainees from across the State as participants and young school age folks as simulated "victims" for the shelter. This is a unique opportunity to sharpen our skills and introduce the participants to radio operations. I am so glad that we had such a good turnout tonight for NTS Traffic Handling training.

ALL CRACK GRARA COMMUNICATORS WILL BE DISPATCHED FROM THE Red Cross -- starting at 6:00 PM.

We have a neat group of guys. I hope the news media picks up on the "good news" stuff going on that night.

Note the "Learning Curve II" SET event sign-up web page is on line and waiting for your use. See the following link.

http://www.w8dc.net/w8dc/LearningCurveII.aspx

100. Grand Rapids Police 9-1-1 Operator (and Police Dispatch and Fire Dispatch) Job Opening

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-02-16 12:31:24 UTC
From: AB8ND
Topic: 100 Message: 100

Job opening at GRPD for a distpatcher. They are looking for Amateur radio operators as we have 2 way comm. experience, sort of the reason the amateur service was established.
This is the email I received from Ralph, W8KGV the communications manger at the department and past president of GRARA
Your application MUST be in by Tuesday 19 Feb

Jack, AB8ND

*/
Ralph H. Gould/*
Communications Bureau Manager
Grand Rapids Police Department
One Monroe Centre, NW
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503
616-456-*3840* office
616-901-7816 cell
616-270-8372 pager
rgould@...-rapids.mi.us
6167800949@... (up to 130 characters)
231-834-0150 residence
gould@... residence** AFTER 1 NOV 07: r.gould@...
<mailto:r.gould@...>**

We have five openings for Emergency Communications Operator I (ECO I), which is primarily a 9-1-1 operator position after training). The ECO I job description is attached.

Applications are being accepted for Emergency Communications Operator I until _19 Feb 08 (next Tuesday)_.

Applications can be downloaded, completed, then mailed to Grand Rapids Human Resources if postmarked no later that 19 Feb 08.

Starting base pay is *$35,073 ($16.86 per hour)* for the first six months, then *$37,178.*

ECO I has a max base pay of *$44,701*, but in two years ECO I normally leads to the higher base pay scale of ECO II (primarily Police Dispatcher and 9-1-1 Operator), which has a top pay of *$50,733 (24.39 per hour) *after more years of experience are obtained*.*.

After several additional years ECO II opens the door to ECO III (primarily Fire Dispatcher, Police Dispatcher, and 9-1-1 Operator), which has a top pay of *$57,081 (27.44 per hour*) after more years of

experience are obtained.

All of the above have shift differential pay when assigned to second and third shift, up to $.65 per hour, and offer overtime pay.

The training is conducted in the Police Communications Bureau in the Grand Rapids Police Department at One Monroe Centre in downtown Grand Rapids. The civilian staff of the Communications Bureau handle the 400,000 9-1-1 and other phones calls per year,. Grand Rapids Police Dispatch functions, and also Fire Dispatch for Grand Rapids, Kentwood, Cutlerville, Dutton, Caledonia, and Byron Center.

Applications are available in the City of Grand Rapids Human Resources Department, 300 Monroe Ave NW, Room 880, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 or can be downloaded from the City of Grand Rapids website by clicking on the following link:

http://www.grcity.us/download_upload/human_gr_employment_application_a4plus.pdf

101. New Hams Dinner

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-02-16 13:41:01 UTC
From: AB8ND
Topic: 101 Message: 101

Just a safety reminder

Do NOT turn left into Fire Mountain from Alpine Ave, way to dangerous.
Turn left (west) onto 4 mile, then right onto the service drive,
bringing you to the rear of the parking lot.

Jack, AB8ND

102. Red Cross Thanks!

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-02-17 15:40:53 UTC
From: wd8usa@aol.com
Topic: 102 Message: 102

Thanks to the following for assisting on last Saturday's Smoke Alarm Day event-
Ed N8UXN
Hank N8XX
Jim KD8CAN
Tom N8DGD
Stephen KC8WQL overall event manager.
The event lasted 6 hours, somewhat long for this type of event. Tom, You might want to put this on the DVR.
The next smoke alarm event is in March. Thanks again for the help and see you at the next one! JB

**********Ideas to please picky eaters. Watch video on AOL Living. (http://living.aol.com/video/how-to-please-your-picky-eater/rachel-campos-duffy/2050827?NCID=aolcmp00300000002598)

103. Exercise "Learning Curve II "

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-02-17 16:17:05 UTC
From: wd8usa@aol.com
Topic: 103 Message: 103

Now that the Smoke Alarm Install Day is done the next event for us is the drill coming up on Feb 28th.
We will staff the chapter base station, activate ATV and packet as well as Red Cross radio and 2mtr simplex. The W8DC 726 will be used for back up. The shelter participants will generate messages to pass and the local ERV will be out on assignments The shelter is located at the Rockford Reformed Church 4890 Eleven Mile Road-Staging will be at the chapter at 530pm a briefing and assignments will take place then we will deploy. This exercise is the first formal exercise of the year and should be great fun!
The drill will last until approx. 9pm. Please evaluate the drill before you leave on forms provided you. We will use the input to make the next exercise even better!
Sign up on the web page ASAP-Our planning depends on number of participants!
Thanks in advance and Let's GET SET TO PLAY! DE WD8USA ...-.-

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105. Checkout the new "Hotspot" section on the GRARA Website. New Stuff!

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-02-19 01:11:55 UTC
From: mike_w8der
Topic: 105 Message: 105

The new "Hotspot" section on the GRARA Website gives you the latest "Headline News" from the website. Look here first, then get details elsewhere on the website.

Note the new Google calendar. For those of you already using a Google calendar, merge the new GRARA calendar with yours. Technology is great.

http://www.w8dc.org

107. Re: Downtown Amateur Packet Radio group meets Saturday March 8.

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-02-20 00:56:36 UTC
From: mike_w8der
Topic: 104 Message: 107

These are the techy guys who play with that new stuff in ham radio called "digital communications". You can tell they are techy because you have to know a formula to figure out when their meetings will be held. (Date = <First Friday of the Month> + 1 day) That's so they can talk about what happened at the GRARA meeting the night before.

The meeting is held at the New Beginnings Restaurant, 1455 Michigan NE, in Grand Rapids. Newcomers are always welcomed. Come and check it out Saturday March 8th at 8:00 am.

Not good at math? Check their website at http://www.dapr.org

(Time corrected)

108. Red Cross Comm Drill "Learning Curve II "

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-02-21 15:50:38 UTC
From: wd8usa@aol.com
Topic: 108 Message: 108

Just a reminder of the up coming drill a week from today! Please sign up on the web too participate.
We will staff the radio room at Red Cross and open communications at the simulated shelter site at the Rockford Reformed Church 4890 Eleven Mile Rd in Rockford.
We will stage at the chapter house, have a briefing then proceed to the shelter site.
For security reasons we will announce the frequencies to be used for the drill at the briefing.
Ron K8DMR & CO are planning ATV from inside the shelter-
If you have ever wondered what it takes to set up a field station and pass messages please plan on attending. This drill is the first of four quarterly exercises we will do this year. See you next Thursday! DE WD8USA ...-.-

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109. Is there a place for the internet in ham radio? Try these first.

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-02-23 03:59:05 UTC
From: mike_w8der
Topic: 109 Message: 109

Is there a place for the internet in "Ham Radio"? I it may have
a vital role in our ability to provide effective emergency
response. What do you think? To register for these programs, you
will need to have a scanned (jpg) version on your ham license and a
Windows computer with a broadband connection.

CQ100 -- Download this from http://www.qsonet.com (90 days free,
$35/per year after that.)Uses only your computer.

EchoLink -- Download this from http://www.echolink.org (NOT .com)
(free unless you want a vanity node number)
Start in computer to computer mode, then expand to using
it with K8SN repeater locally (k8SN.org)

DV Dongle -- Costs $200 for the USB dongle, but good video and info
here. D-Star interface -- good reports!
Sept QST says it is an elegant EchoLink

DV Dongle Video
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z68aSuQnhDE

DV Dongle Information
http://www.dvdongle.com/DV_Dongle/Home.html

DV Dongle Ordering Information
http://www.hamradio.com/cgi-bin/uncgi/ase?ITEM=dvdongle

110. Re: Is there a place for the internet in ham radio? Try these first.

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-02-23 16:36:22 UTC
From: sprovost64
Topic: 109 Message: 110

Mike-great post!! I came across these links in my research on digital modes for ham radio.
Stephen KC8WQL

--- In GRARA@yahoogroups.com, "mike_w8der" <mike@...> wrote:
>
> Is there a place for the internet in "Ham Radio"? I it may have
> a vital role in our ability to provide effective emergency
> response. What do you think? To register for these programs, you
> will need to have a scanned (jpg) version on your ham license and a
> Windows computer with a broadband connection.
>
> CQ100 -- Download this from http://www.qsonet.com (90 days free,
> $35/per year after that.)Uses only your computer.
>
> EchoLink -- Download this from http://www.echolink.org (NOT .com)
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> DV Dongle Ordering Information
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111. Holland Mini-swap Saturday 10:00 to 1:00 at Holland clubhouse

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-02-29 15:14:46 UTC
From: mike_w8der
Topic: 111 Message: 111

Gang, I am reposting the notice from our friends at the Holland ARC
about their mini-swap Saturday morning. I plan to be there, hope you
can make it also.

It is easy to find. Just take Chicago drive to the end and look to
your right -- they are the blue house on the corner. If you go by
the train station, you have gone too far.

Date: Wed, 27 Feb 2008 15:04:29 -0500
From: The Aviator <rafaviator@...>
To: <k8daa@yahoogroups.com>
Subject: [HARC] HARC's next Mini Swap THIS SATURDAY (March 1st)

Greetings all,

HARC will be holding this Saturday March 1st, it's next Mini Swap.

Details follow;-.

Free Parking available on site.

DATE: SAT March 1st 2008 (Talk in : 147.060 94.8pl)

SET UP TIME: SAT 09H30 - 10h00
Note: Friday night prior a limited opportunity exists between
19h00 - 20h30 to pre-setup your
table.

SWAP TIME: SAT 10h00 to 1.00pm SNACKS AVAILABLE

VENUE: 280 East 8th Street, Holland (right next to Holland
Chamber of Commerce).

ENTRY FEE : **FREE**

TABLE COST : **FREE**

HARC will provide once again....

* FREE table space
* FREE trunk swap parking space (weather permitting)
* FREE parking
* FREE entry
* FREE coffee
* 50/50 Draw

(To offset our new buildings upkeep, donations from sellers /visitors
are
always very much appreciated!)

Bring what ever surplus radio / computer equipment to sell / swap.
Last
couple of months a lot of equipment changed hands! Turn that surplus
gear
into cash.

We look forward to seeing everyone there.

ANY QUESTIONS:
Please contact HARC Building Manager - Ken ZR5AAD/W8
Cell Ph: (616)726-3929
E-Mail : rafaviator@...

112. Red Cross Exercise "Learning Curve II "

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-03-02 16:39:11 UTC
From: wd8usa@aol.com
Topic: 112 Message: 112

Thanks to those that participated in the exercise last Thursday and a special thanks to Robert, KC8WBR for occupying the "hot seat" as leader for the exercise. One of the objectives I had in mind since I couldn't be there due to work schedules was to simulate the second in command being charged with running the operation which due to all accounts Robert did well! I will issue a full report to the membership via e mail and have Robert KC8WBR if he can make the meeting pass out participation certificates courtesy of Mike W8DER at the meeting on Friday. Thanks for your time-It is worth more than money! DE WD8USA
...-.-

**********Ideas to please picky eaters. Watch video on AOL Living. (http://living.aol.com/video/how-to-please-your-picky-eater/rachel-campos-duffy/2050827?NCID=aolcmp00300000002598)

113. Meeting Reminder: GRARA Membership Meeting is Friday Night at 7:00 pm

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-03-05 00:40:57 UTC
From: mike_w8der
Topic: 113 Message: 113

Hey gang,

Don't miss the GRARA Membership Meeting Friday Night. See the web site.

http://www.w8dc.org

115. Announcing a new GRARA Net On W8DC on Wednesday nights

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-03-09 00:50:56 UTC
From: grara_cheerleader
Topic: 115 Message: 115

1) I am sure a lot of you have heard about the New GRARA 2m FM net, Staring this coming Wed night at 8PM and every Wed there after on the GRARA repeater. Myself, Tom KD8DEG, along with Dave KC8PCL will be your net controllers.

2) If anyone is interested in co-hosting on the net let us know about 4 day's in advance so we can work you in. You could read an article that you found, read the ARRL news letter, talk about ATV, hint's for Fox hunting, hint's for contesting, digital modes, and so on, on the net that night. Again I will get with W8DC.org Webmaster to have our e-mail address on the web site as well as the Yahoo group too, so you can notify myself or Dave of your interest in co-hosting. Some of you may be interested in running the net as well.

3) Going to work with our Yahoo Moderator about putting a suggestion box on the Yahoo group for TOPICS FOR the nets.

4) Also Please let us know if you wish to remain anonymous, as we are going to acknowledge those for there topic's we use. Just in case it's a controversial topic and you don't want to take a hit for it.

5) Please let as many ham's you know about the net.

6) When you check into other nets, most all ask for general announcements, tell them about the GRARA net, the day, time, freq, PL

7) We are going to give out certificates, SUITABLE FOR FRAMING, to any one who checks in 12 times during the year. We will have the certificate posted on the GRARA Yahoo group & W8DC web site. for all to see.

8) Going to make it fun, educational, and informative for all. Looking fwd to hearing from all of you from time to time on the net.

9) Also Tom Hanson and Steve Provost, are working on getting the W8DC repeater set up for net control, so for now we have to be short on your responses to the topic's or I'll be handing out PURPLE CRYSTAL certificates for the most time out's.

116. Results Of The Winter Exercise "Learning Curve II" Red Cross

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-03-09 03:56:24 UTC
From: wd8usa@aol.com
Topic: 116 Message: 116

Thanks again to the following GRARA members for participating in the winter communications exercise:
Robert Cardwell,KC8WBR Chapter Group Leader
Stephen Provost,KC8WQL Shelter Group Leader
Tom Hansen N8DGD
Gary Lauff KD8AZM
Mike Ayers KD8DLG
Mike Hill W8DER
Jim Leys KD8CAN
Mike Bowen N8ILU
Jack Kunnen AB8ND
Mike Jones Ottawa County KD8DLD
Robert Johnson KD8BIH and son Nathaniel
Ron Fredricks K8DMR & Dennis Tanner KC8LZK ATV Crew
A special thanks to Robert Cardwell for assuming command of the exercise when I could not be there and as it turned out it was good training from the stand point that one or more of the leaders just might be effected by a disaster and out of the game so it fit right in!
What we did:
Deployed communications using 2 mtr simplex, Red Cross 47mhz and ATV at a simulated shelter site in conjunction with a CERT training on shelter operations, staffed the chapter radio room, sent and received 10 simulated "official" messages between the shelter and chapter base, experimented with ATV at the shelter site and evaluated the exercise afterward. Total exercise run time 3 / 12 hours.
For some participants this was their first exposure to disaster communications and as you could expect "Murphy" did show up! The go box key was not sent to the shelter, some had never seen or set up the go box and never sent official messages by radio, some transmitting at the same time and no ID cards on some new folks, Not indicating on the bottom of the message forms the disposition of a message (who received it and the time received or who sent it and the time sent) ATV was marginally effective most probably due to terrain between shelter and the base. The use of repeaters by design was very limited and were not used for the formal part of the exercise.
The strong points were good improvising when needed, simplex was by in large effective, good interaction with shelter CERT participants and more training with message handling.
Corrective action has been taken with the go box- A combo lock was purchased by Robert KC8WBR. The combo to be given out as needed. Red Cross ID cards will be taken at the next club meeting to those that qualify.
For the first exercise we have had this year over all it went well and each time out it will get better. Stay tuned for news of the spring exercise date when set. One exercise a year is not enough as this exercise once again proves.
We have three more exercises this year to go so three more chances for greatness! Thanks again to those that participated! DE WD8USA J. Bell / Red Cross

GRR Com. Chairman

**********It's Tax Time! Get tips, forms, and advice on AOL Money & Finance. (http://money.aol.com/tax?NCID=aolprf00030000000001)

117. Re: [GRARA] Announcing a new GRARA Net On W8DC on Wednesday nights

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-03-09 04:06:56 UTC
From: wd8usa@aol.com
Topic: 115 Message: 117

Great job on strengthening the club Wed night net! Will make the club much more visible to nonmembers! Much luck! DE WD8USA ...-.-

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120. Reminder about Marshall hamfest this weekend

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-03-12 12:00:43 UTC
From: grara_cheerleader
Topic: 120 Message: 120

Just a reminder the Marshall hamfest is on 3-15-2008

see link below for more information.

http://www.w8df.com/hamfest.html

121. Fwd: Installs

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-03-12 12:03:18 UTC
From: wd8usa@aol.com
Topic: 121 Message: 121
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

This just in- A new install to put on the calendar-March 22nd. Help if you can-Mike, Put on the web as soon as possible-Thanks all and sorry for the short notice! DE WD8USA ...-.-

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122. ADDED Work Party -- Smoke Alarm Installation Initiative

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-03-12 14:56:19 UTC
From: grara_cheerleader
Topic: 122 Message: 122

As you may have noted under subject FWD: Installs, a new date (March 22nd) has been added to the Smoke Alarm Install Initiative list of work parties by the Grand Rapids Fire Department/Red Cross/Americorps. As usual, GRARA communicators are needed for each work team.

Hope you can come out for this one... (it is sure to be warmer than the last one.)

Here is the link to the signup page.
http://www.w8dc.net/w8dc/RCSmokealarm_03_22.aspx

We will also be putting this on the w8dc.org web page.

Reference:

Joe,

I completely forgot to email you but we are having an installation on March 22 at 704 W Fulton for SWAN neighborhood. We're starting that one at 8:30 and only going until 1. Can your guys make it?

I'm still working on the location for March 29.

Thanks!

Tamara Habib
Community Disaster Programs Coordinator
American Red Cross of Greater Grand Rapids
1050 N Fuller
Grand Rapids, Michigan, 49503
thabib@...
(616) 456-8661 ext. 3004

123. New callsign

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-03-14 19:05:59 UTC
From: Len
Topic: 123 Message: 123

Greetings all -

As of this morning, my Chicago-area callsign has been retired. I am now NE8Q.

Thanks!
Len

124. Re: [GRARA] New callsign

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-03-14 19:16:06 UTC
From: AB8ND
Topic: 123 Message: 124

That's a good call Len

Jack, AB8ND

Len wrote:
>
> Greetings all -
>
> As of this morning, my Chicago-area callsign has been retired. I am
> now NE8Q.
>
> Thanks!
> Len
>
>

125. Re: [GRARA] New callsign

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-03-14 20:21:09 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 123 Message: 125

QRZ hasn't caught up with you! The fellow who originally owned it is
now K8HC. I think that's a lousey call compared with NE8Q!

Congrats!

Len wrote:
> Greetings all -
>
> As of this morning, my Chicago-area callsign has been retired. I am now NE8Q.
>
> Thanks!
> Len

126. Fwd: Installs

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-03-18 02:09:09 UTC
From: wd8usa@aol.com
Topic: 121 Message: 126
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

This Sat smoke alarm install day is canceled due to the up coming Easter holiday events. See forwarded e mail- DE WD8USA ...-.-

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127. Missing Vertex 150 HT

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-03-19 03:41:24 UTC
From: Gary Lauff
Topic: 127 Message: 127

Hi all, could you please all be on the lookout for anyone that suddenly has a newly aquired Vertex 150 2 meter HT, since Saturday March 15th? My friend, Mike Ayers, KD8DLG, and I took a load of unsold items out to our vehicle, after the Marshall swap. Upon our return for the remainder of our things, we realized that Mike's Vertex was missing from the table. It is a very heavy in weight HT, in an all black metal case, with a very tiny readout window, in good physical condition, with all accessories, in the original box. Two years ago, I had a wrist watch stolen right off my Marshall table, while it was manned by other club members! Beware of Marshall cleptos! If you see or hear anyone talking on a new to them Vertex 150, could you please bring it to either Mike's or my attention? We would like to compare serial numbers with Mike's records. So much for the myth that Hams are in a higher echelon from CBers! Contact Mike at: m2096ay@... or his Nextel: (616)890-4594. Thanks, Gary Lauff / KD8AZM

128. ARRL FIELD DAY MAP

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-03-24 01:54:59 UTC
From: timothy courtier
Topic: 128 Message: 128

CQ ALL FIELD DAY HAMS...
check this site out... www.arrl.org/news/stories/2002/03/21
This map will help in locating a field day station.
ATTN GRARA... get us on this map.....
73s, timothy kb8afs

129. RE: [GRARA] ARRL FIELD DAY MAP

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-03-24 02:40:34 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 128 Message: 129

Hi Timothy,

Went to the ARRL site you listed here and all I could come up with is a story about a flood.

73

de Tom KD8DEG

-----Original Message-----
From: GRARA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:GRARA@yahoogroups.com]On Behalf Of timothy courtier
Sent: Sunday, March 23, 2008 9:55 PM
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [GRARA] ARRL FIELD DAY MAP

CQ ALL FIELD DAY HAMS...
check this site out... www.arrl.org/news/stories/2002/03/21
This map will help in locating a field day station.
ATTN GRARA... get us on this map.....
73s, timothy kb8afs

130. CORRECTION OF FEILD DAY MAP...

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-03-24 14:20:49 UTC
From: timothy courtier
Topic: 130 Message: 130

hello to all that tried to go to the ARRL STATION LOCATOR SERVICE MAP.
at present, it is on the main page website, second story.
or you could try STATION LOCATOR SERVICE in the ARRL serch box.
sorry for any mix up.
timothy kb8afs

131. Re: [GRARA] ARRL FIELD DAY MAP

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-03-24 19:33:38 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 128 Message: 131

The correct linque is
http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2008/03/21/10021/?nc=1

73 de n8xx Hg

Wilson wrote:
>
> Hi Timothy,
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> Went to the ARRL site you listed here and all I could come up with is
> a story about a flood.
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> de Tom KD8DEG
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> -----Original Message-----
> *From:* GRARA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:GRARA@yahoogroups.com]*On Behalf
> Of *timothy courtier
> *Sent:* Sunday, March 23, 2008 9:55 PM
> *To:* GRARA@yahoogroups.com
> *Subject:* [GRARA] ARRL FIELD DAY MAP
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>
> CQ ALL FIELD DAY HAMS...
> check this site out... www.arrl.org/news/stories/2002/03/21
> This map will help in locating a field day station.
> ATTN GRARA... get us on this map.....
> 73s, timothy kb8afs
>
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> ---
>
> No virus found in this incoming message.
> Checked by AVG.
> Version: 7.5.519 / Virus Database: 269.21.8/1339 - Release Date: 3/22/2008 4:43 PM

>
>

132. Re: CORRECTION OF FEILD DAY MAP...

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-03-25 03:34:00 UTC
From: mike_w8der
Topic: 130 Message: 132

Thanks for bringing this ARRL idea to our attention Tim. It looks like we are getting more for our dues this year. Cool idea to have a local map where field day events are being held. We will have to be sure to get ours posted as soon as it is approved.

Since I am not able to get to Dayton this year, I have already ordered my field day T-shirt (extra 2x large.)

This is going to be a fun year for field day. Have you seen the new rules on the ARRL.org site?

We may not be super winners, but we sure have fun!

133. Smoke Alarm Install Day This Saturday- Reminder

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-03-26 02:49:40 UTC
From: wd8usa@aol.com
Topic: 133 Message: 133

We have a very big Smoke Alarm Install Day this Saturday! I am told we need lots of help on this one! We need all GRARA hands as possible on deck for this! A more detailed e mail will follow tomorrow night-In the mean time go to the GRARA web page to sign up! Thanks! DE WD8USA ...-.-

**********Create a Home Theater Like the Pros. Watch the video on AOL Home.
(http://home.aol.com/diy/home-improvement-eric-stromer?video=15?ncid=aolhom00030000000001)

134. Fwd: Saturday

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-03-27 00:18:51 UTC
From: wd8usa@aol.com
Topic: 134 Message: 134
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Further info regarding Saturday-Please consider helping out-It promises to be a big event! Sign up on the GRARA web page-Thanks! DE WD8USA ...-.-

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(http://home.aol.com/diy/home-improvement-eric-stromer?video=15?ncid=aolhom00030000000001)

135. [GRARA] Fwd: Saturday

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-03-27 01:15:02 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 134 Message: 135

Attachment didn't make it on the GRARA yahoo reflector, here;s further info regarding Saturday-Please consider helping out-It promises to be a big event! Sign up on the GRARA web page-Thanks! DE WD8USA ...-.-

Subject:
Saturday
From:
"Tamara Habib" <Thabib@...>
Date:
Wed, 26 Mar 2008 13:17:45 -0400

To:
<wd8usa@...>

Joe,

Thanks so much for your help!

This Saturday we'll be at Fuller Area Reformed Church at 1239 Fuller Ave SE, Grand Rapids, MI.

We're starting the training at 8:30 am and we'll be going until about 1. We'll provide snacks and breakfast foods, but no lunch this time.

The only difference in this installation is the fact that we will be giving out 500 smoke alarms from 9 am - 1 pm. I don't know how crazy things will get because we haven't advertised it that much, but it could become a factor.

Anymore questions let me know!

Thanks!

Tamara Habib
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1050 Fuller Ave NE
Grand Rapids, Michigan, 49503
thabib@... <mailto:thabib@...>
(616) 456-8661 ext. 3004

136. Fwd: "Fun" Volunteer Opportunities

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-03-29 18:38:47 UTC
From: wd8usa@aol.com
Topic: 136 Message: 136
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Consider this for your summer plans DE WD8USA ...-.-

**********Create a Home Theater Like the Pros. Watch the video on AOL Home.
(http://home.aol.com/diy/home-improvement-eric-stromer?video=15&ncid=aolhom00030000000001)

137. 2008 Michigan QSO Party, W8DC style?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-04-01 15:34:35 UTC
From: mike_w8der
Topic: 137 Message: 137

Several members have expressed an interest in joining the 2008 Michigan QSO Party from the W8DC Radio Room at the Red Cross. This sounds like a lot of fun! It is scheduled for April 19th from noon to midnight. That's less than 3 weeks from now.

This will be a good opportunity to get some good HF operating experience and enjoy some comradarie at the same time. Tech's can operate HF with control operators on site. This is probably one of the most casual contests of the year and a great opportunity to promote our home state.

What do you think? Show you interest by signing up on the Event signup form at:

http://www.w8dc.net/w8dc/MiQsoParty.aspx

More information:

http://www.miqp.org

2008 MICHIGAN QSO PARTY Attention
Michigan Amateurs!!!! It's that time of year again! It's time to gear it up and get ready for the 2008 Michigan QSO Party. The MiQP has something to offer for everyone and there is no shortage of reasons for joining in on the fun on April 19th, 2008. Last year was a good year for the MiQP. Activity was up and we hope to do even better this year. We hope to see an increase in activity within the traditional amateur radio clubs in Michigan. I think that most clubs are looking for special activities and the MiQP has some features that should be considered in filling this need.

This type of event is what it's all about. It is a group activity that can be a source enjoyment before, during and after the event! This year we will have the traditional categories such as Single-Operator, Multi-Operatorand Mobile. But in addition to these, we are adding a new "Emergencies Operation Center" EOC category. This will provide an opportunity to brush up your clubs emergency operation skills and provide great training (and fun). This would also be a great opportunity to expose some of your newer members to emergency communications operations, but in a less formal environment.

As you can see from the rules listed below, this is only a 12 hour event. Please consider getting on the air for the whole thing, or any portion of the 12 hour period. You can operate from home, portable, mobile or at the clubs EOC. With the support of mobile and portable stations, we plan on having activity in all 83 counties. Last but not

least, we ask those of you that have participated in the MIQP to please help us get the word out and encourage other Michigan hams and radio clubs to participate and join the fun.

See http://www.miqp.org for more details and the rules,

!> Date /Time: Michigan QSO
Party, sponsored by the Mad River Radio Club,from 1600Z April 19th t until 0400Z April 20th. Stations may operate the full 12 hours. (12 noon to 12 midnight local Michigan time on April 20th) Modes and Categories: Phone and CW on 80/40/20/15/10 meters. Single-op, multi-op, mobile and Emergencies Operations Center (EOC) categories. Single-op entries are categorized by output power, QRP (5W or less), Low Power (100W or less), and High Power (greater than 100W) Multipliers: Work stations once per band and mode. Work other states and Michigan Stations. MI to MI QSO's are allowed. Work portables and mobiles again as they change counties, state or province. Exchange: Exchange QSO number and location (county for MI stations, state/province or "DX" for others). Scoring: one point per phone QSO, two points per CW QSO. Countmultipliers once per mode. Multipliers are MI counties for all entries, plus states & provinces for MI entries only. Final score is total QSO points times total multipliers. Freqs:
Suggested frequencies: CW-3545, 7045, 14045, 21045, 28045; Phone-3800, 7200, 14250, 21300, 28450. Log Submittal: Mail logs no later than 30 days after the contest to: Mad River Radio Club, c/o Dave Pruett, 2727 Harris Road, Ypsilanti, MI 48198 or via e-mail to logs@...

More Information: For complete rules,
along with free logging software, log and summary sheets, see http://www.miqp.org 73 es cu April 19th 2008 Mark NU8Z

139. Smoke Alarm Install on Saturday, April 19th, Signup here

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-04-03 17:56:50 UTC
From: mike_w8der
Topic: 139 Message: 139

Joe Bell, our Red Cross Liasion has announced that the next Smoke Alarm Installation will be done on April 19th. He will need at least 10 hams for this event. The following link will get you to the web signup page.

See you there....

http://www.w8dc.net/w8dc/RCSmokealarm_04_19.aspx

140. The Event Signup Web Pages Back Up Again.

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-04-04 00:25:02 UTC
From: mike_w8der
Topic: 140 Message: 140

Thanks for the cooperation in getting the event signup web pages going again after being out all afternoon. Currently active pages are for:

1. Smoke Alarm Install Initiave, April 19th 8:30 am to 1:00 pm. (more info on the http://www.w8dc.org web site.

http://www.w8dc.net/w8dc/RCSmokeAlarm_04_19.aspx

2. Would you be interested in participating in the 2008 Michigan QSO Party from the Red Cross Radio Room? It is April 19th from Noon to Midnight. Signup for a time slot or just stop by.

http://www.w8dc.net/w8dc/MiQSOParty.aspx

3. Those testing the Beta Suggestion Box are also back up.

(smiles, life is good!)

141. Sign up for Michigan QSO party news

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-04-04 15:03:09 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 141 Message: 141

Since it appears that W8DC will be operational during the upcoming Michigan QSO Party on Saturday, April 19, I'd encourage all who are interested to sign into the Michigan QSO Party Reflector for the latest news.

You may sign up by visiting
http://mail.miqp.org/mailman/listinfo/miqp-mail_miqp.org

By filling in your e-mail address, name, and choosing a password you'll then receive a message asking you to authenticate that you want to join. After this you'll receive occasional messages about planned activity, etc.

Another good resource for information on the MiQP is the website
http://www.miqp.org

73 de n8xx Hg

142. Re: Sign up for Michigan QSO party news

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-04-05 03:37:21 UTC
From: mike_w8der
Topic: 141 Message: 142

Thanks Hank, I am looking forward to the QSO party at W8DC. I signed up tonight to get the latest info. April 19th is coming up fast!

--- In GRARA@yahoogroups.com, Hank Greeb <n8xx@...> wrote:
>
>
> Since it appears that W8DC will be operational during the upcoming
> Michigan QSO Party on Saturday, April 19, I'd encourage all who are
> interested to sign into the Michigan QSO Party Reflector for the latest
> news.
>
> You may sign up by visiting
> http://mail.miqp.org/mailman/listinfo/miqp-mail_miqp.org
>
> By filling in your e-mail address, name, and choosing a password you'll
> then receive a message asking you to authenticate that you want to
> join. After this you'll receive occasional messages about planned
> activity, etc.
>
> Another good resource for information on the MiQP is the website
> http://www.miqp.org
>
> 73 de n8xx Hg
>

143. Fwd: Training available at Michigan Training Institute

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-04-06 01:39:12 UTC
From: wd8usa@aol.com
Topic: 143 Message: 143
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

This is great training at the MTI in GR in June-Check it out! DE WD8USA
...-.-

**********Planning your summer road trip? Check out AOL Travel Guides.
(http://travel.aol.com/travel-guide/united-states?ncid=aoltrv00030000000016)

144. New Home PC's for sale

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-04-07 03:23:02 UTC
From: tom_kd8deg
Topic: 144 Message: 144

I have two new PC's 1) with AMD Sempron Proc, 1.24GB Biostar mother board, PCI Modem, E-GEForce Graphics card, 1,024 MB RAM, 2 ampo 512 ram, 200Gig Hard Drive, CD+RW Drive DVD Rom AMG Anti-virus Protection 4 USB Ports Windows XP, Surround sound Speakers, 17" Hi Definition Flat screen Monitor, Mouse, webcam, keyboard $500.
The other is the same minus the speakers, & DVD for $450.

73

de Tom KD8DEG

145. Red Cross Adopt-A-Highway!

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-04-11 00:25:43 UTC
From: n8dgd
Topic: 145 Message: 145

Red Cross Adopt-A-Highway clean-up is Tuesday evening April 22nd.
Meet at the share a ride lot on exit 101 on US-131 at 6:15 pm.
I need eight people, can you help? (please reply)
I'll buy the first round at the Rockford Bar afterwards.
We coordinate on 146.880/R pl 141.3 hz since it is in the area and we
don't have our north receive site in service yet.
In case of rain we'll go for Thursday the 24th.
Mike,
could you please post this on the events calendar on w8dc.org?
Many Thanks ...

Tom Hansen N8DGD

146. Re: [GRARA] Red Cross Adopt-A-Highway!

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-04-11 00:42:57 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 145 Message: 146

I don't know if my car will make the long trip (about 4 miles), but I'll
be there if it doesn't break down in route. :)

73 de n8xx Hg

n8dgd wrote:
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> Tom Hansen N8DGD

147. Re: [GRARA] Red Cross Adopt-A-Highway!

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-04-11 01:07:19 UTC
From: timothy courtier
Topic: 145 Message: 147

--- n8dgd <n8dgd@...> wrote:

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> evening April 22nd.
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> at 6:15 pm.
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> w8dc.org?
> Many Thanks ...
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> Tom Hansen N8DGD
>
>
i should be able to help.
timothy- kb8afs

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Do You Yahoo!?
Tired of spam? Yahoo! Mail has the best spam protection around
http://mail.yahoo.com

148. Re: [GRARA] Red Cross Adopt-A-Highway!

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-04-11 12:40:01 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 145 Message: 148

Put me down for a party of one.

Tom KD8DEG

----- Original Message -----
From: n8dgd
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Thursday, April 10, 2008 8:25 PM
Subject: [GRARA] Red Cross Adopt-A-Highway!

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Many Thanks ...

Tom Hansen N8DGD

149. Re: [GRARA] Red Cross Adopt-A-Highway!

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-04-11 12:43:49 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 145 Message: 149

Tom,

Sorry, I have to cancel. I do the MDXA net on Tuesday night's.

Tom KD8DEG
----- Original Message -----
From: n8dgd
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Thursday, April 10, 2008 8:25 PM
Subject: [GRARA] Red Cross Adopt-A-Highway!

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Many Thanks ...

Tom Hansen N8DGD

150. Michigan QSO Party, GRARA & W8DC Style

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-04-11 14:23:18 UTC
From: mike_w8der
Topic: 150 Message: 150

The Michigan QSO Party is definitely on for April 19th from Noon to Midnight at the W8DC Radio Room at the Red Cross. Won't you come over and help us spread the word about our Great Lakes State? Everyone is welcome, especially newcomers.

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We will be monitoring the W8DC repeater if anyone needs directions or if we have secured the outside door. See W8DC.org for directions to the Red Cross at 1050 Fuller Ave NE (enter in back of building).

Please let us know you are coming, so we can plan ahead. If you want a particular time slot, let us know in the "comments" text box on the events signup page.

Sign up for an time slot or just drop in, we will keep the light on for you.

Sign Up Screen:
http://www.w8dc.net/w8dc/MiQsoParty.aspx

Michigan QSO Party Flier:
http://www.miqp.org/Download%20Files/MiQP%202008%20Flier.pdf

Michigan QSO Party Web site
http://www.miqp.org/

151. Re: Red Cross Adopt-A-Highway! Sign-up Web Page.

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-04-11 14:54:21 UTC
From: mike_w8der
Topic: 145 Message: 151

For those who like to use the web event signup page for letting us know you are coming, here is a link to the Adopt-A-Highway clean-up signup page. This screen notifies the chairman and returns a confirmation to the sender.

http://www.w8dc.net/w8dc/highway.aspx

--- In GRARA@yahoogroups.com, "n8dgd" <n8dgd@...> wrote:
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> Tom Hansen N8DGD
>

152. extra class upgrade question

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-04-12 14:24:14 UTC
From: James Ewer
Topic: 152 Message: 152

Friends,
Now that I passed the test can I transmit on extra freq or do I have to wait until I show up in the database?
Thanks
Jim KD8GJM

153. Re: extra class upgrade question

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-04-12 15:20:12 UTC
From: mike_w8der
Topic: 152 Message: 153

Jim, I believe you can use the extra frequencies right away. You just have to add /AE to the end of your call.

Welcome to the yahoo group.

--- In GRARA@yahoogroups.com, "James Ewer" <ewerj@...> wrote:
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> Jim KD8GJM
>

154. Re: [GRARA] extra class upgrade question

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-04-12 16:21:25 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 152 Message: 154

Congrats, Jim:

You should have received instructions from the volunteer examiners. Typically, you may use your new privileges as soon as you pass the test and receive a certificate to that effect. Until your new privileges show up on the database you need to sign with some suffix like /AG - but I don't remember the suffix is for this part of the country.

72/73 es cu on 3517.5 KHz sometime de n8xx Hg

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> wait until I show up in the database?
> Thanks
> Jim KD8GJM

155. Re: extra class upgrade question

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-04-12 17:05:34 UTC
From: James Ewer
Topic: 152 Message: 155

Thanks to every one for the advice. We got talking about call sign change (I am changing mine via the computer assigned route) and diverted from the topic. The VE team is top notch. I see now that it is /AG when upgrading novice to general so /AE must be the right call for extra.
Jim KD8GJM

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> > Jim KD8GJM
>

156. Re: [GRARA] Re: extra class upgrade question

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-04-12 19:57:29 UTC
From: AB8ND
Topic: 152 Message: 156

Yep, just add the /AE

Jack, AB8ND

mike_w8der wrote:
>
> Jim, I believe you can use the extra frequencies right away. You just
> have to add /AE to the end of your call.
>
> Welcome to the yahoo group.
>
> --- In GRARA@yahoogroups.com <mailto:GRARA%40yahoogroups.com>, "James
> Ewer" <ewerj@...> wrote:
> >
> > Friends,
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> to
> > wait until I show up in the database?
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> > Jim KD8GJM
> >
>
>

157. Re: [GRARA] Re: extra class upgrade question

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-04-12 19:57:25 UTC
From: KB8OCA
Topic: 152 Message: 157

Jim,

you can use your new privileges as soon as you have your new CSCE, which shows the new license you just earned.
In your case, you got your CSCE for the Extra class last night, which means you could have walked out of the room, into the radio room, and start calling CQ on the Extra portion of any band,
as long as you add /AE or temporary AE to you current call sign, until you new class shows in the FCC ULS database .....

Have fun DX-ing .....

Gerben.
KB8OCA

From: James Ewer
Sent: Saturday, April 12, 2008 1:05 PM
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [GRARA] Re: extra class upgrade question

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change (I am changing mine via the computer assigned route) and
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158. Re: [GRARA] extra class upgrade question

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-04-12 23:14:22 UTC
From: Richard H. Douglas
Topic: 152 Message: 158

Now you see what happens when ham's start rachet jawing!

73 everyone,
Rich, KC8NKA

On Saturday 12 April 2008 10:24, James Ewer wrote:
> Friends,
> Now that I passed the test can I transmit on extra freq or do I have to
> wait until I show up in the database?
> Thanks
> Jim KD8GJM

159. 10M A.M. NET...

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-04-14 02:59:44 UTC
From: timothy courtier
Topic: 159 Message: 159

QST ALL HAMS...

HELLO ALL,

As I have told some of you last wednesday, (in the red x) I am starting a 10m a.m. net.

The first net will be on 04-21-2008 @ 21:00, on 29.085 A.M.

To start off, the radio I will be using (radio shack htx 10) will only put out 7w pep.

And the antanna will be a mobile whip, about 20' high.

If you want to know more, pleas go to my web page @ groups.myspace.com/rockford10amnet

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/GRARA/groups.myspace.com/rockford10amnet>

Hope to hear you on. [:)]

timothy kb8afs

160. High Voltage Prode

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-04-15 12:52:19 UTC
From: tuner706
Topic: 160 Message: 160

I have a B&K HV-32 high voltage probe that I picked up at a estate sale. Does anyone know the resale value? Jim KB8QAQ

161. Re: High Voltage Prode

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-04-15 16:58:51 UTC
From: mike_w8der
Topic: 160 Message: 161

Jim,

I can't help you with the value of the B&K HV-32 probe, but I would like to welcome you to the GRARA Yahoo Group. Hope to hear from you again.

Mike, W8DER

--- In GRARA@yahoogroups.com, "tuner706" <jamesvm@...> wrote:
>
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> sale. Does anyone know the resale value? Jim KB8QAQ
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162. Re: [GRARA] High Voltage Prode

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-04-15 17:21:43 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 160 Message: 162

Hi Jim,

Used are from $10 & up. New are $80 and up. Hope that helps you out.

73

de Tom KD8DEG

----- Original Message -----
From: tuner706
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Tuesday, April 15, 2008 8:52 AM
Subject: [GRARA] High Voltage Prode

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sale. Does anyone know the resale value? Jim KB8QAQ

163. HARC General license class - May 5, 2008

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-04-15 19:51:03 UTC
From: Joe Veldhuis
Topic: 163 Message: 163

We tried to kick off our General class yesterday, but only one person showed up, so we are rescheduling the beginning of the class for the beginning of May.

If anyone out there has, or knows someone who has, a Tech license and wants to upgrade to General, the Holland Amateur Radio Club is offering a General license class. The class is free, study books are available for $20 from Ed Heyboer, KF8EV (eheyboer@...). Let either him or I know if you're interested!

Date: May 5, 2008 and the next 8-10 Mondays after that
Time: 1900h (7:00 PM)
Place: HARC Technology and Training Center - 280 E 8th St, Holland (42° 47' 24" N/86° 5' 40" W)
Directions: take Chicago Dr. west of US-31, look for blue house on the left just past the Chicago/8th merge, next to the Chamber of Commerce and across from Long John Silver's

At the same place and time, Chuck W8GCW is offering a beginners' CW class. So if you want to work DX without an amplifier, or just be able to identify repeaters, see him.

Spread the word!
-Joe, N8FQ

165. RE: This Sat Smoke Alarm Install Day

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-04-17 02:56:15 UTC
From: stephen provost
Topic: 164 Message: 165

Joe-there is confusion about Saturday April 19th smoke alarm event.

Some people were told that his event was canceled.

Some people were not aware of April 19th at all.

Participation is difficult if the planners wait too long to plan or keep making changes;

is what I have been told.

Stephen KC8WQL

From: Wd8usa@... [mailto:Wd8usa@...]
Sent: Tuesday, April 15, 2008 10:48 PM
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com; grara_members@...; w8dc@...
Subject: This Sat Smoke Alarm Install Day

This Saturday is another install day for smoke alarms. Don't forget to sign up for this- I only have one sign up so far and this is no where good enough! Come on folks! The Red "X" need the club to really turn out! Thanks in advance for your time and exact details will follow by Wed night- DE WD8USA ...-.-

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It's Tax Time! Get tips, forms and advice on AOL Money <http://money.aol.com/tax?NCID=aolcmp00300000002850> & Finance.

167. Fwd: This Sat Smoke Thing-

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-04-17 03:16:26 UTC
From: wd8usa@aol.com
Topic: 167 Message: 167
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

It would appear that the event has indeed been rescheduled to next Saturday-My apologies as I was not informed of this change by Tamara. We will try again next week! DE WD8USA ...-.-

**********Need a new ride? Check out the largest site for U.S. used car listings at AOL Autos.
(http://autos.aol.com/used?NCID=aolcmp00300000002851)

168. Michigan QSO Party is Saturday, Noon to Midnight out of the club radio room W8DC

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-04-17 11:10:32 UTC
From: mike_w8der
Topic: 168 Message: 168

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Sign Up Screen:
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Michigan QSO Party Flier:
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Michigan QSO Party Web site
http://www.miqp.org/

169. Fwd: This Sat Smoke Thing-

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-04-18 02:31:12 UTC
From: wd8usa@aol.com
Topic: 167 Message: 169
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

The smoke thing is on for the 26th. See forwarded e mail from Tamara on this.
Sorry for the confusion! DE WD8USA ...-.-

**********Need a new ride? Check out the largest site for U.S. used car
listings at AOL Autos.
(http://autos.aol.com/used?NCID=aolcmp00300000002851)

170. Ride share to Hiolland

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-04-18 10:30:59 UTC
From: Richard Brown
Topic: 170 Message: 170

Good Morning
I am KC8FMT ..looking to upgrade to General..they are giving a class in Holland on Mondays starting in May..anyone else going so i cam ride share..and be able to go..darn price of gas anyway
73's
Dick

171. QSO party

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-04-19 17:08:19 UTC
From: James Ewer
Topic: 171 Message: 171

What freq are you guys on at GRARA? MY callsigh is now AC8AZ changed
from KD8GJM.
73 JIM AC8AZ

172. Re: [GRARA] QSO party

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-04-19 23:26:04 UTC
From: AB8ND
Topic: 171 Message: 172

Been mostly on 75 meters, doing the search and pounce

Jack, AB8ND

James Ewer wrote:
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> from KD8GJM.
> 73 JIM AC8AZ
>
>

173. MiQP N8M(N8XX) Single Op LP

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-04-20 22:14:31 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 173 Message: 173

Michigan QSO Party

Call: N8M
Operator(s): N8XX
Station: N8M

Class: Single Op LP
QTH: MICHIGAN
Operating Time (hrs): 7 ?

Summary:
Band CW Qs Ph Qs

80: 89 53
40: 132 32
20: 19
15:
10:

Total: 240 85 CW Mults = 67 Ph Mults = 45 Total Score = 63,280

Club: Grand Rapids ARA

Comments:

20 metres was marginal, even on CW. Did work a few Europeans on 20 CW, and even
a couple Michigan stations! Never heard a peep out of 15, didn't even listen on
10. Was surprized that my recently found microphone netted quite a few contacts
and multipliers on 40 and 75 metre SSB. Turns out that 40 metres was the winner
- it stayed open, probably until the end. 40 was noisy during the day, but
quieted down in the evening. This part time effort beat my personal best, and
the Kent County SOLP best. All in all, conditions were considerably better
than the past two years.

Note that the part time effort was due to a gymnastics meet in which my grand
daughter participated. Grandkidz will trump ham radio 99.44% of the time!

CW Counties (27)
ALGE ALPE BARR BAY CASS CHIP CLIN
DELT EMME GENE GOGE GRAT GRTR HOUG
LAPE LEEL LENA LIVI MACO MENO MTMO

OAKL ONTO PRES STCL WASH WAYN
CW States/Provinces (40)
AL AR AZ BC CA CO CT
DE FL GA ID IL IN KS
KY LA MA MD MN MO MS
MT NC NE NH NJ NY OH
OK ON OR PA RI SC TN
TX VA WA WI WV

Phone Counties (27)
ALLE BARR BAY CHIP CLAR EATO GENE
GLAD GRTR HOUG INGH IONI KENT KZOO
LAPE LENA MACO MECO MENO MONR MTMO
MUSK OAKL OSCE SANI STCL WAYN
Phone States/Provinces (18)
AL IL IN KY MD MN MO
NC NJ NY OH ON PA SC
TN VA WI WV

174. A.M NET REMINDER...

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-04-21 20:07:54 UTC
From: timothy courtier
Topic: 174 Message: 174

JUST A REMINDER...
MY "NEW" NET IS TONIGHT AT 21:00 LOCAL(9:00 P.M.)
ON 29.0858 AM
HOPE TO HERE YOU ON...
73s TIMOTHY KB8AFS

175. Adopt a Highway cleanup - April 22th

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-04-21 20:48:56 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 175 Message: 175

I was reminded that the Adopt a Highway Cleanup date is tomorrow, April 22th. I'm sure that the more the merrier, so I'm plugging this once more.

Meet at exit 101 on US-131 at 6:15 pm. I found that the Park-n-Ride for that Exit is between the north bound and southbound exits.

To which "Rockford Bar" will we proceed afterward? There's the "Corner Bar" in downtown Rockford, but there's a nice place closer to Exit 101 called the Crazy Horse Saloon, at 4601 14 Mile Rd NE, which is within 1/2 mile of that exit. Both places serve cool "brown 807's" (Yes, I'm severely dating myself with such a reference to the sudsy stuff, but...) and the food is edible at both places.

Since this is within a hop skip and a jump of QTH N8XX, I plan to show up. Hope to see y'all there!

73 de n8xx Hg

176. Re: [GRARA] A.M NET REMINDER...

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-04-22 01:38:59 UTC
From: Richard H. Douglas
Topic: 174 Message: 176

I tried to hear you but you were not there. Then I called several times to no avail. I gave up around 20 after the hour. Sorry.

73,
Rich, KC8NIKA

On Monday 21 April 2008 16:07, timothy courtier wrote:
> JUST A REMINDER...
> MY "NEW" NET IS TONIGHT AT 21:00 LOCAL(9:00 P.M.)
> ON 29.0858 AM
> HOPE TO HERE YOU ON...
> 73s TIMOTHY KB8AFS

177. AM NET ON HOLD...

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-04-22 02:29:35 UTC
From: timothy courtier
Topic: 177 Message: 177

HI ALL.
SORRY TO ALL THAT TRYED TO CONTACT ME.
I TRYED FOR ABOUT 15 MINUTS, BUT TO NO ADVAIL.
I DID HERE 1 STATION, BUT UNABLE TO COPY THE CALL.
(MAYBE THAT WAS YOU RICH?)
SO...
UNTIL I CAN GET A BETTER SETUP, I WILL PUT THE NET ON HOLD.
PLEAS CHECK MY PAGE FOR UPDATES.
myspace.com/k8afs THEN CLICK ON MY GROUPS.
ALSO...
WHEN I DO GET THE NET GOING AGAIN, I WILL CHANGE THE FREQ.
THE NEW FREQUENCY WILL BE 28.485 AM.
THIS WAY, ALL CLASSES WILL BE ABLE TO CHECK IN.
AGAIN, SORRY TO ALL WHO TRYED.
73s
TIMOTHY KB8AFS

178. GRARA Results, The 2008 Michigan QSL Party

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-04-22 19:53:09 UTC
From: mike_w8der
Topic: 178 Message: 178

I don't know when I have had more fun with a contest than we had last weekend with the 2008 Michigan QSO party from the Red Cross Radio room. It must have been the synergy from all the different operators. Nate, KD8NCS, certainly wins the "most aggressive" award for his unyielding attack on the 40 and 80 meter bands. And Tom, N8DGD, showed again how he can complete an exchange under impossible conditions (Mr. Impossible). And Jim, KD8CAN, for staying onboard (and awake) for the full 12 hour contest. It was a great time!

We would like to thank our operators, AB8ND, KD8CAN, W8DER, KD8NCS, N8DGD and KB8AFS. Together we worked 29 states/providences and 39 Michigan counties.

Let's do this again!

179. Re: [GRARA] GRARA Results, The 2008 Michigan QSL Party

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-04-22 21:41:00 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 178 Message: 179

Be sure to submit a log to MRRC.

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> weekend with the 2008 Michigan QSO party from the Red Cross Radio room.
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180. Announcing the first GRARA Fox Hunt of the 2008 Season

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-04-23 19:54:15 UTC
From: mike_w8der
Topic: 180 Message: 180

We've done our homework, are you ready?

The first "fox hunt" (hidden transmitter hunt) of the 2008 season will be held on Saturday May 3rd from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. It's time to dust off that tape measure yagi and get ready to have a good time! See the rules and other information on the http://www.w8dc.org web site. You will also find helpful links there on making radio direction finding (rdf) equipment.

The fox hunt is open to all ham radio operators and their assistants. You don't have to be a GRARA member to participate. Teams of from 2 to 4 hunters are recommended.

Let's have fun with this! The date is coming up super fast. It's the day after our May membership meeting.

You can ask any questions here on the yahoo group. Let us know you are coming by using the web event signup page at:

http://www.w8dc.net/w8dc/RookieFoxHunt.aspx

181. Fwd: This Sat Smoke Thing-

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-04-24 02:42:23 UTC
From: wd8usa@aol.com
Topic: 167 Message: 181
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

See info on this Saturday's smoke alarm install day-It appears we should be ready for a return to cold weather for this one! OH BOY! Please sign up on the GRARA web site if you can help! Set up crew report at 815am. JB

**********Need a new ride? Check out the largest site for U.S. used car listings at AOL Autos.
(http://autos.aol.com/used?NCID=aolcmp00300000002851)

182. The Web Signup Pages are online for the next two Smoke Alarm Installs

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-04-24 20:18:50 UTC
From: mike_w8der
Topic: 182 Message: 182

Just a reminder that the web signup pages are online for the next two Smoke Alarm Installs. You can find the links here or on the W8DC.org site.

This Saturday April 26th:
http://www.w8dc.net/w8dc/RCSmokeAlarm_04_26.aspx

Saturday May 10th:
http://www.w8dc.net/w8dc/RCSmokeAlarm_05_10.aspx

183. Re: Announcing the first GRARA Fox Hunt of the 2008 Season

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-04-27 01:01:19 UTC
From: n8dgd
Topic: 180 Message: 183

Jack K.[AB8ND] If your participating I'll ride/drive with you.

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> coming by using the web event signup page at:
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184. Adopt A Highway Roadside clean-up #1 for 2008 is now history!

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-04-27 01:27:26 UTC
From: n8dgd
Topic: 184 Message: 184

Many Thanks to the following for Adopt-A-Highway roadside cleanup on
Tuesday April 22, 2008
Mike Hill; W8DER
Ron Weinrick; KD8GBX
Jim Leys; KD8CAN (Mr. CAN do)
Hank Greeb; N8XX
Josepie Bell; W..D8USA
Tom Hansen; N8DGD
Rich Douglas; KC8NKA

After picking up 22 bags of trash we reclined at the Crazy Horse
Saloon and had a great time. Next Adopt-A-Highway roadside cleanup is
Tuesday July 15th 6:15pm. Rain date: Thursday July 17th.

A special thanks to Mike Hill for helping me get the word out using
the sign-up sheet on the web page and here on Yahoo!

Thanks Mike!

185. Re: GRARA Results, The 2008 Michigan QSL Party

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-04-27 01:34:27 UTC
From: n8dgd
Topic: 178 Message: 185

Looking forward to the next year!
Multi-headphones will be added to our HF gear!

--- In GRARA@yahoogroups.com, "mike_w8der" <mike@...> wrote:
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> weekend with the 2008 Michigan QSO party from the Red Cross Radio
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> KD8NCS, certainly wins the "most aggressive" award for his
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> N8DGD and KB8AFS. Together we worked 29 states/providences and 39
> Michigan counties.
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> Let's do this again!
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186. Re: QSO party

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-04-27 01:43:54 UTC
From: n8dgd
Topic: 171 Message: 186

Well the QSO party is over but stop by on a Wednesday night for open
radio room check into 147.260/R in Grand Rapids W8DC.
73 Tom N8DGD

--- In GRARA@yahoogroups.com, "James Ewer" <ewerj@...> wrote:
>
> What freq are you guys on at GRARA? MY callsigh is now AC8AZ changed
> from KD8GJM.
> 73 JIM AC8AZ
>

187. Re: [GRARA] Re: Announcing the first GRARA Fox Hunt of the 2008 Season

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-04-27 11:14:22 UTC
From: AB8ND
Topic: 180 Message: 187

Good Tom

We can woop them again - I hope

Jack

n8dgd wrote:
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> Jack K.[AB8ND] If your participating I'll ride/drive with you.
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> <http://www.w8dc.net/w8dc/RookieFoxHunt.aspx>

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188. Fox Hunting Winner

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-04-27 15:04:40 UTC
From: KD8CAN
Topic: 188 Message: 188

What does the winner of the Fox recieve for a prize?

189. Re: [GRARA] Fox Hunting Winner

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-04-27 19:37:29 UTC
From: Richard H. Douglas
Topic: 188 Message: 189

On Sunday 27 April 2008 11:04, KD8CAN wrote:
> What does the winner of the Fox recieve for a prize?

All kinds of grief, verbal abuse, and you get to do the next one. OK, perhaps I exaggerate slightly...

73,
Rich, KC8NKA

190. Re: Fox Hunting Winner

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-04-28 01:47:01 UTC
From: mike_w8der
Topic: 188 Message: 190

The prize is more like the unending respect and admiration of your peers and the opportunity to be the FOX in the June hunt.

By the way, who is the "Rookie" Fox for this hunt? We haven't heard a thing from him. Any hints yet old wise one? We need all the hints we can get now that Jack and Tom have teamed-up.

191. Fox Hunt

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-04-28 22:40:36 UTC
From: KD8CAN
Topic: 191 Message: 191

A sleeping ham catches no foxes

192. Fox Hunting Antenna -- Get it checked.

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-04-29 00:40:42 UTC
From: mike_w8der
Topic: 192 Message: 192

For those of you who have built new radio direction finding antennas for the Fox Hunt Saturday, you can bring them to open radio room Wednesday night to check them out. Rich will be there about 9:00 with his analyzer for that final check.

Also for those of you who are making the simple passive attenuators from the W8DC.org website, we should have some samples for you to see at radio room Wednesday night or at the Membership meeting Friday night.

What is an attenuator, you ask? It is a device that goes between your antenna and your HT to knock-down the Foxes signal to midscale on your S-Meter. It is easier to see a direction indication when your S-Meter isn't pegged.

Don't let this tech talk scare you away. Just holding your ht (with rubber ducky) close to your chest as you turn your back to the foxes transmitter works good also.

Speaking about the fox. I see he is an official member of our Yahoo group now. He posts his email address as: RookieFox@... . I assume you could send him an email or simply leave a message for him on the yahoo group. (That sounds something like sitting on Santa's lap at Christmas time.)

This is going to be a fun hunt!

193. Fox Hunt

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-04-29 13:38:36 UTC
From: KD8CAN
Topic: 191 Message: 193

The Fox hears a who
Would that, could that, be you
Would that, could that, be a pursue
Would that, could that, be the fox
Could that, would that, be a squawk box
Would that, could that, be the fox

194. Fwd: Confirm Emm Comm Course Exams at Dayton Hamvention

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-04-30 02:25:20 UTC
From: wd8usa@aol.com
Topic: 194 Message: 194
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

This is interesting! I have confirmed there will be EM COMM exams for levels 1,2&3 at Dayton this year! If you are going you might want to try them and see if you can pass. They cost 14.00 a setting. A word of warning however-There are those that say not mentoring through the course as it is set up will lessen the value you get in the end. DE WD8USA ...-.-

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(http://autos.aol.com/used?NCID=aolcmp00300000002851)

195. Fox Hunt

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-04-30 09:39:42 UTC
From: KD8CAN
Topic: 191 Message: 195

Antennas you will use

May give you the blues

May drive you to booze

Do not snooze

You will lose

[I-)]

196. Fwd: Confirm Emm Comm Course Exams at Dayton Hamvention

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-05-01 03:19:15 UTC
From: wd8usa@aol.com
Topic: 194 Message: 196
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Breaking news I received tonight-Under pressure from somebody (probably those that took them with a mentor) the exams are canceled! Repeat-No EM Comm exams at Dayton! See fwarded e mail-Sorry for the confusion! DE WD8USA ...-.-

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(http://autos.aol.com/used?NCID=aolcmp00300000002851)

197. Fox Hunt

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-05-01 12:16:48 UTC
From: KD8CAN
Topic: 191 Message: 197

Teams of two or more you will be
Your antennas may disagree
You will not find me
You will scream like a banshee
You still will not find me

198. Music carer

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-05-01 02:37:25 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 198 Message: 198

Hi All,

I think Joe Bell has be holding out on us. Check out the guy on the tower singing.

Tom KD8DEG

http://64.27.98.24/clip.ram

199. Re: [GRARA] Music carer

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-05-01 22:19:15 UTC
From: Richard Brown
Topic: 198 Message: 199

dang..not that the singing is great ..but the idea is wonderful
Dick
KC8FMT

Wilson wrote:
>
> Hi All,
>
> I think Joe Bell has be holding out on us. Check out the guy on the
> tower singing.
>
> Tom KD8DEG
>
> http://64.27.98.24/clip.ram <http://64.27.98.24/clip.ram>
>
> ---
>
> No virus found in this incoming message.
> Checked by AVG.
> Version: 7.5.524 / Virus Database: 269.23.7/1408 - Release Date: 4/30/2008 6:10 PM
>

200. Re: [GRARA] Music carer

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-05-02 02:29:16 UTC
From: wd8usa@aol.com
Topic: 198 Message: 200

Turn up the hearing aids guys! Can't you hear me rendering flawlessly an aria from DieMeistersinger? JB

**********Wondering what's for Dinner Tonight? Get new twists on family favorites at AOL Food.
(http://food.aol.com/dinner-tonight?NCID=aolfod00030000000001)

202. Saturday is almost here, you won't want to miss the Rookie Fox Hunt

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-05-02 03:05:47 UTC
From: mike_w8der
Topic: 202 Message: 202

You won't want to miss the first GRARA fox hunt of the season. It's called the "Rookie Hunt" because we are out to use just some basic common sense to find our shifty fox. No computer assisted or doppler equipment is allowed. Just basic directional antennas and portable tranceivers. (full rules are on http:/www.w8dc.org .)

No RDF equipment? Don't let that stop you. It only takes one set of equipment per team or car, so we all don't have to have equipment. One thing we know for sure, the more people on a team, the more fun. You will have so much fun this time that you will be out making your own special antennas for the next hunt. I already have a quad in mind for the next hunt, but I will stick with the tape measure yagi for Saturday.

Meet at the Celebration Cinema parking lot along the M6 Freeway by Kalamazoo Ave SE between 12:30 and 12:45 -- so we can collect names and odometer readings. The contest starts promptly at 1:00 pm on the Fox's watch. It is over at 3:00 pm or when everyone finds the slippery feline. At the direction of the victorious fox, we will meet at a fast food joint of his choosing to brag and exchange stories. (If he told us where it is before the hunt, you would know what area to search.)

The fox will give us a five minute transmission at 1:00 pm and then a thirty second transmission on the request of any team until the last team finds the hiding spot (or it gets to 3:00 pm).

Out of all the activities hams take part in, fox hunting seems to be the event that generates the most fantastic stories.

Winner gets the unending respect of his fellow hams and the opportunity to the the fox at the next hunt. Good luck and lots of fun to all.

YOU ARE INVITED!

203. Petis site mowing party!!!

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-05-03 02:39:38 UTC
From: sprovost64
Topic: 203 Message: 203

Hello, on Thursday May 8th, 2008 I want to go to our antenna site and mow the grass and run the weedwacker.

This is our agreement with WLAV to host our transmitter on their site.

If you want to help, please email to stprovost@... .

I would like to start around 5pm

Thanks

Stephen KC8WQL

GRARA technical officer

204. Tom and Sheila Bosscher Win 2008 Rookie Fox Hunt

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-05-04 14:24:08 UTC
From: mike_w8der
Topic: 204 Message: 204

With a little bit of luck, some expertise and Sheila's stong insticts, Tom and Sheila Bosscher (K8TB & K8AJ) won the 2008 Rookie Fox Hunt. The winning time was 33 minutes and distance traveled was 6.2 miles, almost a direct hit on their initial bearing. Good job Tom and Sheila!

The fox hunt started at Celebration Cinema, Kalamazoo and the M6 Freeway, and ended with our winners finding the "fox", Jim Leys KD8CAN, in Gezon Park in Wyoming. Gezon Park is located between Burlingame Avenue and Byron Center Avenue on 52nd Street SW. Jim couldn't have picked a better place to "hide". He was within a mile from Palmer Park and Palmer Golf Course where the rest of the hunters fought one speed bump after another, trying to find the fox there, or at the Armory, or the golf clubhouse, or at the softball park or down by the Buck Creek Bridge, etc. He was within plain sight from the road and in the middle of the small parking lot.

Second place went to the team of Jack Kunnen, AB8ND, Tom Hanson, N8DGD, and Nate Smith, KD8NCS. At last sighting, they were still bouncing from the speed bumps in Palmer Park.

Third place went to the team Mike Ayers, KD8DLG, and Mike Hill, W8DER, bouncing into Gezon Park with a mere eight minutes left and 33 miles on the odometer (almost all on the speed bumps).

Fourth place went to the team of Bob Robinson, KD8HNF, Dave Ed, AC8AB, and Gary Lauff, KD8AZM.

Rumor has it that Rich Douglas, KC8NKA is still riding the speed bumps. If anyone sees him, have him call home.

We all had a great time! -- Lots of laughs, lots of fun! By the time we hit McDonalds afterwards, we were all exausted.

By winning the hunt, Tom and Shiela won the right to be the fox at our next hunt being planned for June. Watch the yahoo group and http://www.w8dc.org for details.

205. Re: [GRARA] Tom and Sheila Bosscher Win 2008 Rookie Fox Hunt

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-05-04 16:25:34 UTC
From: AB8ND
Topic: 204 Message: 205

FOr those that missed the Hunt, you missed a good time on a beautiful day
Thanks to Mike and Jim for organizing it.

Jack, AB8ND

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>

206. From the Fox

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-05-05 12:13:55 UTC
From: KD8CAN
Topic: 206 Message: 206

Woe is me

I did not flee

Antennas did agree

With much glee

You found me

With much glee

The Fox was free

The Fox had to wee

[:))]

207. Re: [GRARA] From the Fox"ee"

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-05-06 00:06:59 UTC
From: K8TB
Topic: 206 Message: 207

Roses are red

Violets are blue

Its so nice

When the beam points so true

The roses are wilted

The violets are dead

who will the fox fake out

and who will pull ahead?

tom, k8tb

Ok, lame attempt on the poetry, but

Many thanks to GRARA for the nice hunt. Sheila and I have a place picked out.

See you folks next month..

208. Location of Mowing party this thursday at 5pm

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-05-06 02:04:44 UTC
From: stephen provost
Topic: 208 Message: 208

Jim, Dave, and Hank

Thank you for volunteering.

<http://www.wlav.com> Our two-meter transmitter site is located at the WLAV-FM transmitter tower

located in an apple orchard off of Pettis Avenue, North of 3 Mile Road.

The best way to get there is go to East Beltline and head north to Knapp Street.

Turn right on Knapp and head east. Cross the river and go to Pettis Avenue.

There is a traffic light at Pettis.

You make a left hand turn onto Pettis heading north.

Go past three mile and look for my suburban.

If you make it to 4 mile, you need to turn around.

The entrance to the apple orchard is off Pettis and is a driveway that leads all the way

To the apple orchard.

I will be there and listening on the repeater to guide people in.

I will be there at 5pm.

Stephen KC8WQL

209. Airport Exercise- RCCT 5/30

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-05-06 02:56:38 UTC
From: wd8usa@aol.com
Topic: 209 Message: 209

Here are the details for the airport drill to be held on Friday, May 30 from 10am to 1 or 2pm.
The RC will be activating mass feeding, mental health services and supply function areas for the Kent County Airport exercise. We will consider this the spring exercise for the RCCT if enough volunteers sign up. I know this is during the work day for some of you. Please sign up via the web if you can play no later than this weekend. If I do not get enough participants we will cancel it and do an evening drill that week. Could someone mention this on the Wed evening VHF net?
Thanks for your time and assistance! DE WD8USA ...-.-

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210. Re: [GRARA] Airport Exercise- RCCT 5/30

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-05-06 06:00:10 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 209 Message: 210

Joe,

Got it covered. Will make announcement on the net.

Tom KD8DEG

----- Original Message -----
From: wd8usa@...
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com ; grara_members@... ; w8dc@...
Sent: Monday, May 05, 2008 10:56 PM
Subject: [GRARA] Airport Exercise- RCCT 5/30

Here are the details for the airport drill to be held on Friday, May 30 from 10am to 1 or 2pm.
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211. It Takes a Club

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-05-06 18:32:33 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 211 Message: 211

From: http://www.arrl.org/news/features/2008/05/01/10041/?nc=1

It Takes a Club
By David Sumner, K1ZZ

May 01, 2008

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Such clubs don't just happen. It takes vision, leadership and a lot of hard work. It takes club officers and members who are willing to venture beyond their normal comfort zone. It takes a welcoming, supportive and non-judgmental attitude on the part of everyone in the club that a newcomer is likely to encounter.

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Assuming that your community has a radio club and that you're a member, the first step is to develop a culture of outreach and welcome within the club. This takes conscious effort, especially if your members are in the comfortable rut of talking to the same group of friends all the time.

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Being friendly and welcoming is necessary, but not sufficient. Does your club offer licensing classes? Do you help new licensees get over the many other hurdles -- selecting and installing antennas, learning how to use equipment, debugging interference to and from consumer electronic devices, and so on -- that stand in the way of aspiring operators? Do

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If you have all of these bases covered, congratulations! Your club is ready to promote itself to the community. Most clubs already have some experience doing this, with varying degrees of success. While a full discussion of the do's and don'ts is more than this page can accommodate, here are a couple of thoughts.

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212. Re: [GRARA] It Takes a Club

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-05-07 01:23:23 UTC
From: timothy courtier
Topic: 211 Message: 212

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213. Red Cross News Items

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-05-07 02:22:32 UTC
From: wd8usa@aol.com
Topic: 213 Message: 213

The next Smoke Alarm Install day is this Saturday. Jim KD8CAN will be in charge. Sign up on the GRARA web page & Yahoogroups and send Jim an e mail. I know this is the same day as the river run but OH well!
The triband vertical is off the roof of the Red Cross. The roof is being redone with a new coating. It is lying on the ground next to the tower. I am told the roofing crew used care in placing it on the ground. The Wed night open radio room attendees should secure it for now. It was taken down late Tuesday.
A reminder on the airport drill- RCCT folks please sign up by the end of this week-It is a day drill. We need at least 4 communicators for this-
Thanks in advance for your willingness to serve- DE WD8USA ...-.-

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214. Re: [GRARA] Airport Exercise- RCCT 5/30

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-05-07 02:56:10 UTC
From: wd8usa@aol.com
Topic: 209 Message: 214

Roger! Thanks! DE WD8USA ...-.-

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215. Re: Airport Exercise- RCCT 5/30

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-05-08 13:20:29 UTC
From: k8dmr
Topic: 209 Message: 215

I'll be at the airport. I'll be driving my ATV minivan. With the 800' ground elevation at the airport I should be able to demonstrate ATV coverage all the way back to the Red-X as well as help with activities on the ground.

Ron K8DMR

--- In GRARA@yahoogroups.com, wd8usa@... wrote:
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> Here are the details for the airport drill to be held on Friday, May 30 from
> 10am to 1 or 2pm.
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> function areas for the Kent County Airport exercise. We will consider this the
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216. Re: [GRARA] Re: Airport Exercise- RCCT 5/30

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-05-09 02:19:14 UTC
From: wd8usa@aol.com
Topic: 209 Message: 216

Some further info for those participating in the May 30th exercise:
Staging is at the chapter house @ 915am where a briefing will be held, assignments handed out and credentials checked for those going to the airport. All need their ID's or a copy of their ham ticket for the Red Cross radio room personnel. It looks like we will have the minimum staff to play. For those at the Red Cross back ground checks will not be required. There is still more room for players. E mail me for more info- JB

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217. Amateur Television joins streaming video on the internet

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-05-12 15:05:21 UTC
From: mike_w8der
Topic: 217 Message: 217

For those of you who are interested in amateur television, be sure to check out the new page on the GRARA Website. K8DMR shows us how to receive ATV with just your computer and Internet Explorer. Should we stream video from our ATV repeater? It can be done.

Thanks to Ron, K8DMR for all the research.

http://www.w8dc.org Select "ATV Corner" on the main menu.

This is sure a fun hobby....

218. GRARA Dayton trip status

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-05-14 02:53:26 UTC
From: stephen provost
Topic: 218 Message: 218

Hello, as listed below, we will have tables (six 3'x 8' tables)
So far.
I plan to have the trailer at the red cross (Leonard and Fuller)
At GRARA's open radio room Wednesday night 5-14-08
I will be there until 9pm.
If you are placing items in the trailer to sell at Dayton and getting there with other people, please consider donating cash for the gas to haul items there and new items!! back to grand rapids. With $3.99 gas and I expect to use about 70 gallons of fuel for the trip, any donations are gladly accepted!

I still have one spot open for a passenger who needs a ride down or back.

Currently, I am still waiting for my last email request about our fleamarket spot. The latest email I received a few days ago asked for me to fill out the form and email her the form. I have sent a request to see if she received my filled out word form. I will send another request tonight.

My plans for Thursday are the following:
Meet at the MDOT park and ride at E Beltline and I96 interchange.
This lot is on the same side as UNO's Bar and Grill
I would like to leave at 9am for Dayton!!
I will pick up Jack Amelar at the MDOT park and ride at the Lowell Exit (exit 52?) on the way down.

I will confirm times at the GRARA open radio room as well.
I will use the GRARA repeater for any communications while we are in GR
If we leave around 9am, we expect to arrive around 2pm to the rooms.
The latest information I have is we have until 8pm to get to our fleamarket spot.

My cell is 616-648-5983
You can also text me at 6166485983
Thanks
Stephen KC8WQL

-----Original Message-----
From: Jack Amelar [mailto:jamelar@...]
Sent: Tuesday, May 13, 2008 2:36 PM
To: Michael J. Wolthuis; larc@...; grara_members@...; stprovost@...
Subject: Re: Dayton

----- Message from wolthui3@... ---------
Date: Tue, 13 May 2008 12:59:05 -0400
From: "Michael J. Wolthuis" <wolthui3@...>
Subject: [LARC General List] Dayton

To: larc@...

> Does Lowell have a table/spaces for Dayton? I am looking for a
place to
> sell a few things and willing to work the table for a while.
>
> Mike
>
> Kb8zgl

As Hank replied, LARC does not have a fleamarket/table setup at Dayton, GRARA does. I am riding down with the fellas hauling the trailer and tables and will be helping set up on Thursday. We have four spots total. You would be most welcome to be a part of the group / sell stuff. Anyone needing a "dropoff" place while shopping is welcome to stop by. I will post the site numbers if I get them before leaving Thursday morning. Otherwise, my cell phone is (616)318-4551 (Nextel 130*719*68). I'll have an HT, but I don't know what frequency the rest of the group monitors. Again, I'll post the information is I get it in time.

73 Jack NY8D

219. Fw: [HARC] Re: 14.270 mhz used for Earth quake in China

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-05-15 01:14:48 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 219 Message: 219

Here is a message that I got, and wanted to pass on...

Tom KD8DEG

My apologies if you receive this message twice. It is being forwarded as a special notice so that all subscribers get it regardless of their email preferences.

Please do not use 14.270 MHz for the time being. It is being used for relief efforts in China. See below.

Tim, N9PUZ
B.U.G. Moderator

FORWARDED MESSAGE:

I know lot's of buddipole users monitor 14.270 for QSO's, but for now we may want to find a different frequency based on the following information:

"Strong earthquake hits China, all ham radio operators stand by

"A Magnitude 7.8 earthquake hits Sichuan, China on Monday, May 12, 2008 at 06:28:04 UTC. Casualties and loss unknown up to now. According to Chinese Radio Sports Association, 14.270Mhz, 7.050 and 7.060 Mhz are preserved for amatuer radio emergency service in the rescue. Please spread this message as far as you can and keep the frequencies clean for emergency use. Thank you.

"Your attention please! 14.270Mhz is now reserved for ARES in 5.12 earth quake in Sichuan, China. Please help to keep this frequency clear.

"A group of radio amateurs is now transmitting from Wenchuan, the center of quake. Its signal is reported to be very weak. They tried to keep communication with BY8AA in Chengdu, seeking for all resources needed. During a contact finished a few minutes ago, they were asking for raincoats, water, tents, and outdoor living facilities.

"PLEASE HELP TO FORWARD THIS MESSAGE TO ALL RELEVANT FORUMS, MAILING LISTS, AND NEWS RESOURCES. MEANWHILE, KEEP THE ABOVE FREQUENCY CLEAN FOR EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION.

"Michael Chen, BD5RV/4
Email:michael.bd5rv@...

MSN: bd5rv@...
Skype: michael-bd5rv"

[Non-text portions of this message have been removed]

220. Red Cross News-

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-05-15 02:48:13 UTC
From: wd8usa@aol.com
Topic: 220 Message: 220

Some news items-
1- Effective June 1st Jim KD8CAN will take over from Robert KC8WBR as Vice Chair of Communications of Disaster Services for Red Cross. Jim is still in training but brings a commodity which will be even more precious than money and that is time to devote to the program. Please welcome him in his new role when you see him!
2- The wooden box to house the pod radios is here! It needs staining and mounting of the radios in it yet. I request the club assist in completing this project. It will be in the radio room next week by Friday.
3- The airport exercise planning is proceeding nicely. We will treat this as the spring exercise. If you want more details and are thinking about participating on Friday May 30 from 915am to noon or 1pm send me an e mail for more info.
4- Robert KC8WBR has the ball for Red Cross during my absence at the Dayton hamvention. I will be gone starting tomorrow May 15th through the 18th. DE WD8USA ...-.-

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221. Fwd: [Kcares] American Red Cross Responds to ARRL Concerns Regarding Backgrou...

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-05-19 02:29:42 UTC
From: wd8usa@aol.com
Topic: 221 Message: 221
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

At last! The main gripe is resolved for good! You need not fear a "mode of living"check! This thankfully is over and now to the business of helping the RC communicate! DE WD8USA ...-.-

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222. W8T - National Trails Day - Jun 7

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-05-19 03:55:27 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 222 Message: 222

Anyone care to join me in this effort? It's always nice to have at least two operators for an event such as this. Anyone capable of either or both phone or CW is cordially invited to contact me. Availability for all or part of the proposed operating times is all that's required.

The special events call W8T will be activated during the National Trails day from the Hospitality Kiosk next to the Fred Meijer White Pine Trail <http://www.whitepinetrail.com/> http://www.whitepinetrail.com/ either in Belmont Michigan or a similar kiosk in Peppler Park, downtown Rockford, Michigan. Proposed operation will be between about 1600Z and 2359Z on June 7. I've just reserved the call, it should be official within a week or so.

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See http://www.greeb.net/w8tinfo/ for details.

73 de n8xx Hg

223. Possible Michigan Ham being mobile on Field Day 2008.

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-05-19 05:35:25 UTC
From: kb8ild192
Topic: 223 Message: 223

Greetings:

I'm just letting everyone in the group know that I probably will be out somewhere (due to my job as a truck driver) in the 48 states or in Canada the weekend of Field Day. I'll be on 28.3-28.5Mhz for sure but not sure about 2 meters since I don't have a 2 Meter antenna on the truck at the moment. So, keep an ear out there for my call sign. I hope to just make a few contacts while on the road.

73's
kb8ild
http://www.dapr.org

224. Re: [GRARA] W8T - National Trails Day - Jun 7

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-05-19 12:10:14 UTC
From: AB8ND
Topic: 222 Message: 224

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225. Re: [GRARA] W8T - National Trails Day - Jun 7

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-05-19 12:51:24 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 222 Message: 225

Jack:

Your idea is intriguing. If there were enough interest we could have two stations, one in Belmont and the other in Rockford, and bicycle mobile ops on VHF between them. I'll keep the group informed if we get volunteers for the effort.

The trail cleanup day is the first Saturday of the month, between May and October, usually starts around 9 or 10 a.m., and ends before noon. It so happens that National Trail Day is on the same day as the work party. That's why I chose to operate after noon, so that I could help with the clean up.

I don't have details of where the work will be done on June 7. In May we repaired some vandalism at the Belmont staging area - that was what reminded me of the nice publicity kiosk just north of the bridge over West River Drive near Rogue River Drive.

I'll publicize the trail cleanup details here as soon as I know them.

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226. Spring Exercise- Airport Drill, 5/30

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-05-20 03:00:01 UTC
From: wd8usa@aol.com
Topic: 226 Message: 226

The following I have signed up for the Airport Drill:
Ron, K8DMR
Robert KC8WBR
Jim KD8CAN
John Stralye (sorry about spelling)
Am I missing anyone?
JB

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227. GRARA Fox Hunt rumor -- is it true?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-05-24 01:04:50 UTC
From: grara_cheerleader
Topic: 227 Message: 227

Hey, I heard that GRARA is having another fox hunt coming up soon. Is there any truth to that??

The May one was a blast!

Let me know, I will get the tape measure yagi out again.

228. Red Cross "On The Air" VHF Net

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-05-24 03:33:19 UTC
From: wd8usa@aol.com
Topic: 228 Message: 228

The Sunday night Red Cross net on 47.42 is held at 8pm. After check in we move to the secondary FREQ of 47.58 for training and comments. All members with a Red Cross radio are expected to participate. Those club members that can monitor only are encouraged to send reception reports to me via e mail.
We still have openings for participants for the airport drill. If interested contact me. Have a meaningful and safe Memorial Day! DE WD8USA ...-.-

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229. IRA 'Good Old Days' Hamfest June 7th

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-05-24 18:10:38 UTC
From: grara_cheerleader
Topic: 229 Message: 229

I'm looking forward the annual IRA hamfest being put on by our friends over at the Indepentent Repeater Association. Looks like this is going to be the biggest and best yet.

Like the "bookends of summer" we always look forward to the two local hamfests, the IRA hamfest in June (7th) and the GRARA hamfest in September (6th). Don't miss the fun, there will be a lot of extra events this year at the IRA.

For a IRA Hamfest brochure:
http://www.w8hvg.org/Hamfest%202008.pdf

For IRA Hamfest Directions:
http://www.w8hvg.org/Hamfest%202008-2.pdf

SEE YOU THERE!

231. Re: GRARA Fox Hunt rumor -- is it true?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-05-27 02:22:19 UTC
From: Gary Lauff
Topic: 227 Message: 231

--- In GRARA@yahoogroups.com, "grara_cheerleader" <Michel@...> wrote:
>
> Hey, I heard that GRARA is having another fox hunt coming up soon.
Is
> there any truth to that??
>
> The May one was a blast!
>
> Let me know, I will get the tape measure yagi out again.
>
Will the Fox be Tom Bosh, K8TB? If is is, you can count me in! That ham
knows how to find a fox, FAST!
KD8AZM Gary.

232. Re: [GRARA] Re: GRARA Fox Hunt rumor -- is it true?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-05-27 10:42:09 UTC
From: AB8ND
Topic: 227 Message: 232

Yup,
To is the fox

Jack, ab8nd

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233. New Report Time for the Drill on the 30th

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-05-28 03:07:30 UTC
From: wd8usa@aol.com
Topic: 233 Message: 233

Time change for those participating in the drill on the 30th-Due to the ERV having to be at the Airport at 830 am we will meet at the chapter at 8am for a briefing. Sorry to get yaall out of bed earlier but I had no say in the start time! This will be a light drill for us- more or less a stand by if needed although we will practice passing a few messages and perhaps trying a packet link- DE WD8USA ...-.-

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234. GRARA Fox Hunt rumor -- is it true?... Yes !!!!

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-05-28 23:11:49 UTC
From: K8TB
Topic: 227 Message: 234

Yes, there will be a fox...

Details:

On June 8, 2008 at 1PM the fox will start transmitting on 145.53 MHz.

Transmissions will be 1 minute long, every 5 minutes, plus any request
for transmissions.

The starting point will be the IRA swap location at the Hudsonville fair
grounds.

The fox will be limited by boundaries:

West- 96th Ave in Ottawa Co.
South- Adams (Ottawa County)/100th St (Kent)
East- Byron Center
North-M-45

This fox hunt is under the auspices of GRARA, and you do not have to be
a member of GRARA to participate.

Someone from GRARA will take odometer readings at the start location,
and the winner is the car that gets there with the
least mileage.

Other details to follow.

Find me if you can...

Tom Bosscher K8TB

p.s., people have asked me about the DF receiver that I use. It is made
by VK3YNG, and a indirect link to him can be found at:
http://users.bigpond.net.au/vk3yng/foxhunt/foxhunt.html

235. Fwd: Airport Exercise 5/30

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-05-29 02:27:51 UTC
From: wd8usa@aol.com
Topic: 235 Message: 235
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Many apologies for another time change-It now appears that we won't meet until 930am at the chapter-See final details from Deb-We will still send 2 ops in a Red Cross Van to the airport in time for the start of the exercise at 1030. This is the final schedule change- Sorry for the confusion and I must confess part of it is my mom is not doing well and doesn't have long to live- DE WD8USA ...-.-

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236. Re: [GRARA] Fwd: Airport Exercise 5/30

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-05-29 03:23:18 UTC
From: timothy courtier
Topic: 235 Message: 236

my condolence to you and your family joe.
and GOD bless.
timothy kb8afs

--- wd8usa@... wrote:

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> appears that we won't meet
> until 930am at the chapter-See final details from
> Deb-We will still send 2 ops in
> a Red Cross Van to the airport in time for the start
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(http://food.aol.com/tyler-florence?video=4&?NCID=aolfod00030000000002)
> > Subject: RE: Airport Exercise 5/30
> Date: Wed, 28 May 2008 10:44:04 -0400
> From: "Debbie Jones" <djones@...>
> To: <Wd8usa@...>
> CC: "Chip Kragt" <Ckragt@...>
>
> I'm not sure if there will be any room in the ERV as
> there are several
> people going to help with feeding. The exercise
> doesn't start until
> 10:30, but they want the victims fed beforehand, so
> they have to be
> there early. I have reserved the Chapter van, so
> if they want to take
> that, they can. Then they can come later if they
> want. Just let me
> know.
>
> Yes, Chip put those papers in the radio room several
> weeks ago. You had

> asked me for them, but I don't remember if it was
> for the June 7 event
> or if it was for something different. If you don't
> find them, please
> contact Connie Edwards and she can get you some
> handouts.
>
> I just checked on the course schedule and it's not
> done yet for
> July-December and it probably won't be done by June
> 7.
>
> Thanks for your help!
>
> Debbie
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> _____
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> From: Wd8usa@... [mailto:Wd8usa@...]
> Sent: Tuesday, May 27, 2008 10:55 PM
> To: Debbie Jones
> Subject: Re: Airport Exercise 5/30
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>
> I can have them there at 8am - I would prefer they
> ride with the ERV-
> Eliminates possible access problems-
> As far as the literature to pass out did you put it
> in the radio room?
> Where did you leave it? A course schedule would be
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237. Re: Fwd: Airport Exercise 5/30

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-05-29 16:25:35 UTC
From: KD8AZM
Topic: 235 Message: 237

Joe,

Our thoughts and prayers are with your Mom, your family, and you. I can especially feel your pain, as my Mom is in a similar stage of life. God Bless . 73, Gary KD8AZM.

P.S.

The Spectrum Health Aero Med Hellicopter rooftop crash has just occured. I have been monitoring RACES and other emergency communications frequencies, but have heard of no callouts for RCCT or RACES volunteers. Has anyone reading this heard any help requests? I heard on TV. the Red Cross sent out their vehicle to the Ford Fieldhouse to help.

Gary
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238. Fw: [AR29MHz-FM] 4 NEW REPEATERS TO WORK! 27.60,27.62,27.64,27.66 FM!

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-05-29 22:29:36 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 238 Message: 238

Well go figure. CB Repeaters!!!!!

Tom KD8DEG

----- Original Message -----
From: Bob Calvert
To: AR29MHz-FM@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Thursday, May 29, 2008 12:27 PM
Subject: [AR29MHz-FM] 4 NEW REPEATERS TO WORK! 27.60,27.62,27.64,27.66 FM!

Yup. 11 meter repeaters. The CBers finally figured it out. They're in
the Dominican Republic, converted Motorola Micors, and they're S9
almost daily in the NYC area. Here's their Youtube link. CB repeaters.
Whats next? 27mhz D Star? We all did live to see the day after all!
73s de K4NBC http://youtube.com/watch?v=0pWB17LzsHk

239. Re: [GRARA] Re: Fwd: Airport Exercise 5/30

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-05-30 02:49:42 UTC
From: wd8usa@aol.com
Topic: 235 Message: 239

We are still on for the Airport exercise but we probably will not send any one out there now as the ERV will be long gone by the time we get there. So we will have a deployment training session- I will cover what to do and where the places we operate from in the building. I will also cover the ERV operating positions and the go boxes contents etc. This exercise will be somewhat different but you need to be aware of this stuff.
For those that don't know my mom is slowly passing from this world to the next. She has stopped eating and drinking and is in and out of consciousness-the Parkinson's disease has finally taken it's toll. It is only a question of when she will pass. All prayers for her will be welcome- DE WD8USA ...-.-

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240. Pod Radio Housing

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-05-30 03:08:24 UTC
From: wd8usa@aol.com
Topic: 240 Message: 240

The box to secure the pod radios has been stained by Jim KD8CAN and ready for installation. I would like to do this at open radio room on Wednesday. We need a drill and bits, mounting self taping metal and wood screws and a tool kit. In addition to mounting the radios in the wooden box we need to bolt it to the desk. Then this project is a done deal! Thanks in advance for the help on Wednesday night! DE WD8USA ...-.-
OH! by the way a formal thank you letter is on it's way to the club from the Red Cross brain trust for all the help given the department of Radio Comm's.

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241. GRARA Fox Hunt rumor -- is it true?... Yes !!!! Part 2, corrected date

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-05-30 21:33:53 UTC
From: K8TB
Topic: 241 Message: 241

.....Well, the 55 year old brain backfired..

The date is June 7, thats June 7.

You still will have a problem finding me...

Yes, there will be a fox...

Details:

On June "7", 2008 at 1PM the fox will start transmitting on 145.53 MHz.

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for transmissions.

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242. Re: Pod Radio Housing

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-06-02 16:31:51 UTC
From: KD8AZM
Topic: 240 Message: 242

Joe, I hope you're not planning on bolting the pod box to the left back desk, near the newest, silver Dell computer area, we quite often use that desk for soldering projects, as table space is already at a premium... I own a brand new Ramset gun and 22 cal. studs, suitable for masonry installation. Don't you think it would be more secure to mount the box to a wall, rather then the desk? If it was on the wall, it wouldn't be in the way for soldering projects, yet still be both quickly accessible and secure in the room, so no one could walk off with the entire p0d. Just a suggestion...Gary / KD8AZM

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243. Re: [GRARA] Re: Pod Radio Housing

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-06-02 19:02:04 UTC
From: AB8ND
Topic: 240 Message: 243

Gary

The pod box goes in the Pod, not the radio room

Jack, AB8ND

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244. Open Radio Room This Wed

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-06-03 02:39:18 UTC
From: wd8usa@aol.com
Topic: 244 Message: 244

Because of my mom's death I am unable to be at the open radio room this Wednesday. We had planned to complete the installation of the pod wooden box to house the replacement radio gear. If Jim KD8CAN wants to take this on and finish it Wed it is his call. Prayers are appreciated- It has been a rough couple of days- DE WD8USA ...-.-

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245. Joe Bells Mother

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-06-03 20:01:14 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 245 Message: 245

With condolences to Joe Bell, WD8USA and his family, I forward the following from m-Live.com.

The url for the obituary, which is in the Tuesday edition of the Grand Rapids Press is

http://tinyurl.com/6npp7e

Sally Grace Bell, age 86, passed away on Monday, June 2, 2008 at Clark Retirement Community, her second home after being a long-time Rockford, MI resident. Sally Grace was born in Canton, Madison County, Mississippi on September 1, 1921, daughter of Stanley Gaylord Young and Hattie Emma Denson. She grew up on the family farm four miles from town before the era of tractors and technology. In those depression era years, a full bale of cotton yield meant prosperity and the ability to afford the essentials including shoes and a new dress for school plus a few extra quarters set aside for emergencies. Sally's life was enriched by many close relationships from her extended family during her youth; she had continued to maintain connection with many cousins through the years by frequent correspondence. Sally graduated from Canton High School in 1940, earning a special recognition award for never having missed a single day of school during her school career. She celebrated her fiftieth high school reunion in 1990, to the delight of her family and alumni friends. Miss Young came to Michigan in 1940 where she began work in the mailroom at Wolverine Shoe Company in Rockford, Michigan, later becoming a bookkeeper in the sales division. After her retirement in 1953, she continued to manage the books at several local businesses. Robert G. Bell and Sally Grace Young were united in marriage on February 11, 1950, at the First United Methodist Church in Rockford. Mr. Bell was a manufacturer's representative, in partnership with Bell & Schrotenboer at the time of retirement. During her children's youth, she was a 4-H leader, band parent, and interested in her children's school careers. A 50-year member of the Rockford United Methodist Church, she had served as past board member and enjoyed membership in several women's circles. Sally loved her flower garden, arts and crafts, and treasured her southern heritage and tradition. She loved to travel with her husband and had visited many foreign countries, as well as many points of interest in the USA. Bob and Sally wintered in Pompano Beach, FL where they enjoyed participation as owners in the harness racing business in which their favorite "Mainstreet" was a special joy. After her husband's death, Sally pursued her dream of dancing by taking ballroom lessons, doing a mean tango at age 72. Sally Grace Young Bell was predeceased by her husband, Robert on September 10, 1992, and her parents, Stanley G. Young and Hattie Emma (Denson) Young, and very special friends, Joseph Bonello, and Ray Wayno. Survivors include her son, Joseph and Kathleen (Ure) Bell; daughter and her husband, Charles and Roberta Bell Wolfe;

four grandchildren, Kathryn E. Wolfe and her fianc?, Aaron Norris, Robert V. Wolfe, Elizabeth G. Bell, and Jennifer A. Bell; sister, Mrs. Emma Jean Bowman; and nieces, nephews, and cousins. The service for Sally will be Thursday at 2:00 p.m. at the Pederson Funeral Home in Rockford, MI, with Pastor Richard Riley of the Rockford United Methodist Church officiating. Interment will be in Cannonsburg Cemetery. The family requests in lieu of flowers, please consider the Rockford United Methodist Church or Faith Hospice. Friends may meet with Sally's family from 3 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. The Pederson Funeral Home, Rockford www.pedersonfuneralhome.com

An interactive map for the Pderson Funeral Home is at

http://tinyurl.com/6h4xho

246. Last Minute Info: Saturday's Fox Hunt

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-06-04 00:09:29 UTC
From: mike_w8der
Topic: 246 Message: 246

Be sure to stay around after the IRA Hamfest in Hudsonville Saturday for the "My Money's All Gone" Foxhunt put on by the Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Assoc.

Meet the "Official Starter" Jim Leys, KD8CAN, in the Park Avenue Parking lot by the IRA ticket booth by 12:45 PM to record your odometer reading and to get the latest instructions. The Fox (the team of Tom and Sheila Bosscher K8TB/K8AJ) will begin transmitting their taunts exactly at 1:00 PM.

See the GRARA website http://www.w8dc.org/FoxHuntMain.htm for rules and all kinds of useful links to foxhunting info.

In the words of Jack Kunnen, GRARA President.... "The hunt should be a good one, even if you don't have fancy equipment come on out we can match up and car pool as needed. Fox hunts are a good time, putting some of our Ham skills to a test. Everyone is welcome."

What do you win, you ask? Just the unending respect of your peers and the first option to be the fox at the next GRARA fox hunt.

In addition, you will have the extreme pride in knowing that you brought the current championship back to your Grand Rapids Club. The current reigning champions are Tom and Sheila Bosscher from the Holland Amateur Radio Club. (The HARC couldn't win twice in a row..... could they?)

If you get a chance, sign-up on the W8DC website so we know to expect you. This is a beginner level fox hunt. No computer aided or doppler tracking systems are allowed.

Come on out and enjoy ham radio! Saturday at 12:45 at the IRA Hamfest.

247. W8T - National Trails Day - Jun 7 - Update

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-06-04 02:51:47 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 247 Message: 247

The special events call W8T will be activated during the National Trails day from a gazebo in Peppler Park, downtown Rockford, Michigan. The operation will be between about 1600Z and 2359Z on June 7. The call has been reserved, and three operators will share the duty on 80 thru 20 metres, CW and SSB, plus several 2 metre FM repeaters in the area. See http://www.greeb.net/w8tinfo/ for details of the proposed operating frequencies and times. A pictorial QSL card will be available - send #10 envelope or larger with SASE to N8XX QTHR.

Another special events station will be N8T, will be activated by the Lake Effect Amateur Radio Club of Marquette, Michigan in the Upper Peninsula. Details of this operation can be found at http://www.lakeeffectarc.info/N8T%2DTrails2008/N8TBandOpsPlan.htm

We hope to see as many operators from West Michigan on the bands as possible.

73 de n8xx Hg

248. Fox Hunt - Start up

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-06-04 12:00:56 UTC
From: Jim Leys
Topic: 248 Message: 248

I will be at my red van. Will be as close to the ticket booth as possible. Lic plate KD8CAN. Be a lotta fun trying to find the fox in a different county. Hope everyone can find their way home afterwards.

250. Laryn, K8TVZ and Bob, KD8HNF narrowly beat GRARA's Pres. in Fox Hunt

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-06-08 23:55:59 UTC
From: grara_cheerleader
Topic: 250 Message: 250

Fox"ees" Tom and Sheila Bosscher (K8TB/k8AJ) kept everyone laughing with their taunts as searchers combed western Ottawa County in the GRARA "My Money's All Gone Fox Hunt" Saturday afternoon. Tom and Sheila had quietly slipped out of the IRA Hamfest in Hudsonville and were sitting under a shade tree in Heritage Park on Canel Avenue in Grandville. For a while it seemed like nobody would find them. Hints like "I see a lot of green", and "this ice cream tastes good" didn't seem to help a lot.

Laryn Lohman, K8TVZ, and his sidekick Bob Robinson, KD8HNF, narrowly beat the GRARA team of President Jack Kunnen, AB8ND, Tom Hansen, N8DGD, and Louie White, N8ZVB.

Both teams took over an hour to find the Fox with the winning team traveling 8.9 miles and the second team traveling 10 miles. The team traveling the least distance within the two hour contest time becomes the winner who earns a nifty certificate "suitable for framing" and the first shot at becoming the fox for next month's hunt.

All teams found Heritage Park within the two hour limit with "straggler" Mike Hill, W8DER, stumbling in with 8 minutes to spare and the team of Jim Leys, KD8CAN, and Kirk Wyatt, KC8TTT, slipping in with three minutes to spare. Admittedly the hints got a little better at the end. The final hint went something like "fill in the blank -- I would go to a dentist for a root _____."

Everyone who met at the Burger King on 44th and Kennowa for a drink agreed that this transmitter hunt will be hard to beat.

BUT WE ARE GOING TO TRY IN JULY. STAY TUNED......

Clubs represented included HARC, GRARA, Lowell and GVSU.

Our thanks go out to Tom and Sheila for showing us how much fun a transmitter hunt can be. Also our thanks to the IRA folks for letting us start our hunt from their hamfest.

For information on the next hunt, rules and equipment tips, watch the GRARA web site, http://www.W8DC.Org under "Fox Hunts 2008".

251. Re: [GRARA] Laryn, K8TVZ and Bob, KD8HNF narrowly beat GRARA's President in Fox Hunt

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-06-09 14:41:24 UTC
From: AB8ND
Topic: 249 Message: 251

Congratulations to Laryn and Bob they meet us fair and square, although Tom, Louie and I had to wait 20 minutes for them to show up at the hidie hole.. :-)
Lesson to all, when taking mileage don't say "Oh, miles are good enough, tenths don't matter". Then another excuse - we didn't have an Ottawa County map.

For all who missed the hunt, Tom and Sheila did a great job of hiding from a super place, their transmissions where spot on. This was a fun one, I hope we can get more hunters next time, maybe we need an antenna building party.

Thanks too for the hunters, Laryn, K8TVZ; Bob, KD8HNF; Tom, N8DGD; Louie, N8ZVB; Mike, W8DER; Kirk, KC8TTT; Jim, KD8CAN

I should also thank Tom for doing most of the antenna work while I set on my behind making sure no one stole the car. :-[

Jack, AB8ND

252. Fwd: Volunteer Orientation

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-06-10 13:01:14 UTC
From: wd8usa@aol.com
Topic: 252 Message: 252
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Just to let you know what we are planning. In the future all new RCCT volunteers (and old one's lacking id cards) will receive the necessary ID cards, application forms and everything necessary to be "official." This process will occur on Wednesday evenings with open radio room nights. This is the best way to make sure the proper "credentialing" takes place and no more lost applications. Will notify every one when the first opportunity is scheduled. By the way Chip replaces Deb Jones as the new head of Disaster Services for the Red"X" DE WD8USA ...-.-

**********Vote for your city's best dining and nightlife. City's Best 2008. (http://citysbest.aol.com?ncid=aolacg00050000000102)

253. Field Day on the Grand....

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-06-13 01:58:25 UTC
From: mike_w8der
Topic: 253 Message: 253

Don't forget to save June 28th and June 29th for "Field Day on the Grand". Ron and his committee have a special event planned this year with the GVSU Amateur Radio club at the downtown campus.

Check out our web site http://www.w8dc.org for some early pictures, a campus map and a growing page of details.

Stay tuned, this is going to be a good one!

254. ARRL VHF Contest starts Saturday at 2:00 PM

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-06-13 13:13:43 UTC
From: kf8ql
Topic: 254 Message: 254

I will be a rover station in the VHF contest Saturday and Sunday.
Please tune your radio to 6 meters, 2, 220, or 432 and point the
antenna North. Bob K8DOG will also be on the air as a rover.

We'd love to hear from you!!

My schedule is posted at http://kf8ql.homestead.com/index.html

Listen for me on 144.230 USB and 50.230 USB. I will also be on 146.55
FM at the top of the hour.

73 de KF8QL/R

255. First RC Volunteer Orientation Class / Pod Completion

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-06-16 02:26:07 UTC
From: wd8usa@aol.com
Topic: 255 Message: 255

Thanks to Nate,Jim and Mike (KD8DLG) for helping me to finish the "Pod" project last Wednesday night! The radio's are installed and up and running! Thanks to Jim KD8CAN for staining the box and for purchasing the locks. Again, thanks!
The first RC Orientation session for folks desiring to become RCCT members and those that have filled out applications in the past and need ID cards are to attend this special session on Wed June 18 at 7pm.
All required paperwork, ID checks (no mode of living) photos and initial training will be given at this session. This session is being held just for us to finally make sure all paper work is not lost again. Please take advantage of this opportunity! DE WD8USA ...-.-

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256. Foxhunting questions

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-06-16 16:32:10 UTC
From: ronhweinrick
Topic: 256 Message: 256

I'm not sure who to ask this question so I'm throwing out there on the group site. I'm gearing up for the next foxhunt and I've got a few questions.

Are offset attenuators legal?
Is there a designated starting place, or can I be anywhere inside a defined area (such as a ten mile diameter circle)when the flag drops?
Are dual band HT's legal as the primary receive radio?
Would it be possible to "tune up" my RDF rig before the hunt using the fox transmitter?

I'm having fun already.

KD8GBX DE

257. Re: [GRARA] Foxhunting questions

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-06-16 17:47:40 UTC
From: AB8ND
Topic: 256 Message: 257

Ron,

I can't say for sure on the attenuator
There is a designated starting place, mileage is take there, buyt once the fox starts transmitting you can go anywhere - usually best any way to get in the clear.
Any radio is fine to use, I used a scanner for a while
Tuning before hand probably should be discouraged, but maybe we should schedule something the night before so we could all do it.

Jack

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> fox transmitter?
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> KD8GBX DE
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258. Re: Foxhunting questions

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-06-16 21:55:08 UTC
From: mike_w8der
Topic: 256 Message: 258

Jack is correct. With our current rules, all teams must start from the designated starting point, so that milage can be verified. Also each member of each team must start from the designated starting point and remain together. (No team trianglulation.)

I think the last team that won used an offset attenuator. (Laryn, K8TVZ and Bob, KD8HNF. I personally use a switched attenuator made my Arrow Antennas. I also use a simple home made passive attenuator like on my web site, project page:

http://www.w8der.net/W8DER/projects/projects.htm

Glad to hear you are getting ready for the July (TBA) Fox Hunt. We have been having a lot of fun and learning at the same time.

Mike@...

--- In GRARA@yahoogroups.com, AB8ND <ab8nd@...> wrote:
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259. Fwd: Volunteer Orientation

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-06-17 02:36:25 UTC
From: wd8usa@aol.com
Topic: 252 Message: 259
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

L-4 this Wednesday at 7pm is where the Intro class will be held for any interested parties and RCCT that need Red Cross ID cards given out. DE WD8USA ...-.-

**********Gas prices getting you down? Search AOL Autos for fuel-efficient used cars. (http://autos.aol.com/used?ncid=aolaut00050000000007)

260. VHF Contests this summer

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-06-17 16:28:21 UTC
From: kf8ql
Topic: 260 Message: 260

I wanted to forward a nice synopsis of this summer's VHF contests:

Here's the summer lineup for your contesting pleasure:

CQ WW VHF -- 6 and 2 meters only. No worrying
about band-hopping, this is a great contest for *everyone*.
Runs from 1800Z on Sat., July 19th until 2100Z on Sun.,
July 20th.
6 meters was WIDE open for hours and hours in this
contest 2 years ago. I made 600 Q's in 140/50-some
grids. Also, for those who think you have to have big
antennas to put up those numbers, uh-no.
I worked the vast majority of those 600 Q's on 6 with
a pair of omni-directional loop antennas mounted on the
side of a tower. And my usual 100 watts. It was amazing.
July 2005 remains the single most fun I've ever had in
a contest. Also, there was great tropo on 6 and 2 as
night set in. Worked all kinds of guys on 2 FM simplex,
out to 300 miles, most of the overnight. Worked guys out
200-300 miles on 6 meters, guys who couldn't believe how
well we were getting out.
Here's the link to the rules:
http://www.cqww-vhf.com/VHFContestRules2008.pdf

Aug ARRL UHF contest -- 222 and up. This is the
one NLRS created Rovermania for. ARRL was about
to discard this contest a few years back, but especially in
the Upper Midwest, we've kept it alive. Make plans now
to do your part.
This one kicks off at 1800Z on Sat., Aug. 2nd and runs
for 24 hours. ARRL doesn't currently have an active
rules page to link to. When they get one up, I'll try to
remember to post it.

Sept ARRL VHF QSO party -- Weekend of Sept.
13-15. It starts at 1800Z on Sat., Sept. 13th and runs
until 0300Z on Mon., Sept. 15th. (10pm local Sunday)
Again, there isn't a specific rule page to link to at this time.

73,
Todd KC9BQA EN63ao

261. Re: VHF Contests this summer

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-06-18 13:54:38 UTC
From: mike_w8der
Topic: 260 Message: 261

Dave,

Thanks for the post on UHF/VHF contests this summer. I think I'll try my luck on the July 19th event. I am just getting the contest bug. I had a ball on the MDXA "Death Match" and the "Michigan QSO Party" this year.

I'll put these contests on the GRARA web calendar also.

W8DER

--- In GRARA@yahoogroups.com, "kf8ql" <dave@...> wrote:
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262. Re: Fwd: Volunteer OrientationGARY&MIKE cantMakeWED6/18

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-06-18 16:11:19 UTC
From: KD8AZM
Topic: 252 Message: 262

--- In GRARA@yahoogroups.com, wd8usa@... wrote:
>
> L-4 this Wednesday at 7pm is where the Intro class will be held for
any
> interested parties and RCCT that need Red Cross ID cards given out.
DE WD8USA
> ...-.-
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> **********Gas prices getting you down? Search AOL Autos for
> fuel-efficient used cars. (http://autos.aol.com/used?
ncid=aolaut00050000000007)
>
> Hi Joe,
> L-4 June 18th at 7pm for the volunteer orientation is confirmed.
> Thanks.
>
> John Rebba
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> _____
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> From: Wd8usa@... [mailto:Wd8usa@...]
> Sent: Friday, June 13, 2008 11:27 PM
> To: John Rebba
> Subject: Re: Volunteer Orientation
>
>
> OK-Very good- I will advertise it! What room? Recommend L-4. JB
>
> Joe and John,
Thanks for the alternate RCCT meeting time option, two weeks from Wed
6/18. Mike and I will definitely plan to be at that session. THX, 73,
Gary / KD8AZM & Mike / KD8DLG
>
> _____
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> Vote for your city's best dining and nightlife. City's Best 2008
> <http://citysbest.aol.com?ncid=aolacg00050000000102> .
>

263. Re: [GRARA members] Fwd: Volunteer Orientation

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-06-18 21:18:43 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 252 Message: 263

I have another meeting which conflicts with this time. Sorry about
that. I've been "Introduced to Red Cross" at least a dozen times in the
past 40 or so years.

73 de n8xx Hg

Wd8usa@... wrote:
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> Subject:
> RE: Volunteer Orientation
> From:
> "John Rebba" <jrebba@...>
> Date:
> Mon, 16 Jun 2008 09:43:46 -0400
> To:
> <Wd8usa@...>
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> Grara_members mailing list
> Grara_members@...
> http://mail.w8dc.org/mailman/listinfo/grara_members_w8dc.org
>

264. Re: [GRARA] Re: [GRARA members] Fwd: Volunteer Orientation

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-06-19 02:54:33 UTC
From: wd8usa@aol.com
Topic: 252 Message: 264

The purpose of this Intro class is along with an introduction to Red Cross for those that need it but also provides for new ID cards to be issued and fresh paperwork and applications that the Red Cross needs no matter the volunteers status or familiarity with Red Cross. Nothing happens in a vacuum and changes happen to any program-So it is a catch all class! DE WD8USA ...-.-

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265. Re: [GRARA] Re: [GRARA members] Fwd: Volunteer Orientation

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-06-19 02:55:30 UTC
From: wd8usa@aol.com
Topic: 252 Message: 265

Not to worry-If you did not make this one the class will be repeated next month. DE WD8USA ...-.-

**********Gas prices getting you down? Search AOL Autos for fuel-efficient used cars. (http://autos.aol.com/used?ncid=aolaut00050000000007)

266. "NEW NAME FOR US"...

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-06-20 03:51:43 UTC
From: timothy courtier
Topic: 266 Message: 266

Greetings all.

I have a new name for our hobby.
somthing that better reflects what we are.
for all the info, pleas go to my blog.
www.myspace.com/kb8afs
tnx,
timothy kb8afs

267. First Red Cross Trainning Session- Intro Class

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-06-21 00:56:11 UTC
From: wd8usa@aol.com
Topic: 267 Message: 267

Congrats to the following for attending our first Training / application for
Red Cross volunteer night last Wednesday night:
Jack Kunan AB8ND
Ron Weinnick KD8GBX
Tim Courtier KB8AFS
There were other seasoned veterans there as well for refresher training.
This program is off to a fantastic start and will streamline the application
process. The next class is scheduled for Wed evening July 2nd in room L-4.
There is a telephone answering machine up and running in the radio room. The
recorded announcement invites users to leave a message for RC radio room
staff and GRARA officers. Be sure to check for messages that might be left there.
The number for the radio room is: 616-456-8088.
DE WD8USA ...-.-

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fuel-efficient used cars. (http://autos.aol.com/used?ncid=aolaut00050000000007)

268. The Amateurs Code

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-06-21 02:27:18 UTC
From: tom_kd8deg
Topic: 268 Message: 268

How many of you know what "The Amateurs Code" is.

See Below

de Tom KD8DEG

THE AMATEURS CODE

by Paul M. Segal, W9EEA (1928)

The Radio Amateur is:

CONSIDERATE..... never knowingly operating in such a way as to lessen the pleasure of others.

LOYAL..... offering loyalty, encouragement and support to other amateurs, local clubs and the American Radio Relay League, through which Amateur Radio in the United States is represented nationally and internationally.

PROGRESSIVE..... with knowledge abreast of science, a well built and efficient station, and operation beyond reproach.

FRIENDLY..... with slow and patient operation when requested, friendly advice and counsel to the beginner, kindly assistance, co-operation and consideration for the interests of others. These are the hallmarks of the amateur spirit.

BALANCED..... Radio is an advocation, never interfering with duties owed to family, job, school or community.

PATRIOTIC..... with station and skill always ready for service to country and community.

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269. Building Security

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-06-21 02:32:13 UTC
From: wd8usa@aol.com
Topic: 269 Message: 269

Time to revisit the issue of building security for club events. For obvious reasons we have to secure the building during and after events. Therefore the following should be observed for personal safety:
1- Know who the other users are in the building and ask they notify you when they leave-Likewise notify them when our activity ends. The radio room should be locked or a monitor present when in a meeting in another room.
2- Entrance doors should be locked 15 min after meetings start or a hall monitor placed by the doors to control access if no other users are present in the building. Monitor the repeater for late arrivals if necessary.
3- Normally the only doors used to exit the building are the main glass doors in the rear of the building-Using any other exit will set off the alarm system!
4- Make sure the last to leave properly arms the alarm system and locks the doors.
Following these basic steps will make every one safe and secure and protect the building. Thank you-
DE WD8USA ...-.-

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270. Field Day reminder

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-06-23 11:23:19 UTC
From: Jack
Topic: 270 Message: 270

Hi all,

A reminder that Field Day is this week end, Ron, K8DMR has been working very hard putting things together.
We will be at the Front Street lot of GVSU, between Fulton and Wealthy, the radio club at GVSU will be setting up the GOTA station. I believe the
engineering department has a couple of things to play with, like spin bikes with generators so this should be a fun event for the club.

We would like to finalize plans at Open Radio Room this Wednesday, come by if you can. Some of small things we need are computers & software, antenna rope, a chef or 2, a grille, portable tables, chairs, power strips, power cords, small lights to put on the operating tables and anything else y'all can thing of.

--
Jack Kunnen, AB8ND
President
Grand Rapids Amateur Association

271. Field Day Breakfast

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-06-27 18:23:20 UTC
From: Jack
Topic: 271 Message: 271

Anyone want to meet - say at Mr Burger on Lake Michigan Drive- for breakfast tomorrow?

Jack, AB8ND

272. RC Monthly Intro Training Session

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-06-27 18:31:09 UTC
From: wd8usa@aol.com
Topic: 272 Message: 272

A reminder: Next Wednesday is the monthly Introduction to Red Cross for new volunteers at 7pm in room L-4. All paperwork and photographs for ID cards are done at this meeting. No reservations needed just show up! We are doing great on recruiting! Keep it up and good work all-OH! And best wishes for a very successful FD! DE WD8USA ...-.-

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273. Summer Exercise Cancelled-

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-06-27 18:34:27 UTC
From: wd8usa@aol.com
Topic: 273 Message: 273

Our next disaster drill for Communications will be October the SET weekend. We are canceling the drill for the summer months due to vacations and down time. Work will continue for the leadership staff on various issues. Thanks all for the continued support of Red Cross- DE WD8USA ...-.-

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274. Re: [GRARA] Field Day Breakfast

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-06-27 19:56:14 UTC
From: Ron Weinrick
Topic: 271 Message: 274

I'm interested.

--- On Fri, 6/27/08, Jack <ab8nd@...> wrote:

From: Jack <ab8nd@...>
Subject: [GRARA] Field Day Breakfast
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Date: Friday, June 27, 2008, 2:23 PM

Anyone want to meet - say at Mr Burger on Lake Michigan Drive- for
breakfast tomorrow?

Jack, AB8ND

275. Re: [GRARA] Field Day Breakfast

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-06-27 20:07:52 UTC
From: AB8ND
Topic: 271 Message: 275

I'll make a list - get back to everyone later this evening, not sure of
a time yet either

Jack

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276. Re: Field Day Breakfast

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-06-28 01:40:34 UTC
From: Jack
Topic: 271 Message: 276

A Field Day Breakfast at the Mr Burger on Lake Michigan Drive just
west of Covell Road tomorrow at 9:30 am

Jack, AB8ND

278. Field Day photos

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-06-30 14:32:08 UTC
From: Jack
Topic: 278 Message: 278

Hello,

You are invited to view photographs from my "Field Day 2008" gallery.

http://jhkphotography.zenfolio.com/p264525838/

Enjoy,
Jack, AB8ND

279. Re: Field Day photos

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-06-30 14:48:27 UTC
From: mike_w8der
Topic: 278 Message: 279

> http://jhkphotography.zenfolio.com/p264525838/

Good Pictures of Field Day Jack, Thanks

Mike
W8DER

280. Morley receive site grounds maintenance plus campout.

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-06-30 15:45:27 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 280 Message: 280

Morley receive site grounds maintenance plus campout.

It's time once again for grounds maintenance at the 250ft commercial tower NE of Morley owned by T&W Electronics which, among other radio services, hosts the Lowell Amateur Radio Club 145.27- (94.8Hz) Morley remote receiver 144.67 MHz.
Part of our arrangement with T&W is upkeep of the grounds.
Being the site is a mix of field and woods located in a rural area near Amish families and an Elk-Deer-Buffalo farm, some of us combine this with a camping trip.
The main cleanup day will be this Saturday, July 5. Figure start around 10AM. Rolls and coffee will be provided in the morning, Burgers and beverages for lunch. The "better half" and kids are welcome.
There are no toilet facilities here, but I will have the rest room in my motorhome available. It's not a problem, really!
I plan to arrive Thursday the 3rd and not leave "until I'm ready to".
Anyone else interested in a cheap non-crowded campsite for the Independence Day weekend is welcome. Electricity is available.
Questions? My cell phone is (616)318-4551

On the cleanup agenda this time. Mowing. Cut out stumps. Clearing trees and brush growing under the east guy wires. If time and energy permits, the same for the north guy wires.
Extra chain saws and operators a big plus. Anyone with access to an industrial grade chipper would be a big plus as well.

HOW TO GET THERE?
Use your preferred mapping program and input: 3800 155th Ave, Morley, MI 49336

Directions from Grand Rapids via US-131 Expressway are simple. If your arriving from Lowell, the "from Lowell" directions use paved county roads and really is the shortest, quickest way. But I know some people will go 100 miles out of the way to use expressway. If your heading up, you decide for yourself.

FROM GRAND RAPIDS to Morley receive site.

Head north on US-131 expressway to Morley exit 125, Jefferson Rd.

Turn right / east for 1 1/2 miles to Northland Dr. in the center of Morley.
Just before passing thru Morley, give a shout on the radio to see if we need Ice or anything from a gas station / convenience store.

Jog left / north then right / east. Continue on Jefferson Rd for another 1 3/4 miles.

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281. How to attract new members

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-06-30 20:49:28 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 281 Message: 281

The one thing I've noted with 90+% of the club meetings, Field Days, and other activities, of probably a hundred different Ham Radio clubs is that they aren't very friendly to newcomers. A newcomer is generally greeted at some point in a formal meeting, and sometimes one or two members come around and say a few trivial words, butt the newcomer is generally left to his own devices after that.

Take Field Day 2006, 2007, and 2008. I had the privilege of attending the GRARA Field Day effort two of those three years. At the first one, I knew only a very few people. Yet, when I arrived, I don't seeing a name badge on anyone except me. I think there were a few - less than half dozen, who had caps or embroidered shirts with their names and/or calls, but they were few and far between. And, the same goes for meetings - folks come in, "most olde tymers" seem to know each other, but seem to have an aversion to wearing name badges or other ID's. Newcomers are left in the cold. It seems like no one wants anyone else to know his/her identity.

The same with Lowell ARC, I saw very few name badges or other ID's with the assembled multitude at Field day 2007 and 2008. And, there's less than a handful of members who wear any sort of identification at the regular meetings. After the very first meeting or event, a newcomer is expected to know everyone else.

This is not unique - I had the same complaint for some 40 years of attending meetings in SW Ohio - it amazes and discourages me to note that only rarely were ID badges or labels prepared for attendees at meetings or other gatherings. I was berated for periodically bringing up the idea of wearing name tags at meetings.

The only exceptions are (sometimes), gatherings such as hamfests, where paid admission is required, and one is required to wear an entry ticket to get into the place. Sometimes the ID part of the ticket isn't even filled out.

Many of us complain that the average age of hams is increasing, that the level of technical competence is decreasing, yet we continue to be unfriendly to the newcomer.

Methinks this is something about which to ponder.

73 de n8xx Hg

282. Re: How to attract new members, a reply

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-06-30 22:44:29 UTC
From: mike_w8der
Topic: 281 Message: 282

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Yahoo group: GRARA
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From: Dave Ed
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284. Re: [GRARA] Morley receive site grounds maintenance plus campout.

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-07-01 00:50:55 UTC
From: Dave Ed
Topic: 280 Message: 284

Jack,
I will be out of town this weekend but I can help by sharpening chain saw chains. I have a commerical sharpening machine and will bring it to the radio room Wednesday night and will sharpen every chain that the guys bring in.
Dave
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--- On Mon, 6/30/08, Jack Amelar <jamelar@...> wrote:
From: Jack Amelar <jamelar@...>
Subject: [GRARA] Morley receive site grounds maintenance plus campout.
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, larc@..., grara_members@..., grara@yahoogroups.com, kcarpsc@...
Date: Monday, June 30, 2008, 11:45 AM

Morley receive site grounds maintenance plus campout.

It's time once again for grounds maintenance at the 250ft commercial

tower NE of Morley owned by T&W Electronics which, among other radio

services, hosts the Lowell Amateur Radio Club 145.27- (94.8Hz) Morley

remote receiver 144.67 MHz.

Part of our arrangement with T&W is upkeep of the grounds.

Being the site is a mix of field and woods located in a rural area near

Amish families and an Elk-Deer-Buffalo farm, some of us combine this

with a camping trip.

The main cleanup day will be this Saturday, July 5. Figure start around

10AM. Rolls and coffee will be provided in the morning, Burgers and

beverages for lunch. The "better half" and kids are welcome.

There are no toilet facilities here, but I will have the rest room in

my motorhome available. It's not a problem, really!

I plan to arrive Thursday the 3rd and not leave "until I'm ready to".

Anyone else interested in a cheap non-crowded campsite for the

Independence Day weekend is welcome. Electricity is available.

Questions? My cell phone is (616)318-4551

On the cleanup agenda this time. Mowing. Cut out stumps. Clearing trees and brush growing under the east guy wires. If time and energy permits, the same for the north guy wires.

Extra chain saws and operators a big plus. Anyone with access to an industrial grade chipper would be a big plus as well.

HOW TO GET THERE?

Use your preferred mapping program and input: 3800 155th Ave, Morley, MI 49336

Directions from Grand Rapids via US-131 Expressway are simple. If your arriving from Lowell, the "from Lowell" directions use paved county roads and really is the shortest, quickest way. But I know some people will go 100 miles out of the way to use expressway. If your heading up, you decide for yourself.

FROM GRAND RAPIDS to Morley receive site.

Head north on US-131 expressway to Morley exit 125, Jefferson Rd.

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285. Re: [GRARA] Re: How to attract new members, a reply

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-07-01 01:37:59 UTC
From: wd8usa@aol.com
Topic: 281 Message: 285

Yep- A presence at VE testing night is a very good idea with club application forms in hand! DE WD8USA ...-.-

**********Gas prices getting you down? Search AOL Autos for fuel-efficient used cars. (http://autos.aol.com/used?ncid=aolaut00050000000007)

286. Re: How to attract new members, a reply

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-07-01 18:57:24 UTC
From: KD8AZM
Topic: 281 Message: 286

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I agree with Dave, and think that is an excellent strategy to gain new GRARA members from the VEC test dates. That is how I first got involved with GRARA- after I passed my Tech test, someone shook my hand, introduced themself as a GRARA member, handed me a blank membership form, explained when and where the club's meeting time was, and stressed the part about the first year's membership was FREE! Free is good! I showed up, liked what was going on, and now they can't get rid of me! I think it was Robert / KD8BIH that was my ambassador into the club. Now days, no one takes responsibility to make sure there are plenty of club business cards laying around on the tables and blank membership applications readily available. Why it's almost as tough to get a club membership card with GRARA, even AFTER you pay your dues, as it is getting an I.D. badge from RACES! They'll get around to it someday, when they feel like it. Everyone seems to just make a joke out of things, pass the buck, or act complacent about it, or delegate it to someone that's not there, and say" "That's their job," and that's as far as it goes. Or like the one meeting we had where the newcomer father brought his young daughter with him to the meeting. She was the only female present. Someone (not mentioning any names) let their guard down, some brief colorful language occured. I have never seen that guy return to another meeting, much less bring his daughter back. So much for drumming up young hams!
Mike, I total agree with you about how hospitable the Holland club is. I got that same impression from those boys when I took their

Amateur Extra class,this past winter. And last year's field day I
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Gary KD8AZM/AE
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Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-07-02 14:16:08 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 281 Message: 287

Hank & Mike,

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Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-07-02 23:16:27 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 288 Message: 288

----- Original Message -----
From: paul odem
To: montcalmcountyares@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Wednesday, July 02, 2008 6:56 PM
Subject: [montcalmcountyares] Fw: [WestMichiganHams] RadioShack Recalls Power Supplies Due to Electrocution and Fire Hazards

--- On Wed, 7/2/08, Mark Thompson <wb9qzb@...> wrote:

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Date: Wednesday, July 2, 2008, 6:19 PM

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Units: About 160,000

Importer: RadioShack Corp., of Fort Worth, Texas

Hazard: The recalled power supplies are wired incorrectly, posing electrocution and fire hazards.

Incidents/Injuries: None reported.

Description: The recall involves RadioShack 13.8V DC Power Supplies, catalog numbers 22-507 and 22-508 with date codes from 08A04 through 01A08.

Date code format is MMAYY where MM is the month and YY is the year. The catalog number and date code are located on the back of the power supply. Power Supplies with a green dot on the product and the product's packaging have already been repaired and are not included in the recall.

Sold at: RadioShack stores nationwide from October 2004 through January 2008 for between $50 and $85.

Manufactured in: China

Remedy: Consumers should unplug the recalled power supply immediately and take it to any RadioShack store for a free repair. Registered owners of the recalled power supplies will be mailed a notice.

Consumer Contact: For additional information, contact RadioShack at 800-843-7422 anytime, or visit the firm's website at:

http://www.radiosha ck.com/recall

To see this recall on CPSC's web site, including pictures of the recalled products, please go to:

http://www.cpsc. gov/cpscpub/ prerel/prhtm108/ 08319.html

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Date: 2008-07-03 02:39:29 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 289 Message: 289

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From: paul odem
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Description: The recall involves RadioShack 13.8V DC Power Supplies, catalog numbers 22-507 and 22-508 with date codes from 08A04 through 01A08. Date code format is MMAYY where MM is the month and YY is the year. The catalog number and date code are located on the back of the power supply. Power Supplies with a green dot on the product and the product’s packaging have already been repaired and are not included in the recall.

Sold at: RadioShack stores nationwide from October 2004 through January 2008 for between $50 and $85.

Manufactured in: China

Remedy: Consumers should unplug the recalled power supply immediately and take it to any RadioShack store for a free repair. Registered owners of the recalled power supplies will be mailed a notice.

Consumer Contact: For additional information, contact RadioShack at (800) 843-7422 anytime, or visit the firm’s website at www.radioshack.com/recall

13.8V DC 3-Amp Power Supply Cat. No. 22-507
13.8V DC 15-Amp Power Supply Cat. No. 22-508

Send the link for this page to a friend! The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission is charged with protecting the public from unreasonable risks of serious injury or death from more than 15,000 types of consumer products under the agency's jurisdiction. Deaths, injuries and property damage from consumer product incidents cost the nation more than $800 billion annually. The CPSC is committed to protecting consumers and families from products that pose a fire, electrical, chemical, or mechanical hazard. The CPSC's work to ensure the safety of consumer products - such as toys, cribs, power tools, cigarette lighters, and household chemicals - contributed significantly to the decline in the rate of deaths and injuries associated with consumer products over the past 30 years.

To report a dangerous product or a product-related injury, call CPSC's hotline at (800) 638-2772 or CPSC's teletypewriter at (800) 638-8270, or visit CPSC's web site at www.cpsc.gov/talk.html. To join a CPSC email subscription list, please go to https://www.cpsc.gov/cpsclist.aspx. Consumers can obtain this release and recall information at CPSC's Web site at www.cpsc.gov.

--- On Wed, 7/2/08, paul odem <rockyroster@...> wrote:

From: paul odem <rockyroster@...>
Subject: Fw: Re: [WestMichiganHams] RadioShack Recalls Power Supplies Due to Electrocution and Fire Hazards
To: montcalmcountyares@yahoogroups.com
Date: Wednesday, July 2, 2008, 10:13 PM

http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prerel.html

--- On Wed, 7/2/08, k8mhz@... <k8mhz@k8mhz.com> wrote:

From: k8mhz@... <k8mhz@...>
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] RadioShack Recalls Power Supplies Due to Electrocution and Fire Hazards
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, NS9RC@yahoogroups.com, ChicagoAmateurRadio@...m, k9bar@yahoogroups.com, K9RN@yahoogroups.com, WeLCARS@yahoogroups.com, MadisonAmateurRadio@yahoogroups.com, amateurradiomilwaukee@yahoogroups.com, IndyHamRadio@yahoogroups.com, ilclubs@yahoogroups.com
Cc: amateur_radio@yahoogroups.com, illinoisdigitalham@yahoogroups.com, Amateur-repairs@yahoogroups.com, "Scan Wis" <Scan-Wis@yahoogroups.com>, "Scan Illinois" <ScanIllinois@yahoogroups.com>
Date: Wednesday, July 2, 2008, 7:05 PM

Manufactured in: China

Somehow, before I even read the message, I thought that was going to be the case.

Thanks for the head's up.

73

K8MHZ
----- Original Message -----
From: Mark Thompson
To: NS9RC@yahoogroups. com ; ChicagoAmateurRadio @yahoogroups. com ; k9bar@yahoogroups. com ; K9RN@yahoogroups. com ; WeLCARS@yahoogroups .com ; MadisonAmateurRadio @yahoogroups. com ; amateurradiomilwauk ee@yahoogroups. com ; IndyHamRadio@ yahoogroups. com ; WestMichiganHams@ yahoogroups. com ; ilclubs@yahoogroups .com
Cc: amateur_radio@ yahoogroups. com ; illinoisdigitalham@ yahoogroups. com ; Amateur-repairs@ yahoogroups. com ; Scan Wis ; Scan Illinois
Sent: Wednesday, July 02, 2008 06:19
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] RadioShack Recalls Power Supplies Due to Electrocution and Fire Hazards

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U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission
Office of Information and Public Affairs
Washington, DC 20207

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
July 2, 2008
Release #08-319

Firm's Recall Hotline: (800) 843-7422
CPSC Recall Hotline: (800) 638-2772
CPSC Media Contact: (301) 504-7908

RadioShack Recalls Power Supplies Due to Electrocution and Fire Hazards

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, in cooperation with the firm named below, today announced a voluntary recall of the following consumer product. Consumers should stop using recalled products immediately unless otherwise instructed.

Name of Product: 13.8V DC Power Supplies

Units: About 160,000

Importer: RadioShack Corp., of Fort Worth, Texas

Hazard: The recalled power supplies are wired incorrectly, posing electrocution and fire hazards.

Incidents/Injuries: None reported.

Description: The recall involves RadioShack 13.8V DC Power Supplies, catalog numbers 22-507 and 22-508 with date codes from 08A04 through 01A08.

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http://www.radiosha ck.com/recall

To see this recall on CPSC's web site, including pictures of the recalled products, please go to:

http://www.cpsc. gov/cpscpub/ prerel/prhtm108/ 08319.html

No virus found in this incoming message.
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Version: 7.5.524 / Virus Database: 270.4.1/1522 - Release Date: 6/27/2008 8:27 AM

290. Continuing Problems with Red Cross Background Checks

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-07-03 08:46:55 UTC
From: hgreeb
Topic: 290 Message: 290

I attended a "webinar" on Tuesday evenig, sponsored by the Southeastern Division Director of ARRL, concerning the current status of the Red Cross Background Checks in regards to Amateur Radio volunteers. Two things:

1. We had no way of knowing how many attended the seminar. There were at least two ARRL directors in attendance, possibly more. The questions kept coming, for the full hour allotted for the meeting!

2. It seems that, contrary to published proclamations by the League and others, not much has changed except for wording of the statements. Upon careful reading by our counsel, it seems that the provider of choice by the Red CRoss, MyBackgroundCheck.com still asks us to sign something which will allow all sorts of data to be gathered, even though the intent was/is to permit a criminal background check only.

ARRL continues to work with Red Cross on the subject, and more positive news is expected "real soon now." We were asked during the webinar to "stay tuned" to the news on the League's efforts to get a resolution on the subject. "Real soon now" is expected to be within a week, perhaps even this week.

Long term volunteers (like me) will welcome this. Red Cross is worthy of our full support!

73 de n8xx Hg

291. Re: Field Day photos

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-07-03 08:57:00 UTC
From: hgreeb
Topic: 278 Message: 291

Jack:

Nice pictures. Congrats on a fine job!

I guess you kept your camera out of the rain while the wind was attempting to blow a tent into the Grand River? That must have been really exciting!

A great time was had by all! Thanks espeically to the W8GVU Amateur Radio Club and W8RDG at GVSU for arranging the site and providing great support! FD 2008 will be long remembered!

73 de n8x Hg

--- In GRARA@yahoogroups.com, "Jack" <ab8nd@...> wrote:
>
> Hello,
>
> You are invited to view photographs from my "Field Day 2008" gallery.
>
> http://jhkphotography.zenfolio.com/p264525838/
>
>
>
> Enjoy,
> Jack, AB8ND

293. From the ARRL Letter, July 3, 2008

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-07-04 00:23:20 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 293 Message: 293

From
****
The ARRL Letter
Vol. 27, No. 26
July 3, 2008
****

==> ARRL TELLS RED CROSS OF REMAINING BACKGROUND CHECK POLICY CONCERNS

ARRL President Joel Harrison, W5ZN, has written to Armond T. Mascelli, Vice President for Domestic Disaster response for the American Red Cross (ARC) to identify the ARRL's remaining concerns over the background check policy for ARC partners. Harrison emphasized that the commencement of negotiation of a replacement Statement of Understanding (SOU) between the two organizations should not be further delayed while these concerns are resolved and that he looked forward to signing a new SOU once additional edits to the background check Disclosure Form and clarifications of the background check Authorization Form are in place for those radio amateurs who volunteer their service to the Red Cross.

Harrison first wrote to Mascelli on November 28, 2007, setting out the ARRL's concerns with the background check procedures recently implemented by the ARC. ARC now requires a background check for Amateur Radio volunteers seeking to support a Red Cross disaster relief response for more than a seven day period. In the ARRL's view, Amateur Radio volunteers were being asked to consent to a more intrusive background check than was necessary or appropriate.

Mascelli's reply on May 8, 2008, addressed some of the ARRL's concerns and Harrison's latest letter to the ARC -- sent on June 30, 2008 -- recognizes considerable improvement in the forms related to the background check procedures that are linked via the ARC's Web site; however, Harrison also states that analysis of the forms has revealed two continuing problems:

* The Authorization for Background Investigation consent form still contains "some highly equivocal and broad language which, because of its ambiguity, will inevitably discourage substantial numbers of radio amateurs from participating in the background check process." This form was not included with Mascelli's reply and was not seen by the ARRL until later.

* The "Disclosure Regarding Background Investigation" can still be construed as overly broad, although this can be corrected by fairly simple edits.

Harrison told Mascelli, "We do not want the implementation of these additional changes to further delay the negotiation of the terms of a replacement SOU. A new SOU is, in my view, a critical and urgent matter. Because the old SOU expired on September 16, 2007, the vacuum thereafter has served neither ARRL nor ARC well." ARRL and ARC staff are ready to work on a draft replacement SOU, the text of which will be reviewed by the ARRL's Programs and Services Committee and approved by either the Executive Committee or the Board prior to completion.

Harrison concluded, "We look forward to continuing to provide seamless disaster response communications by Amateur Radio and to enhancing and expanding ARRL's proud partnership with the American Red Cross. I look forward to meeting with you and executing the new SOU once additional edits to the Disclosure Form, and adequate clarifications are included in the Authorization Form that appears on your web site for partner organizations are made, and when the new SOU terms are agreed upon."

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294. Radio Shack power supply

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-07-04 11:35:08 UTC
From: Jim Leys
Topic: 294 Message: 294

If you have one of those power supplies to return, you may want to bring the recall letter with you. I returned mine and the clerk was not aware of the recall. Was glad I had the recall letter. They did send it in for repair, said it would take about a week or so.

295. VE Tests Friday

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-07-09 19:29:13 UTC
From: Jack
Topic: 295 Message: 295

Reminder to all

GRARA's monthly VE exams are this Friday, 11 July, evening at 6:30 at
the Red Cross on Fuller Ave.

Examinees - bring a a photo ID or 2 pieces of other ID
Your license - the signed Original and a copy
Any CSCE's that you have - the Original and a copy

VE's Rich can certainly use all the help he can, please come and help

Jack, AB8ND

Rich's computer is down for the count

296. Fox Hunt

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-07-15 08:13:18 UTC
From: Jim Leys
Topic: 191 Message: 296

Are we having fun?

297. Re: Fox Hunt -- I am definitely riddle challengeed.

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-07-15 10:23:15 UTC
From: mike_w8der
Topic: 191 Message: 297

These riddle clues for the fox hunt are driving me nuts. I might have the search boundaries solved, but the starting point is beyond me. Is this what it is like to be clueless?

Three words. A four letter word, five letter word, and then a 4 letter word again, describing someplace just North & East of the South Boundary Line.

--- In GRARA@yahoogroups.com, "Jim Leys" <jm_leys@...> wrote:
>
> Are we having fun?
>

298. Re: Fox Hunt --There is NOTHING just N & E of southern boundry of fox hunt area

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-07-15 22:03:00 UTC
From: mike_w8der
Topic: 191 Message: 298

Today I was determined to solve the riddle for the "starting Point" of the July 26th GRARA Fox Hunt. Three words -- 4 letters, 5 letters and 4 letters each describing a place "Just, North & East of the South Boundary Line"

I failed miserably. I put away my maps and went to Google Earth to see what is Just, North & East of the South Boundry line. Google makes it look like someplace Fred Flintstone would work. Besides -- who would start a fox hunt OUTSIDE of the search area! Hmmm, that's got to be a clue that I am lost -- again!

I checked with the Foxes. Yes it is 3 words 4, 5, and 4 letters each. I forgot to check if it is a proper noun. I tried Kent County park, but that is too many letters.

What do ya say foxee, is it a name or description in dem there 3 words.

Lost in fox country.

--- In GRARA@yahoogroups.com, "Jim Leys" <jm_leys@...> wrote:
>
> Are we having fun?
>

299. Re: Fox Hunt --There is NOTHING just N & E of southern boundry of fox hunt area

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-07-17 01:31:46 UTC
From: Bob
Topic: 191 Message: 299

Wow we have a WINNER.

Jack, ab8nd has got all of the clues answered correctly.

Mike maybe you should see if you can ride with Jack!

Here is another clue just for you.

Would you like cheese and crackers with that whine?

Bob

300. Re: [GRARA] Re: Fox Hunt --There is NOTHING just N & E of southern boundry of fox hunt area

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-07-17 01:40:28 UTC
From: K8TB
Topic: 191 Message: 300

Riddle me this:

Ring

Yawn

Not in Drive

And to quote Dennis Miller:

"Then again, I could be wrong"

K8TB

301. Digital communications Conference, Chicago, Sept 26-28, 2008

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-07-17 14:01:33 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 301 Message: 301

Mark your calendar and start making plans to attend the premier technical conference of the year, the 27th Annual ARRL and TAPR Digital Communications Conference to be held September 26-28, 2008, in Chicago, Illinois. The conference location is the Holiday Inn Hotel, Elk Grove Village IL

The ARRL and TAPR Digital Communications Conference is an international forum for radio amateurs to meet, publish their work, and present new ideas and techniques. Presenters and attendees will have the opportunity to exchange ideas and learn about recent hardware and software advances, theories, experimental results, and practical applications.

Topics include, but are not limited to: Software defined radio (SDR), digital voice (D-Star, P25, WinDRM, FDMDV, G4GUO), digital satellite communications, Global Position System (GPS), precision timing, Automatic Position Reporting System? (APRS), short messaging (a mode of APRS), Digital Signal Processing (DSP), HF digital modes, Internet interoperability with amateur radio networks, spread spectrum, IEEE 802.11 and other Part 15 license-exempt systems adaptable for Amateur Radio, using TCP/IP networking over amateur radio, mesh and peer to peer wireless networking, emergency and Homeland Defense backup digital communications, using Linux in amateur radio, updates on AX.25 and other wireless networking protocols.

Call for papers is currently underway. This is a great time for the experimenter to present work in the digital field. Some of the papers are highly technical, others are very simple explanations of "how to" do something.

Full details
http://www.tapr.org/dcc.html

302. Riddler Fox has left another clue for the July 26th FoxHunt.

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-07-18 22:41:41 UTC
From: mike_w8der
Topic: 302 Message: 302

The RiddlerFox has left another clue for the July 26th FoxHunt.

This clue is more of a general hint to help you solve the other clues
for north hunt boundary, south hunt boundary, west hunt boundary and
east hunt boundary. Also the toughest clue of all is for the
starting point.

This clue could help on all of the others.

From RiddleFox

None of these Letters are in the answers of the clues.

F - H - J - Q - U - X - Z.

Also there are 5 - I (ies) in the answers to the clues.

Hope this helps a little. Congratulations to GRARA President Jack
for getting them all correct.

Any questions, please email RiddlerFox@...

This clue and all the others are on the http://www.w8dc.org web site
on the Fox Hunt 2008 page.

303. Re: [GRARA] Riddler Fox has left another clue for the July 26th FoxHunt.

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-07-18 23:31:35 UTC
From: AB8ND
Topic: 302 Message: 303

It was an extremely LUCKY guess

Jack, AB8ND

mike_w8der wrote:
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>
> The RiddlerFox has left another clue for the July 26th FoxHunt.
>
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> starting point.
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> for getting them all correct.
>
> Any questions, please email RiddlerFox@...
> <mailto:RiddlerFox%40W8DC.Net>
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> ------------------------------
>
> This clue and all the others are on the http://www.w8dc.org
> <http://www.w8dc.org> web site
> on the Fox Hunt 2008 page.
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304. Fwd: Tower climbers to get their day in the sun

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-07-19 06:22:11 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 304 Message: 304

Not eggzactly Ham radio, but many hams have towers, and climb them, so I thought this sounded interesting...

-------- Original Message --------
Subject: Tower climbers to get their day in the sun
Date: Fri, 18 Jul 2008 12:11:08 EDT
From: W0WOI@...
To: vhf@..., scarc@...,
vhfcontesting@...

Climbers to get their day in the sun
NBC's "Dateline" to explore the perilous world of tower dogs on July 21

July 16, 2008 - NBC's "Dateline Presents" says it will take "a never-before-seen journey into the hazardous world of the tower climbers who work on the frontlines of America's high-tech communications system." The program, "Tower Dogs," will air on Monday, July 21 at 10:00 PM/ET.

The hour-long broadcast is expected to give an up close and personal no-holds-barred look at tower dogs' lives - up in the air and on the ground. "We experience their on-the-job tension and watch them work hard, play hard, and mourn when they lose one of their own," NBC said in a press release. In a twist on all the dangerous-job programs that solely feature males, typically narrated with muscular prose, "Tower Dogs" follows an unusual tower crew boss: a woman named Nikki Collins, a single mom, former cheerleader, and the person keeping her tough-guy charges in one piece. Although there has been a noted increase in tower construction company owners and climbers that are women (http://www.wirelessestimator.com/t_content.cfm?pagename=Women Climbers) , they are in a small minority in a predominately male profession.

The "Dateline" team worked for four months documenting this group of tower climbers as they worked their way through 40 towns and cities in 24 states. During this time there were seven fatalities nationwide, including five deaths in a 12-day period in April. Please see:
National exposure long overdue, say many (http://www.wirelessestimator.com/t_content.cfm?pagename=Tower Dogs)

305. Fox Hunt

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-07-19 21:28:14 UTC
From: Jim Leys
Topic: 191 Message: 305

Hey diddle, diddle

The foxes have a riddle

My poor brain I do twiddle

The last clues arn't worth a piddle

Where to start

Maps I have taken apart

But we will take part

In this State of the Art

We will go North and East

To try and find the beast.

Win the can of gas

To cut the grass [:-s]

306. From The Fox! Some of the Hunters Comments

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-07-20 01:58:09 UTC
From: Bob
Topic: 306 Message: 306

Hi All, I see that you are having fun with the puzzle.

I just thought I would post some of the hunters comments and
questions that I recievied. Please email the RiddlerFox@... and
I will let you know how you are doing.

The Fox

**
GOT IT!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

---- Sorry but that wasnt the answer.

**
All good members should know this. WLAV Tower Site. It is somewhere
off Pettis Road. I still don't know where it is, but I have seen it
on the google map overhead.

**
I worked on your new clue and discovered that the 3-word name for the
starting point must have a W and one I in the three word name. How
smart is that! :-]

**
A _______ is a large military unit or formation usually consisting of
around ten to twenty thousand soldiers.

Platoons Ave.(The answer is a street or road in kent
county, that runs north and south.)

**
How about the starting point being "Golf Snack Shop".

--- Sorry try again.

**
Jack says he has the starting point figured out, but it has 5 letters
in the last word, not 4.

--- He could have the first two words correct but the last one only
has 4 letters in it.

**
How about the W8DC TOWER SITE.

--- Jack, The boundarys are correct. But the starting point is not.

--- Where is Mary Waters Park?

**
By my calculations, the search area is approximately 85 square miles.

**
I will let you know if I solve the starting point, but I have pretty much given up.

**
I have searched the Microsoft streets and trips map and there is nothing that corresponds. I will try a fresh start tomorrow.

**
It is difficult to find something north and east of a line that is 9.15 miles long.

**
I am still very lost on the starting point.
I tried to make it the Mich Blood Bank, but it is really called the Michigan Community Blood Center.
It is at the Fuller end of Coldbrook north & east.
I suggested to Jack tonight that all the hunters should establish our own starting spot and fool the foxes.

**
--- I know that it is frustrating but if feels good when you get the answer.

**
Now I am working on the starting point..... I see Mary Water(s) Park, but that is north and west of one section of coldbrook and Waters has six letters.
I see that the Red Cross is north and east of the other section of Coldbrook, but that doesn't fit in the blanks.
I see Siedman County Park just north and east of my "South Boundary Line" -- the one you told me to draw to Egypt Valley.

**
Think I got it. Coldbrook st NE. DUH!!

**
I got the south boundary this morning, but I did a lot of scanning of the map. I wouldn't have gotten it without the number of characters. I was thinking of water volume, not water temperature.

**
I guess I am just slow. You clue is probably very good, but as a hunter, all I want to know right now is "where to show up at 10:30 on the 26th." Like the old news man said, "just Who, What, Where, When and Why." :-) Boy it is hard to be a helpful friend in the expressionless email media! Maybe I can add a couple more happy

faces. :-{ :-] :-)

**
Well, to tell you the truth, I tried to guess, but I couldn't find
Running Water, Creek Run, or Runway on my county map, so I gave up.
My county map doesn't list a runoff Ave, so I didn't even try to look
that up.

Have Fun !

The Fox

307. Regarding the Fox Hunt....

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-07-21 23:25:26 UTC
From: K8TB
Topic: 306 Message: 307

Hi Ho

Hi Ho

It's off to the verified Fox Hunt start point we go..

Sheila and Tom K8AJ & K8TB

p.s., Next?

308. Congratulations Tom and Sheila

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-07-21 23:54:44 UTC
From: mike_w8der
Topic: 306 Message: 308

Congratulations Tom and Sheila on guessing the riddle for Saturday's starting point. I have decided to wait until the Riddler Fox comes clean on Thursday. I'm a hunter, not a riddler. (but I sure tried to solve the dang thing.)

Just call me "ready for Saturday"!

--- In GRARA@yahoogroups.com, K8TB <k8tb@...> wrote:
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>
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>
>
> Sheila and Tom K8AJ & K8TB
>
> p.s., Next?
>

309. Wow, what a great certificate!

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-07-22 00:02:36 UTC
From: mike_w8der
Topic: 309 Message: 309

I got my certificate today for checking into the GRARA Wednesday night 2-meter net a dozen times. Tom and Dave, you have outdone yourselves. What a neat certificate! When you said "suitable for framing" you really meant it. Great job!

310. SOMETHING TO DO BETWEEN SKYWARN CALLS

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-07-22 02:26:20 UTC
From: timothy courtier
Topic: 310 Message: 310

HELLO ALL,
FOR US SKYWARN "GEEKS" WHO CAN'T WAIT FOR THE NEXT STORM, TRY THIS...
www.cocorahs.org
THIS IS A "ONCE PER DAY" ACTIVITY FOR THE N.W.S.
THE MAIN FUNCTION, IS TO TAKE RAIN/SNOW READINGS ONCE EVERY 24Hrs FOR
THE N.W.S.GRR OFFICE.
THIS IS A NATIONAL PROGRAM, AND YOUR DATA IS SENT TO THE COMMUNITY
COLLABORATIVE RAIN HAIL AND SNOW NETWORK (COCORAHS), AT THE COLORADO
STATE UNIVERSITY, IN BOULDER, CO.
FROM THERE, THE INFO IS SENT TO A WIDE NETWORK OF USERS.
NOAA, LOCAL N.W.S. OFFICES, USDA, STATE, AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS.
ALSO, LOCAL PRIVATE, AND COMMERCIAL INTERESTS.
EX. LANDSCAPE COMPANIES, AND T.V. WEATHER FORCASTERS.
ALL THAT YOU WILL NEED, IS A SPECIAL RAIN GAUGE TO ENTER THE PROGRAM.
THESE CAN BE ORDERED FROM "WEATHER YOUR WAY" AT www.weatheryourway.com
THESE ARE THE "OFFICAL" RAIN GAUGES FOR THE COCORAHS PROGRAM.
THE LOCAL N.W.S. OFFICE IN GRAND RAPIDS, RUNS THE PROGRAM FOR THE
WEST MICHIGAN AREA.
IF YOU WANT TO SEE WHO ALL IS IN THE PROGRAM, GO TO THE COCORAHS
WEBSITE FOR MAPS.
I AM LISTED AS MI-KN-44, AND MY STATION NAME IS rockford 2.0 N.
I WILL BE SENDING IN MY REPORTS, AS SOON AS MY GAUGE IS MOUNTED.
THIS IS SOMETHING FUN, SIMPLE, AND ANOTHER WAY TO HELP OUR
COMMUNITIES.
73's
TIMOTHY KB8AFS

311. Re: [GRARA] Regarding the Fox Hunt....

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-07-22 10:57:14 UTC
From: AB8ND
Topic: 306 Message: 311

Congratulations to Tom and Sheila

There will be 2 of us at the start now

Jack, AB8ND

K8TB wrote:
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> Hi Ho
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312. HURRICANE WATCH NET ON TODAY

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-07-22 14:44:21 UTC
From: timothy courtier
Topic: 312 Message: 312

THE HURRICANE WATCH NET WILL BE ACTIVE TODAY AT 18:00 U.T.C. ON 14.325
USB.
INFO AT www.hwn.org

313. (no subject)

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-07-22 14:53:37 UTC
From: Jim Leys
Topic: 313 Message: 313

I received my W8DC FM Meter Net certificate. It is a great first class certificate. Kudos to Dave and Tom for a job well done.

314. Re: [GRARA] HURRICANE WATCH NET ON TODAY

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-07-22 17:36:55 UTC
From: AB8ND
Topic: 312 Message: 314

Timothy

Thank you for the alerts, but please stop screaming at us (turn off your caps lock).
All caps makes messages very hard to read

Jack, AB8ND

timothy courtier wrote:
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315. Riddler Fox Tells All.... Finally!

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-07-23 20:58:57 UTC
From: mike_w8der
Topic: 315 Message: 315

The solutions to Saturday's Fox Hunt Riddles have been disclosed by the Riddler Fox. We put them on the http://www.w8dc.org web site as fast as we could! (even sooner!)

Check our the Solutions:

http://www.w8dc.org/FoxHuntMain.htm

Good job, Riddler Fox

316. Re: [GRARA] Riddler Fox Tells All.... Finally!

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-07-23 22:51:03 UTC
From: K8TB
Topic: 315 Message: 316

Sooooo, I have a question...

We are suppose to start at the W8DC Radio Room.

Is there an underground access for the cars that I don't know of?

And, is there enough room in the radio room for several cars?

Inquiring minds want to know...

K8AJ and K8TB

318. Top 25 things vanishing from America: #16 -- Ham radio

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-07-25 05:42:02 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 318 Message: 318
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

See attached. Interesting read.

Tom KD8DEG

319. Sheila and Tom Bosscher k8AZ/K8TB Win Saturday's Fox Hunt

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-07-26 19:18:58 UTC
From: mike_w8der
Topic: 319 Message: 319

Sheila and Tom Bosscher showed us how to win a fox hunt Saturday in the "My Money's All Gone II --- The Sequel" Fox Hunt. This is the second win this GRARA season for Sheila and Tom. (We were all watching how they do it.

Ken Meksula, KC8YTC, and Doug Phillips, KC8EGM, came in second with two additional miles traveled.

In all, six teams finished the hunt. Winners if the "can of gas" for coming in last was the team of Jim Leys, Kirt Wyatt, and Nate Smith. As expected, the can was labeled "Campbells Pork and Beans."

The Foxes were found hiding in a "no-name" park just north of the Plainfield Cemetery on Packer Drive --- (near Northland Drive and 7-mile road.)

Our thanks go out to Laryn Lohman, K8TVZ, and Bob Robinson, KD8HNF, for a great fox hunt. The riddles gave us a tough time, but the hunt was a lot of fun.

Larry and Peg Dells invited all to try the MARA Fox Hunt on August 23rd. See http://www.w8usa.org

320. Re: [GRARA] Sheila and Tom Bosscher k8AZ/K8TB Win Saturday's Fox Hunt

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-07-26 21:19:17 UTC
From: AB8ND
Topic: 319 Message: 320

It was a great hunt with a very diabolical hiding place, but beautiful Park. It should have been easy to find, but then one never trusts their equipment do we.
Thanks to Bob and Laryn

Jack, AB8ND

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> 23rd. See http://www.w8usa.org <http://www.w8usa.org>
>
>

321. Fox Hunt

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-07-26 22:48:57 UTC
From: Jim Leys
Topic: 191 Message: 321

Dem beans were mighty tasty. [:D]

Great Fox hunt.Thanks to Bob and Laryn.

322. A few photos from the Fox Hunt

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-07-27 12:14:57 UTC
From: Jack
Topic: 322 Message: 322

For all who missed it this was a good hunt

http://jhkphotography.zenfolio.com/p529189517/

Jack, AB8ND

323. Re: [GRARA] Sheila and Tom Bosscher k8AZ/K8TB Win Saturday's Fox Hunt

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-07-27 18:23:08 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 319 Message: 323
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Way to go Tom & Sheila.

73

Tom KD8DEG

----- Original Message -----
From: mike_w8der
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Saturday, July 26, 2008 3:18 PM
Subject: [GRARA] Sheila and Tom Bosscher k8AZ/K8TB Win Saturday's Fox Hunt

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324. Packet Radio at the Meeting

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-07-28 11:16:10 UTC
From: Jack
Topic: 324 Message: 324

Hi all

Just a reminder that the next meeting of GRARA is this Friday, 1 August, 7pm - coffee, gab session 6:30 or so.

If you have a laptop with WIFI bring it along as Ray, N8LRF will be speaking and demonstrating the JNOS packet radio system.

Jack, AB8ND

325. Fox Hunt Mileage

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-07-29 12:10:37 UTC
From: mike_w8der
Topic: 325 Message: 325

For those interested in details of the Fox Hunt Saturday, here are the mileage numbers.

Crow Flying Distance: 4.5 miles
Direct Driving Distance: 6 miles

Winner: 13.1 miles
Next: 15.5 miles
Next: 17.0 miles
Next: 20.1 miles
Next: 24.6 miles
Next: 28.6 miles

I think we all agree that we have to work on our "last mile" techniques.

326. Re: [GRARA] Fox Hunt Mileage

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-07-29 13:08:03 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 325 Message: 326
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Or follow a Crow that has not indulged the night before.

----- Original Message -----
From: mike_w8der
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Tuesday, July 29, 2008 8:10 AM
Subject: [GRARA] Fox Hunt Mileage

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mileage numbers.

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327. Friday's GRARA meeting, GRAHamfest

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-07-30 13:55:50 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 327 Message: 327

ALL GRARA MEMBERS

As Jack AB8ND and Ron K8DMR have e-mailed, the August GRARA meeting is this Friday, August 1.

I have nearly 1100 GRAHamfest post cards to mail out. Our Treasurer, Rick KC8NKA, will bring a load of 27 cent post card stamps. So we'll have group participation night affixing stamps to post cards. Fortunately postage stamps these days are peal and stick so our tongues are safe.

I need to remind the membership the hamfest is a club event. I still have assistant-chair positions to fill. Taking on an assistant-chair position doesn't mean you do the particular job all day of the event. It means you coordinate. We all need to give a half hour or so during the event to help out as well as all available hands for Friday afternoon setup.

TALK-IN STATION, 147.16+ and 146.52

SECURITY

PRIZES

PARKING, TRAFFIC

CONCESSIONS: ARGYL will take care of this.

TICKET SALES: Steven KC8WQL

I went through my notes. If someone previously volunteered for one of the open positions, accept my apology and contact me again. Thanks.

I will bring extra fliers to the meeting to have someone drop off at T&W Electronics and SF Supply. Radio Shacks ate optional.

73 Jack NY8D

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E-mail: mailto:jamelar@...

328. (no subject)

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-07-30 15:13:25 UTC
From: Jim Leys
Topic: 328 Message: 328

Seeing thay I am the high milage guy. Think I will get a crow and train it.

329. Re: Sheila and Tom Bosscher k8AZ/K8TB Win Saturday's Fox Hunt

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-07-30 22:35:25 UTC
From: Laryn Lohman
Topic: 319 Message: 329

Thanks Mike and GRARA for a fun hunt. And to Bob for finding a good
little park to <taunt> from. hehehehe

And Tom and Sheila, as ever, fine hunters.

I'll try to be ready for a re-hunt.

Laryn K8TVZ

330. Fwd:Mini Dx-pedition to Guinea 3X Land (QRP sort of)

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-07-31 20:48:27 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 330 Message: 330

FYI. Is 3XY? a rare country? Thought some folks might be interested in this info.

73 de n8xx Hg

---------- Forwarded Message ----------

Hello to all,

I will be operating in KanKan, Guinea (Africa) from August 3rd to August 9th. My Guinea issued call is 3XY0D (three x-ray yankee zero delta)

Operating most on the higher bands of 20 / 17 / 15 meters, with some tries of 40 meters, all depending on conditions.

Operating times will be around 10:00 GMT (6:00 EST AM) to 11:00 GMT (7:00 EST AM)
Evenings are 23:00 hours GMT (7:00 EST PM) until bands or operator becomes too tired.

A Special QSL card will be made, upon my return for all contacts.
Hopefully a web site with pictures will be posted once I return.

Station will consist of a Kenwood TS-50S, operating with batteries and Solar array. Power output will be around 10 to 20 watts.
Antenna will be a vertical and 88 ft dipole fed with ladder line.
I will only be able to do the logs via paper.

John Grow VE2EQL/3XY0D

331. Solar Minimum

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-08-03 17:34:27 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 331 Message: 331

I found this on another reflector, looketh interesting

Here is an interesting article from NASA on the solar minimum and lack of sunspots.

http://science.nasa.gov/headlines/y2008/11jul_solarcycleupdate.htm

332. new t.v. channels???

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-08-04 02:45:55 UTC
From: timothy courtier
Topic: 332 Message: 332

I was talking to a friend today, and we drifted to the new digital t.v.
laws that will be in efect next year.
He has a dish, my roommate has cable, and I have a converter box for my
t.v. in my room.
So we are all set for next year.
After we confermed that we are ready, we talked about the next
eventuality for the t.v. stations.
We figuered that before long, the t.v. stations will start to advertise
in the new formate.
EX...
WZZM 13.1"
"WWMT 3.2 ALL SPORT ALL THE TIME"
"WXMI 17.3, YOUR ALL WEATHER ALL THE TIME STATION"
I would say, look for it to start this late fall.
If not, sooner.
NOW, for somthing of more interest to us amateurs.
How long befor someone logs a DTV DX?
Just something to think about.
73s
timithy kb8afs

333. Lawn party date is changed to Friday Aug 8, 2008

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-08-05 03:14:36 UTC
From: sprovost64
Topic: 333 Message: 333

Hello, due to the fact that tuesday and thursday this week will have rains showers, I have changed the lawn cutting party at the tower to friday at 5pm. This should be a dry day and no humidity!!!!!

I will cross post this message to the grara members email as well.

thanks
stephen KC8WQL

334. Fw: [montcalmcountyares] Fox Hunt

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-08-06 19:58:33 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 334 Message: 334

Tom & Sheila here is a another challenge for you.

Tom KD8DEG

----- Original Message -----
From: paul odem
To: montcalmcountyares@...m
Sent: Wednesday, August 06, 2008 2:46 PM
Subject: [montcalmcountyares] Fox Hunt

--- On Wed, 8/6/08, Bob Dennis <dennis49544@...> wrote:

From: Bob Dennis <dennis49544@...>
Subject: [Kcarpsc] Fox Hunt
To: kcarpsc@...
Date: Wednesday, August 6, 2008, 11:42 AM

We will be having a "Fox Hunt" on Sat Aug 16 at 7pm at the Knapps Corner Meijer Parking Lot. Talk in will be on the 145.110...pl 94.8 and the transmitter hunt will be on 146.985. After the hunt we can brag, lament and eat at a close by restaurant. All are invited and if you have never been on one before we can team you up with one of our "old pro's". It is a lot of fast fun....a real "hoot" so come on out. We will have two winners with bragging rights one for conventional hunting and one for Doppler systems. Bro. Bob PS Any questions you can e-mail me at dennis49544@...

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Kcarpsc mailing list
Kcarpsc@...
http://kcvrm.net/mailman/listinfo/kcarpsc_kcvrm.net

335. Friday Reminder

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-08-07 14:10:24 UTC
From: Jack
Topic: 335 Message: 335

Hi All,

Just a reminder that tomorrow, Friday 8 August, VE exam night at the Red Cross. Exams start at 6:30 pm. Please bring a photo ID, or 3 pieces of non photo, your Original and a copy of your license and any CSCE's that you have.

For those that are not taking or giving exams, please come out to the Petis tower site. Members and friends will meet at 5pm to cut and trim the grass and a general pick up of the area. Remember the agreement for tower space the club has agreed to keep the grounds clear, please come to help. Talk-in will be the 147.260 machine

Jack, AB8ND

336. New file uploaded to GRARA

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-08-08 22:05:07 UTC
From: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 336 Message: 336

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the GRARA
group.

File : /Temporary Files/Grid Squares from ICOM.pdf
Uploaded by : kf8ql <dave@...>
Description : A Nice Map of the USA showing the VHF/UHF grid squares

You can access this file at the URL:
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/GRARA/files/Temporary%20Files/Grid%20Squares%20from%20ICOM.p
df

To learn more about file sharing for your group, please visit:
http://help.yahoo.com/l/us/yahoo/groups/original/members/web/index.htmlfiles

Regards,

kf8ql <dave@...>

337. New file uploaded to GRARA

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-08-08 22:06:19 UTC
From: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 336 Message: 337

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the GRARA
group.

File : /Temporary Files/ICOM Band Charts.pdf
Uploaded by : kf8ql <dave@...>
Description : ICOM Band Charts

You can access this file at the URL:
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/GRARA/files/Temporary%20Files/ICOM%20Band%20Charts.pdf

To learn more about file sharing for your group, please visit:
http://help.yahoo.com/l/us/yahoo/groups/original/members/web/index.htmlfiles

Regards,

kf8ql <dave@...>

338. New file uploaded to GRARA

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-08-08 22:07:48 UTC
From: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 336 Message: 338

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the GRARA
group.

File : /Temporary Files/UK Frequency allocations.pdf
Uploaded by : kf8ql <dave@...>
Description : UK Frequency Allocations

You can access this file at the URL:
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/GRARA/files/Temporary%20Files/UK%20Frequency%20allocations.p
df

To learn more about file sharing for your group, please visit:
http://help.yahoo.com/l/us/yahoo/groups/original/members/web/index.htmlfiles

Regards,

kf8ql <dave@...>

339. Re: [GRARA] New file uploaded to GRARA

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-08-09 06:07:54 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 336 Message: 339

Thanks to Dave, KF8QL for the nice uploads!

73 de n8xx Hg

340. IEEE Symposium open to area hams

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-08-14 17:45:54 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 340 Message: 340

-------- Original Message --------
Subject: IEEE Symposium open to area hams
Date: Thu, 14 Aug 2008 10:56:03 -0400 (EDT)
From: ARRL MI Section <memberlist@...>
To:

August 14, 2008

ARRL Mi Section & Great Lakes Division:

We cordially invite all ARRL members in the Michigan Section and Great Lakes Division to take part in the 2008 IEEE International Symposium on Electromagnetic Compatibility as a guest at one, or more, of our Amateur Radio related events. The Symposium will be held August 18 22, 2008, in Detroit, Michigan, at Cobo Center. Simply "register" as an "Exhibits only" (FREE) participant, and explore all the exhibits and demonstrations the Symposium has to offer.

As part of our Symposium, we are hosting an Amateur Radio Station to be operated by members of the Motor City Radio Club (MCRC). This station will be prominently located in the exhibit hall and should generate much interest in Amateur Radio and in the equipment used by Hams in their hobby.

In addition to the station several other related Amateur Radio activities are planned for the Symposium. In total they are:
Operating Station SSB / FM / CW
Amateur Radio Examination (Th. 9-12)
Amateur Radio Luncheon (Wed: BYO)
Amateur Radio Message Service
Repeater "talk in service"
Visiting operator opportunity.

Ed Hare (W1RFI) of the American Radio Relay League (ARRL), primary editor for the ARRL publication "Radio Frequency Interference" will be with us as part of our Symposium, and to assist with the station. Ed has long been the liaison between the ARRL and the EMC Society and a strong supporter of RFI (EMC) concerns among the Amateur Radio community. We are very glad to have Ed's participation and support for this event. http://www.emc2008.org.

Kimball Williams NCE N8FNC
Chairman, 2008 IEEE EMC Symposium

341. Petis final amp has been removed for repair

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-08-17 01:53:28 UTC
From: sprovost64
Topic: 341 Message: 341

Hello, today Tom Hansen N8DGD and I decided to pull the power amplifier out of the rack at the petis site. We measured 3 watts going into the amplifier and only 14 watts going out to the antenna. According to the log, when the new power amplifier was installed, the output was 175 watts!!!
We are running the exciter radio at 5 watts output until the power amplifier is repaired.
So you will notice more noise in the background and your HT may not receive a strong signal until the power amp is returned.

Stephen KC8WQL

342. GMARC Picnic - August 23

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-08-18 12:52:45 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 342 Message: 342

This doesn't appear to be a hamfest, but for whatever reason, I received an announcement, so it appears that everyone is invited.

GMARC PICNIC
Stony Creek Metropark
Gladeview "B" Picnic Area
4300 Main Park Dr
Shelby Twp, MI 48316
(North of Detroit)

Saturday, August 23, 2008
10:00 am till they boot us out...

For more detailed info see http://www.gmarc.org/picnic.htm

Please join The GM Amateur Radio Club for our annual club picnic.

The club will be cookin' up burgers and dogs. If you wish some other form of meat, bring it along, I'm sure we can find room for it. Please bring your prize passing dish.

Grab a radio, antenna, wire, whatever. Just come out and have a great time. See ya there (rain or shine).....

343. Help with Rat Shack HTX-202 Toy Trumpet

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-08-18 21:43:29 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 343 Message: 343

I broke down and bought a toy trumpet, called a 2 metre handheld made by Rat Shack, HTX-202.

It came without a manual, and I can't figure out how to set a sub audible tone, and a few other things.

Anyone have a manual? I could come down to the open radio room on Wednesday evening if someone would be available to give me a lesson in how to enter things in the thing.

73 de n8xx Hg

p.s. I didn't have to pay any arms nor legs for the thing, and it appears to otherwise work, so I'm not complaining.

344. New file uploaded to GRARA

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-08-18 23:10:13 UTC
From: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 336 Message: 344

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the GRARA
group.

File : /Tools/htx-202-owners-manual.pdf
Uploaded by : ab8nd <ab8nd@...>
Description : HTX-202Manual

You can access this file at the URL:
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/GRARA/files/Tools/htx-202-owners-manual.pdf

To learn more about file sharing for your group, please visit:
http://help.yahoo.com/l/us/yahoo/groups/original/members/web/index.htmlfiles

Regards,

ab8nd <ab8nd@...>

345. Re: [GRARA] Help with Rat Shack HTX-202 Toy Trumpet

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-08-18 23:11:03 UTC
From: AB8ND
Topic: 343 Message: 345

Found a manual, it is uploading to the file sections, Tools folder, of
the group page

Jack AB8ND

Hank Greeb wrote:
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346. Fw: [WXSpots] Streaming Audio Feeds, listen only nodes for VOIP WX NET - weather system "Fay"

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-08-19 08:03:58 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 346 Message: 346

This is really neat stuff. Check it out.

Tom KD8DEG
----- Original Message -----
From: KC4QLP@...
To: HamRadioHelpGroup@yahoogroups.com ; weather@... ; WXSpots@yahoogroups.com ; severewx@yahoogroups.com ; naresky55@... ; hurcity@... ; LiveScannerAudio@yahoogroups.com ; allstateweather@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Tuesday, August 19, 2008 2:59 AM
Subject: [WXSpots] Streaming Audio Feeds, listen only nodes for VOIP WX NET - weather system "Fay"

Monitor weather reports from Flordia during Tropical Storm, what could be Hurricane Fay.....
----Amatuer Radio Voice Over Internet Protocal systems-----
Catch Ham Radio Skywarn Operators from "ground zero".

Listen Only IRLP/EchoLink capability include the following systems:

IRLP:
Reflector 9508 Sydney Australia Reflector channel 8.
Reflector 9129 New England Reflector channel 9.

EchoLink:
KC4QLP-C Node: 290251
VKEMCOMM Node: 270177
N5API Node: 77433

A streaming audio feed has been setup thanks to the assistance of David McAnally-WD5M. This is the first time he has setup a streaming audio server so please bear with any technical difficulties. The links are listed below:

http://wx5fwd.net:8000/voipwx.mp3
http://wx5fwd.net:8000/voipwx.ogg

The net is also available in listen only mode on eQSO...the KC4QLP-R node for those of you that have access to eQSO.

I setup a streaming audio server and patched in audio from my repeater...the stream is up and running at the following URL
http://kc4qlp.dyndns.org:8082
You may also reach the stream at
www.midtalanticengineeringservice.cjb.net/kc4qlp.html

There is a media player embedded within the web page.

The server can handle 32
connections. If anyone that has extra bandwidth wishes to setup a
shoutcast server and relay my stream be my guest.

It is playable via on desktops, laptops and PDAs via Winamp, Windows
Media or any other player that supports mp3 type streams. For various
cellphones, google and download RadioBee or MFRadio for play back on
those devices.

Bob Carter - KC4QLP -- *KC4QLP-C*

Mid-Atlantic-Engineering-Service of Utica NY

http://midatlanticengineeringservice.cjb.net/
WKVU-FM 100.7 Utica/Rome NY, WKVJ-FM 89.7 Dannemora/Plattsburgh NY, WKYJ-FM 88.7 Rouses Point NY,WRCK 107.3 Utica NY, WVVC-LPTV-40 Utica NY, WKTV-DT 2 Utica NY

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It's only a deal if it's where you want to go. Find your travel deal here.
(http://information.travel.aol.com/deals?ncid=aoltrv00050000000047)

347. MARA Fox Hunt Saturday Afternoon --- We (GRARA) are invited.

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-08-20 00:46:08 UTC
From: mike_w8der
Topic: 347 Message: 347

Just a reminder about the MARA Fox Hunt Saturday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock. Meeting place will be the Secretary of State's office near Plainfield and 4 mile road. See details on their web site at http://www.W8USA.Org on the Fox Hunt page. They have a handy signup sheet there you can use.

The search area is just about the same as GRARA's last area in the NE part of Metro Grand Rapids.

Let's see if we can bring a fox hunt victory to GRARA this time! It would be great practice for the September hunt!

W8DER :-)

348. Re: [GRARA] MARA Fox Hunt Saturday Afternoon --- We (GRARA) are invited.

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-08-20 01:38:57 UTC
From: K8TB
Topic: 347 Message: 348

mike_w8der wrote:
>Let's see if we can bring a fox hunt victory to GRARA this time! It
>would be great practice for the September hunt!

Your real concern is Laryn, "I can smell the RF", Lohman, (K8TVZ) who
also hails from Ottawa County.

He's good, reaaaaal good.

C U Saturday..

Sheila K8AJ and Tom K8TB

(Part of Team Ottawa)

349. Outpost & Packet

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-08-20 10:46:01 UTC
From: Jack
Topic: 349 Message: 349

Outpost seems to play nice with Jnos NOW.....
Here is some of what I have learned....

Here are the details........

Jnos settings:

After login to bbs type:

x To turn off xpert mode. (no alphbet soup prompt)
xm 0 To turn off number of lines to stop at for -more- prompt.

This is to help when connection is made with Outpost...

Next Outpost Settings:V 2.2.2c27

One of two ways for connections......
Start Outpost and enter call

Telnet: (for internet connection)
Click on setup then TNC.
Select Interface Type.
click Telnet
All other Tabs are grayed out but Telnet Tab.
I am useing hamgate.kent.mi-drg.org for remote host.
remote port 23
Network Timeout 5000
Login Login:
Password Password:
No space between Login and : or Password and :
Login Values
Login Call
Password Name

Folow Outpost man.

Click on setup BBS next
give a name for bbs.
leave BBS prompts blank.
BBS Commands:
Send Private SP
Send Bulletn SB
Send NTS ST
List Mine LM
List Bulletin LB
List NTS LT
List Filtered L

Read R
Delete K
Bye/Log off B

BBS Path set to Direct to BBS.

Next with TNC and Radio:
click on Setup TNC
New
Click on TNC at Interface Tab
Tnc Prompts Tab
Command cmd:
Timeout *** retry count exceeded
Disconnected *** DISCONNECTED

TNC Connands Tab
Mycall my
connect connect
Convers Mode conv
Date Time daytime

Tnc Initialization file
click on file not defined
TNC com port TAb
set to what ever you need for your setup..

click on setup BBS
BBS Name
Put in your info
under BBS Type use Let Outpost determine the BBS and setup the prompts
BBS Prompts Tab same as befor.
BBS Commands Tab same as befor.
BBS Path Driect to BBS or what ever you need.

This was tested with Windows XP
Outpost Ver. 2.2.2c27
Radio: Alinco DR-135 W/TNC

I have not checked it with NTS Trafic. I am waiting for John to send me
his zip code. This should get people started. Please post your Info to
this list for all to see and learn from. It will also help with fine
tuneing the system....

Ray Larabee
N8LRF
Sysop Kent County
hamgate.kent.ampr.org

350. Ohio QSO Party, Saturday, August 23

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-08-21 21:13:18 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 350 Message: 350

Please look for W8W, WILLiams county, where N8XX will be 2nd operator of K8NQC's station in Montpelier, Williams County, Ohio. We will be operating Multi Operator Single Rig, both phone and CW.

The Ohio QSO Party is held on the fourth Saturday of August, this year on August 23rd, from noon to midnight. Both CW and Phone (Usually SSB) are encouraged. Out of State stations try to work as many Ohio Counties as possible on 80 through 10 metres

Suggested frequencies are:

Band CW (MHz) Phone (MHz)
80 3.545 3.825
40 7.045 7.200
20 14.045 14.250
15 21.045 21.300
10 28.045 28.450

Note that multipliers are per mode, i.e., it is possible for an out of state station to garner 176 multipliers - 88 counties CW, 88 counties Phone.

For full rules and suggestions on maximizing scores, etc., see http://www.oqp.us

Hope to work y'all on Saturday.

73 de n8xx Hg

351. Re: MARA Fox Hunt Saturday Afternoon --- We (GRARA) are invited.

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-08-22 01:08:26 UTC
From: Laryn Lohman
Topic: 347 Message: 351

--- In GRARA@yahoogroups.com, K8TB <k8tb@...> wrote:
>
> mike_w8der wrote:
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> >would be great practice for the September hunt!
>
> Your real concern is Laryn, "I can smell the RF", Lohman, (K8TVZ) who
> also hails from Ottawa County.

Ummmm..... No. Tom and Sheila "I hate multipath" Bosscher are not
to be outdone...

Laryn K8TVZ

352. Labor Day Sprint - Monday, 1 Sep 08 7-11 p.m.

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-08-22 13:51:41 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 352 Message: 352

Note, please join the Michigan QRP Club on their Labor Day Sprint

Date: Monday September 1, 2008
Time: 7:00 pm - 11:00 pm
Details: Annual Labor Day Sprint - See
http://www.miqrp.org/contest.html for details

All QRPers are welcome - Please join the fray!

353. OhQP W8W M/M HP

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-08-26 00:18:39 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 353 Message: 353

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Ohio QSO Party

Call: W8W
Operator(s): K8NQC, N8UOO, N8XX
Station: K8NQC/N8UOO
Class: M/S HP
QTH: WILLIAMS COUNTY OHIO
Operating Time (hrs): 10

Summary:
Band CW Qs Ph Qs
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80: 41 119
40: 109 35
20: 52 5
15:
10:
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Total: 302 159 CW Mults = 1 Ph Mults = 1 Total Score = 71,101

Club: QUEEN CITY EMERGENCY NET

Comments:

Didn't calculate the CW or Phone multipliers - just lazy. Total
multipliers was 127. Nice station @ K8NQC/N8UOO. We checked 15 several
times, nary a peep.
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354. Labor Day Sprint - Monday 1 Sep 08 Local (US) time

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-08-26 19:59:05 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 354 Message: 354

Please join the Michigan QRP Club on their Labor Day Sprint

Time: 23:00::00Z Monday September 1, 2008 until
02:59::59Z Tuesday, September 2, 2008
(That's 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. EDT. or
(6 p.m. to 10 p.m. CDT. or
(5 p.m. to 9 p.m. MDT. or
(4 p.m. to 9 p.m. PDT. for those who have difficulty
figuring out the times zones in these Colonies.)

Details: Annual Labor Day Sprint - See
http://www.miqrp.org/contest.html for details

For the extreme QRPers there are categories of power starting at 250 milliwatts or less, another 250 milliwatts to one watt, another for 1 to 5 watts, and another for anything over 5 watts. So, all operators are welcome, from a few milliwatts up to and including a full gallon. Please join the fray!

Note that logs should be sent to n8xx QTHR. I apologize for not getting the results posted for the past two contests. I'll try to get the results of this contest out within a couple weeks of the final submission date.

355. Notice to all radio amateurs in IARU Region 2

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-08-27 15:45:20 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 355 Message: 355

There will probably be an ARRL bulletin to this effect, or I might have even missed one, but, nevertheless, it's worth a reminder or two

Hurricane Gustav - Notice to all radio amateurs in IARU Region 2

Hurricane Gustav is currently making its way through the central part of the Caribbean basin and has passed through Dominican Republic and Haiti and will be affecting the island of Cuba in the next few hours.

It has been requested that IARU R2 member societies remind their members to be aware of emergency communications that may occur in that region, and to keep those frequencies clear for emergency traffic. This message does not indicate any particular frequencies that may be used for this purpose.

73,
Vernon - VE2MBS
RAC News Service
racnews@...

356. Fw: [HARC] Code Class

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-09-03 07:07:44 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 356 Message: 356

All that are interested. Chuck does an excellent job, I know because I was in his beginner class, and the price is right: FREEEEE!!!!!
Respond to Chuck at k8daa@yahoogroups.com .

Tom KD8DEG

----- Original Message -----
From: Charles Rich
To: HARC REFLECTOR
Sent: Tuesday, September 02, 2008 6:12 PM
Subject: [HARC] Code

ONE WEEK TO GO!!!!

If you want to get into a code class - enroll now.

No charge - Just dedication.

Advance and beginner classes offered.

Contact me, NOW!!

Chuck, W8GCW

[Non-text portions of this message have been removed]

357. Volunteers for talk-in Saturday

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-09-03 11:55:44 UTC
From: kf8ql
Topic: 357 Message: 357

Hi - I'm going to set up a talk-in station for the swap Saturday, and I'm looking for volunteers for 30-60 minute shifts to help out. If you have a good feel for directions, and like to talk on the radio (duh - we all do, right?) please email me. Shifts run from 6:00 to noon.

Thanks, and 73 de KF8QL

358. Re: [GRARA] Volunteers for talk-in Saturday

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-09-03 12:10:51 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 357 Message: 358

Dave,

Pencil me in for an 1 hr shift 10 to 11 am.

Tom - KD8DEG
----- Original Message -----
From: kf8ql
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Wednesday, September 03, 2008 7:55 AM
Subject: [GRARA] Volunteers for talk-in Saturday

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I'm looking for volunteers for 30-60 minute shifts to help out. If
you have a good feel for directions, and like to talk on the radio
(duh - we all do, right?) please email me. Shifts run from 6:00 to
noon.

Thanks, and 73 de KF8QL

359. Count Down to the Swap

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-09-03 12:13:24 UTC
From: Jack
Topic: 359 Message: 359

Hi all,

A reminder that there are only 3 days until the Swap, volunteers are still needed - talk-in, Ticket Sales, Concessions, Security and Prizes - and tear down. VE's don't forget your badges, there are usually a few folks taking tests, Rich will be in need on examiners.

We will be setting up on Friday, a potluck and the September meeting (we'll try to keep it short) following. If you can help, Friday afternoon there are things at the Red Cross that need to be loaded and taken to Lowell. Check the GRARA net tonight, I'll try to email the time also, for the time the group will meet to do the pick up.

Jack, AB8ND

360. Re: [GRARA] Count Down to the Swap

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-09-03 19:21:25 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 359 Message: 360

Those at tonight's open radio room.
Paper plates, plastic ware, coffee creamer, etc that's in the storage closet needs to make its way to the fairgrounds Friday. And don't forget the banner!.

73 Jack NY8D

Jack Amelar
Lowell, MI 49331-9711
Home: (616)897-6885

----- Message from ab8nd@... ---------
Date: Wed, 03 Sep 2008 12:13:24 -0000
From: Jack <ab8nd@...>
Reply-To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [GRARA] Count Down to the Swap
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com

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> time also, for the time the group will meet to do the pick up.
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>

----- End message from ab8nd@... -----

361. Stuff at the Red Cross

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-09-04 13:05:48 UTC
From: Jim Leys
Topic: 361 Message: 361

Thanks to Bob Robinson everything at the Red Cross was loaded into his van last night. He will bring the stuff to the fairgrounds Friday to be unloaded. Many thanks to "open radio room guys" for their help in loading Bob's van.

363. Fw: [HARC] Fall tech class

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-09-05 06:13:40 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 363 Message: 363

Have not heard if GRARA is offering a tech class this year so if not and you know of anyone looking to take a tech class see below.

de KD8DEG - Tom
----- Original Message -----
From: Ed Heyboer
To: k8daa@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Thursday, September 04, 2008 1:11 PM
Subject: [HARC] Fall tech class

Just a few days until the tech class begins. We have seats available, so pass the word around.

Monday September at 7:00 in the Technical/training Center. The fee is $20 and $20 for a book if you need it.

Call Ed, KF8EVat 616-772-4811
or eheyboer@...

73,

Ed, KF8EV

73 and blessings
Ed, KF8EV

[Non-text portions of this message have been removed]

364. kent county rain reports

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-09-05 11:48:58 UTC
From: timothy courtier
Topic: 364 Message: 364

HI ALL,
here is a few readings from the COCORAHS group in kent county.
24hr reading, @(approx) 0700 on 09-05-2008.

KENTWOOD 3.71
GRAND RAPIDS 3.49
EAST GRAND RAPIDS 3.97
SPARTA 3.44
WYOMING 4.13
ROCKFORD (my station) 3.34
CALEDONA 4.15

This is from the remmants of GUSTAV.

73's Timothy kb8afs

365. Re: [GRARA] kent county rain reports

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-09-05 14:15:19 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 364 Message: 365

I was "blown away" when I saw 4.9" of rain in my rain gauge in Courtland Township, just outside Rockford.

The local TV station said the showers were quite scattered, which seems to be correlated with these data.

Note that my rain gauge is a cheepie from the local hardware store, so it may not be accurate. Where, how, and for how much can one get a rain guage which is certified for reporting to the weather bureau?

73 de n8xx Hg

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366. Re: [GRARA] kent county rain reports

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-09-05 14:46:18 UTC
From: KB8OCA
Topic: 364 Message: 366

Hank,

if you go to this web site (http://www.cocorahs.org/), you can not only follow a few links to buy a good gauge (about $25 or so), but you can also view the data on a daily basis that is being reported buy volunteers throughout the country.

I had 3.83 inches of rain at my house just SE of the airport this morning.

From: Hank Greeb
Sent: Friday, September 05, 2008 10:15 AM
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: Re: [GRARA] kent county rain reports

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367. The California QSO Party October 4-5, 2008 --- Be There

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-09-08 14:00:56 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 367 Message: 367

FYI:

Should we claim that Michigan is the "Greatest" in several respects?

-------- Original Message --------
Subject: The California QSO Party October 4-5, 2008 --- Be There
Date: Mon, 08 Sep 2008 00:35:42 -0700
From: Rick Eversole <rick@...>
To: undisclosed-recipients: ;

Hello from N6RNO "The Rhino" your new chairman for the greatest State
QSO party the California QSO Party.

When: 1600 UTC October 4, 2008 to 2159 UTC October 5, 2008
Where: 160m, 80m, 40m, 20m, 15m, 10m, 6m, 2m
Modes: CW, SSB
Logs Due: November 15, 2008

The only real change this year is that we will not have county line
operations. This means that there is only one county given on a QSO.
We feel this makes it easier for everyone.

Key Information:
Website: http://www.cqp.org
Rules: http://www.cqp.org/Rules.html
County Registration http://www.cqp.org/Counties-Plan-2008.html
Operating Strategy: http://www.cqp.org/pdf/cqp_strategy_k6rb.pdf
Information: mailto:info@...

CQP Flyer: http://www.cqp.org/2008/CQP2008_Flyer.pdf
One page key information, date, times, frequencies and rally times.
Also, maps showing likely rare counties and state/provinces.

CQP Package: http://www.cqp.org/2008/EviteCQP2008.pdf
General invite, Rules, County/State Abbreviations

Last year if you were in Montana and sent in a log you would have won
the state.

Get the certificates, plaques and wine that you deserve. Send in your logs.

--
Charging Forward
Rick "The Rhino" N6RNO

@ Tehama for California QSO Party, October 4-5 2008.
Where will you be?

http://www.cqp.org

368. New Sunspot Record!!!

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-09-08 20:10:41 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 368 Message: 368

This is worth a reading by anyone on the HF bands.

-------- Original Message --------
Subject: New Sunspot Record!!!
Date: Mon, 8 Sep 2008 15:13:49 -0400
From: hank k8dd <k8dd@...>

I believe it listening on the bands........

NO SUNSPOTS FOR AUGUST (First Time in 100 Years). The sun has reached a
milestone not seen for nearly 100 years: an entire month has passed
without a single visible sunspot being noted. Read the entire article at:

http://www.dailytech.com/Sun+Makes+History+First+Spotless+Month+in+a+Century/article12823.htm

369. Re: [GRARA] New Sunspot Record!!!

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-09-09 01:02:03 UTC
From: KB8OCA
Topic: 368 Message: 369

Hank,

that is one of the worse records in HAM history I would say ......oh well, there is light at the end of the tunnel I guess .....
Even thought the sunspot activity is down to zero lately, you are still able to work several countries if you spend some time on the bands ....

Gerben.

From: Hank Greeb
Sent: Monday, September 08, 2008 4:10 PM
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [GRARA] New Sunspot Record!!!

This is worth a reading by anyone on the HF bands.

-------- Original Message --------
Subject: New Sunspot Record!!!
Date: Mon, 8 Sep 2008 15:13:49 -0400
From: hank k8dd <k8dd@arrl.net>

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NO SUNSPOTS FOR AUGUST (First Time in 100 Years). The sun has reached a milestone not seen for nearly 100 years: an entire month has passed without a single visible sunspot being noted. Read the entire article at:

http://www.dailytech.com/Sun+Makes+History+First+Spotless+Month+in+a+Century/article12823.htm

370. Meetings and events coming soon

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-09-09 13:58:34 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 370 Message: 370

LARC members, family, friends, guests, anyone interested.
RE: Annual meeting and Morley gathering (Separate events)

The Lowell Amateur Radio Club's "Annual" meeting / gathering is this Saturday, September 13. This meeting, including election of officers for Oct 1-Sept 30 is usually abbreviated, followed by a picnic gathering that all are invited to.
The meeting begins at 12 noon, followed by picnic. The picnic will be outdoors if the weather permits, indoors conference room if not. Bring your own food and drink. "The Shack" at the Flat River Outreach Ministries building, 11535 E Fulton Ave - HWY M-21, Lowell. West end of Lowell, about 1 mile west of the Lowell Meijer. Talk-in 145.27-(ctcss94.8Hz).

An event this club have not done in a long time is a weekend campfire gathering. We also should do one more site cleanup at the Morley receive site.
Sooo, Saturday, September 20, campfire-cookout at the Morley receive site. Input "3800 155th Ave, Morley, Mi 49336" in your favorite maping software or website. Figure about 6PM, I'll provide burgers and dogs, bring something to pass. You might want to bring a chair as well.
Now for more details. I'll arrive with my motorhome Friday afternoon, and since I'm taking vacation the following week, leave when I'm good and ready to. Anyone else feel like a camping trip out in a rural area with mix of trees and open areas is also welcome to bring your gear. Electricity is available, bring extension cord, you'll need to bring water, etc. Saturday will be site cleanup, figure about 10AM start. Cookout / campfire at 6PM. If you have to choose, do the evening campfire. Not a lot has to be done during the day, we'll manage just fine. Anyone who was around when we first raised our antennas on the Morley tower remember the good time and comeradaty we had the night before and during the antenna work should look forward to the weekend. Of course, all are welcome including family, friends, guests. Talk-in 145.27-(ctcss94.8Hz), you will have no problem accessing the repeater as you approach the Morley tower. I will also have my cell phone.

73 Jack NY8D

Jack Amelar
1554 Lincoln Lake Ave NE
Lowell, MI 49331-9711
Home: (616)897-6885
Cell: (616)318-4551 (Nextel 130*719*68)
E-mail: mailto:jamelar@...

372. Adopt-A-Highway ~American Red Cross~

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-09-09 18:12:10 UTC
From: n8dgd
Topic: 372 Message: 372

The years last road side clean up is scheduled for Tuesday Sept. 23rd.
(originally scheduled for the sixteenth moved out one week)
Located on M-57 just east of US-131 Expressway.
Meeting time and location is 6:00 pm at the parking lot of the Crazy
Horse Saloon. Bags, hats, vests, extend-a-reaches will be provided.
Bring your gloves and eye protection.
Talk-in on 146.880/R Cedar Springs repeater or 146.520 simplex.
Rain date is the following Thursday.
Can you help? Eight to 10 people are needed to make quick clean-up of
M-57. Refreshments follow afterward at the Crazy Horse.

please post on the W8DC web page, if possible, time permitting.

Tom Hansen N8DGD

373. ARRL Presents New Membership Benefit

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-09-10 15:36:35 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 373 Message: 373

ARRL Presents New Membership Benefit

With just a mouse click or two, ARRL members can now access the online QST magazine archive. This new benefit -- a service of the ARRL Technical Information Service (TIS) -- provides PDF copies of all QST articles from December 1915 through December 2004, enabling members to view and print their favorite article, project and more. For many years, the TIS has provided members with assistance researching ARRL periodicals and publications, as well as providing members and non-members with article reprints for a small fee. Access to the new online digital QST archive is free for ARRL members

"Having access to every issue of QST through 2004 is absolutely incredible!" said ARRL Lab Manager Ed Hare, W1RFI. "The best of the best of QST from every era is now at the fingertips of every ARRL member with a keyboard and an Internet connection. Members can research articles on any subject that interests them, or just browse the past issues. This will be a popular membership benefit that will be of special value to new and long-time hams alike. This valuable content will help radio amateurs who use QST as a technical resource -- for projects, equipment 'hints and kinks' -- and for other research contributing to the advancement of the radio art. We know many hams will simply enjoy perusing these pages of history, too."

The ARRL Periodicals Archive and Search lists every article for QST from 1915 to the present, QEX from 1981 to the present, Ham Radio from 1968 to 1990 and NCJ from 1973 to the present (please note that beginning in 1998, each issue of QEX covers two months). Only ARRL members will be able to download and print copies of the QST articles.

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374. F.B.I. LETTER

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-09-10 18:38:24 UTC
From: timothy courtier
Topic: 374 Message: 374

ATTN. ALL GRARA GROUP READERS, AND OTHERS.
Just got off the phone with the F.B.I. in Detroit, over a letter that I receved today.
The letter was about a money transfer with a bank in NIGERIA, that I am involved with.
Here are the facts...
1. The email address is NOT from the F.B.I., or any other U.S. agency.
2. My name, adress, and known phone number was NOT in the letter.
3. I know NONE of any names listed in this letter.
The agent told me that the "F.B.I. cyber team" in D.C. is working on the case.
And that I can "just deleat it".
The case has been ongoing for over a week.
Rule of thumb...
IF it dose not say .gov then deleat....
73's
timothy kb8afs

375. Got Pictures?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-09-11 18:28:06 UTC
From: mike_w8der
Topic: 375 Message: 375

Did anyone get a few pictures from the GRARA Hamfest? We could use some for the web site article. I got so excited about buying a new fox hunting antenna that I forgot to take any pictures.

Mike@...

376. CW Net

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-09-11 21:12:34 UTC
From: Richard H. Douglas
Topic: 376 Message: 376

Hi Tom,

I thought I would let you know that I heard you on the CW net today. The natives were restless so I did not get a chance to say hi. Anyway, I'll keep trying. Who is the NC or are you elected?

73,
Rich, KC8NKA

377. Re: [GRARA] Got Pictures?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-09-12 01:32:51 UTC
From: K8TB
Topic: 375 Message: 377

>mike_w8der wrote: ....I got so excited about buying a new fox
>..hunting antenna that I forgot to take any pictures.

Hey Mike !

I don't know if you are on the West Michigan Ham email list, but
look what juuuust showed up:

>All:

You, yes YOU, are invited to a fun Saturday (yes, THIS one) packed
with events. The day starts with a fox hunt at one o'clock. There
will be fox hunting hardware available if you find yourself short an
antenna or such. There will also be instruction and encouragement.
Clarke, K8BP is heading up the fox hunt.

Actually you could start even earlier with breakfast at Whitlow's
Restaurant. That's even more fun.

Later in the afternoon we're enjoying a Steak Dinner. New York Strips
highlight the menu. Dinner starts at five o'clock. You don't have to
be a fox hunter to enjoy the beef.

It all happens at the Muskegon Area Amateur Radio Council's clubhouse
at 2888 Scenic (yep, ask your favorite mapping program for directions)
over near Lake Michigan.

Come early, stay later, only show in the middle? It will all be great
fun. And it doesn't matter if you are a ham or that you're just
curious. Drop in and enjoy.

We hope to see you there.

Bill, AB8SC
MAARC guy

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CU in MKG Mike?

73 de tom K8TB

378. Re: [GRARA] CW Net

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-09-11 21:41:53 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 376 Message: 378

choip de choip choip choip choip de choip

Tell me more about the "CW net." It might entice me to get on.

73 de n8xx Hg

Richard H. Douglas wrote:

>Hi Tom,
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>I thought I would let you know that I heard you on the CW net today. The natives were restless so I did not get a chance to say hi. Anyway, I'll keep trying. Who is the NC or are you elected?
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>73,
>Rich, KC8NKA
>
>
>

379. Morley receive site grounds maintenance and campfire/cookout.

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-09-16 13:12:25 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 379 Message: 379

LARC members, other club members, family, friends, guests, anyone interested.
RE: Morley receive site grounds maintenance and campfire/cookout.

An event we haven't done in a long time is a weekend campfire
gathering. We also should do one more site cleanup at the Morley receive site.
Sooo, Saturday, September 20, CAMPFIRE-COOKOUT at the Morley receive
site. Input "3800 155th Ave, Morley, Mi 49336" in your favorite
maping software or website. Figure about 6PM, I'll provide burgers and dogs,
bring something to pass. You might want to bring a chair as well.

Now for more details. I'll arrive with my motorhome Friday afternoon,
and since I'm taking vacation the following week, leave when I'm good
and ready to. Anyone else feel like a camping trip out in a rural
area with mix of trees and open areas near a buffulo and elk ranch is
also welcome to bring your gear. Electricity is available, bring
extension cord, you'll need to bring water, etc. Saturday will be site
cleanup, figure about 10AM start. Cookout / campfire at 6PM. IF YOU
HAVE TO CHOOSE, do the evening campfire. Not a lot has to be done
during the day, we'll manage just fine. Anyone who was around when we
first raised our antennas on the Morley tower remember the good time
and comeradaty we had the night before and during the antenna work
should look forward to the
weekend. Of course, ALL ARE WELCOME including family, friends, guests. Talk-in
145.27-(ctcss94.8Hz), you will have no problem accessing the repeater
as you approach the Morley tower. I will also have my cell phone.

73 Jack NY8D

Jack Amelar
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380. 23rd Annual SW Ohio Digital Symposium, January 10 2009

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-09-18 15:03:09 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 380 Message: 380

Call for Papers, 23rd Southwest Ohio Digital & Technical Symposium

We are currently soliciting authors and papers for the 23rd Annual Southwest Ohio Digital & Technical Symposium, to be held on 10 January 2009. This event will cover subjects concerning any digital mode of communications, plus "leading edge" discussions of new technologies in the analog modes.

If you're experimenting in any of these areas, we'd like to hear from you! Please send your ideas to Jay Slough, K4ZLE, 2554 Hamilton Road, Lebanon, OH 45036-8849, Phone: 513-934-0235,
Email: k4zle <at> embarqmail <dot> com

The symposium will run from 8:00 a.m to about 4:00 p.m. EST, in Thesken Hall, Middletown Campus, Miami University, Middletown, Ohio.
For details on past events, and up to date plans for 2009 see http://www.swohdigi.org

381. Fwd: WEAVER'S WORDS -- Still time to register for Webinar

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-09-21 03:51:14 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 381 Message: 381

-------- Original Message --------
Subject: WEAVER'S WORDS -- Still time to register for Webinar
Date: Sat, 20 Sep 2008 22:14:21 -0400 (EDT)
From: ARRL GL Division <memberlist@...>
To:

(Reply only to k8je@...)

FREE AMATEUR RADIO KIT BUILDING WEBINAR -- Last moment registration

This is a last-moment reminder of the Webinar described below. It is
proving to be rather popular -- we are approaching 200 registrants.

Join us for a Webinar on September 22

Webinar Title: Amateur Radio Kit Building Webinar

Date: Monday, September 22, 2008

Time: 8:00 PM - 9:30 PM EDT

System Requirements

PC-based attendees
Required: Windows? 2000, XP Home, XP Pro, 2003 Server, Vista

Macintosh?-based attendees
Required: Mac OS? X 10.4 (Tiger?) or newer

Space is limited.
Reserve your Webinar seat now at:
https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/487131608

Audio is via telephone and the web. There is no charge to participate.

The Great Lakes Division's own Dan Romanchik, KB6NU will provide the
online seminar that shows how simple it is to build many pieces of
equipment that are useful to radio amateurs. Dan lives in Lansing, MI
and is the ARRL Affiliated Club Coordinator for the Michigan Section. He
has considerable experience in building kits.

In his Webinar, even the most uninitiated participant will learn how
simple it is to assemble many useful and relatively inexpensive kits
being sold today as well as many pieces of equipment that are described
in QST and other electronics journals.

In addition to being able to build useful equipment, kit builders have
the great satisfaction of saying "look at this piece of gear I built" to
family and friends.

NOTE: A few members have had difficulty in registering for these Webinars. In all cases of which I am aware, the problem has been with their web browser. Changing web browsers has solved the problem.

We regret that some members may not have operating systems required to participate in the Webinar. Fortunately, most do. The requirements are established by the owner of the Webinar service and not by any of us who are involved in providing this series of Webinars.

Thanks to Director Bill Edgar, N3LLR of the ARRL Atlantic District for providing access to the Webinar system to us in the Great Lakes Division.

73,

Jim

Jim Weaver, K8JE
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382. Hiker summons help with ham radio

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-09-25 19:54:02 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 382 Message: 382

From: http://seattlepi.nwsource.com/local/380213_hamradio24.html

Hiker summons help with ham radio
'It's just a stroke of luck that turned out great'

By JACKSON HOLTZ
THE (EVERETT) HERALD

EVERETT -- A series of dots and dashes bouncing off the ionosphere Sunday helped save a hiker stranded on Buck Creek Pass east of Glacier Peak.

The hiker, who broke his leg, used a low-voltage portable radio and Morse code to send out a call to help.

Six hundred miles away, in Bozeman, Mont., Robert Williams was testing his ham radio Sunday when he heard the call signal, "W-7-A-U."

Williams replied and quickly learned, in the dashes and dots, that he was talking with a 62-year-old Corvallis, Ore., man, who had slipped and hurt himself in the high Cascades of Western Washington.

"I just happened to be at the same frequency," Williams, 65, said Monday. "It's just a stroke of luck that turned out great."

Williams called 911 and was connected to Snohomish County search and rescue officials. He spent much of Sunday and Monday relaying information, including GPS coordinates, from the hiker to rescuers.

"It was quite an experience," Williams said. "I'm just glad that he was a ham radio operator and that I was able to talk to him. It made the difference for him."

On Sunday, rescue crews reached the man, who had set up camp on Buck Creek Pass, at about 6,000 feet just west of the Chelan County line.

He was taken to safety Monday on horseback.

The call set in motion one of two mountain rescues Sunday.

A second team of rescuers went up Three Fingers Mountain after a man there fell about 200 feet on a glacier near the summit.

Including the weekend rescues, search and rescue teams this year have now responded to 100 missions, Snohomish County Sheriff's Sgt. Danny Wikstrom said.

Both of the injured men in the weekend rescues were well prepared for the wilderness conditions, he said.

"To have that equipment will save your life," he said.

The man on Three Fingers was hiking with three other people when he fell. His climbing party summoned help, officials said.

On Monday afternoon, he was taken by helicopter off the mountain to Providence Regional Medical Center Everett, sheriff's Lt. Rodney Rochon said.

He wasn't able to walk when he was loaded into the chopper, Rochon said. He apparently had sprained his ankle and knee in the fall.

Bad weather Sunday prevented helicopter rescues of both men. Teams spent a night in snow and frigid conditions in the mountains.

Rescuers on Three Fingers used a pulley system to hoist the man off the glacier and onto the trail, Wikstrom said.

Teams then carried the man to Goat Flats, where he was loaded onto the chopper.

Rescuers on horseback reached the man on Buck Creek Pass on Monday morning.

The trail from Darrington was washed out from recent storms and wasn't passable, so crews approached along the Trinity Trail near Lake Wenatchee, Wikstrom said.

It isn't the first time amateur radio operators have helped out with an emergency situation, said Allen Pitts, a spokesman for the American Radio Relay League in Newington, Conn.

The radios work well when other kinds of communication fail, he said.

Ham radio operators were of paramount importance after Hurricane Katrina in 2005 and when a tsunami ravaged Southeast Asia in 2004.

Still, it's rare that Morse code is used to initiate a rescue, he said.

Amateur radio operators used to be required to know Morse code to get a license. That requirement was dropped a few years ago.

Since then, Morse code has actually gained popularity, Pitts said.

"Morse code will get through when no other type of communication will," Snohomish County Hams Club President Grant Hopper said.

Williams, the Montana man, said he was able to understand the injured man's code even when his signal became very weak. Voice communication over the airwaves likely would have become garbled or misunderstood.

The man had a low-voltage radio transmitter, which operates on about as much power as it takes to make a tiny Christmas tree light sparkle.

In the right conditions, radio signals can bounce off the Earth's atmosphere and ricochet thousands of miles.

"A signal like that can skip a long way around the world," Williams said. "You can talk to Europe or Asia given the right conditions."

This is the first time Williams has helped someone in danger using his radio.

The rescue likely wouldn't have been possible if the injured man weren't a competent radio operator, Williams said.

"My guess is that he was just waiting to hear from somebody," he said. "I happened to be the lucky one."

Note: a version of this, written mainlhy for ham radio operators, is at http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2008/09/23/10348/?nc=1

383. Fw: [HARC] Ken Groom, ZR5AAD, Funeral Arrangements

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-09-25 22:39:55 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 383 Message: 383
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

The funeral arrangements for Ken have been finalized.

The visitation will be on Sunday, between 4 PM and 8 PM at
VanZantwick-Bartels-Kammaraad Funeral Home,
<http://www.vbkfuneralhome.com/> located at 620 Wahington St. Grand
Haven, Mi
<http://maps.google.com/maps?f=q&hl=en&geocode=&q=620+Washington,+St+Gra

It is at the corner of Washington and 7th. Rosary will be said approximately
7pm to 7:20pm.

The service will be held at St. Mary Margaret Catholic Church
<http://maps.google.com/maps?f=q&hl=en&geocode=&q=St.+Mary+Margaret+Cath
located in Allendale, Mi. at 10 AM on Monday Sept 29, 2008.

Ken will be interned at Restlawn Cemetery
<http://maps.google.com/maps?f=q&hl=en&geocode=&q=Restlawn+Cemetery,+Hol
in Holland, Mi following the service/luncheon.

The following is the official Obituary. A slightly modified one, second
paragraph will be missing, will be published in the Holland Sentinal
newspaper today.

Death Notice for News Media

For Kenneth William Groom

September 24, 2008

Kenneth William Groom, age 56, of Holland passed away Wednesday,
September 24, 2008, at Holland Hospice House. He was born August 23,
1952, in Durbin, Republic of South Africa, to Claude and Phyllis Maud
(Lloyd) Groom, and moved here from South Africa 8 years ago.

Ken had been employed in High Level Access Security for Sky Com Inc. in
South Africa and had previously been in bank management for Standard
Bank and sales manager for Cullen's Satellite all in South Africa. He
served in the South African Defense Force, was a proud member of The
Republic of South Africa National Shooting Team, a member of St. Mary
Margaret Church in Allendale, Holland Amateur Radio Club, EAA
Experimental Aircraft and volunteered with the Red Cross (Holland
Chapter) as a board member, International Red Cross of South Africa,
Ottawa County EOC (Homeland Security) and as a Tulip Time marshal.

Survivors include his loving and caring USA family of friends; Charles,
Sherry and Ian Krueger of Holland, Caleb and Amanda Zimmerman of London,
Canada and his church family at St. Mary Margaret Church. Also, Ken's

extended family in The Republic of South Africa; Candace Lotrict who he treated as a daughter, cousin, Collen Pappas, aunt, Podge Ponter and cousin, Mike Ponter in Virginia Beach, VA.

The Funeral Mass for Ken will be at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, September 29, 2008, at St. Mary Margaret Catholic Church in Allendale with Fr. Joseph Dreher as celebrant. A time of visitation with Ken's family will be Sunday from 4:00-8:00 p.m. with a rosary service at 7:00 p.m. at VanZantwick Bartels Kammerad in Grand Haven (PLEASE USE NEW EAST ENTRANCE). Interment will be at Restlawn Memorial Gardens in Holland. Contributions may be made to the Ken Groom ZR5AAD medical donation account or Hospice House of Holland. Share memories with the family at their online guest book at www.vbkfuneralhome.com <http://www.vbkfuneralhome.com/> .

VanZantwick Bartels Kammeraad

Grand Haven

File: Obit Groom, Ken

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Chuck and Sherry

[Non-text portions of this message have been removed]

384. redcross radio install

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-09-27 03:06:46 UTC
From: m2096ay
Topic: 384 Message: 384

we have 2 cars to install radios in them .if you can come and help me
between 630&700 pm saterday 9-27-2008 today.please call me at
616-890-4594 or 5387731 this will be at the redcross. thank you
mike ayers

385. Transportation Car Change Over Red Cross

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-09-27 03:43:33 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 385 Message: 385
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

-------- Original Message --------
Subject: [GRARA members] Transportation Car Change Over Red Cross
Date: Fri, 26 Sep 2008 22:24:50 -0400
From: wd8usa@...
To: grara_members@...

The Red Cross has advised us there are 2 transportation cars that need radios installed. Mike KD8DLG is looking for help this Saturday (today) from 630 to 7pm arrival time at the Chapter garage to get the job done. Please assist Mike if you can! DE WD8USA ...-.-

386. Microwave frequency measurement equipment?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-09-27 04:37:38 UTC
From: Joe Veldhuis
Topic: 386 Message: 386

I've recently come into possession of a 10 GHz Gunn oscillator, which I'd like to use as the basis of an X-band receiver. It appears to work (draws some current and puts voltage on a field strength sensor), so the next question will be: QRG?

I don't have any equipment here capable of operating on those bands (my freq counter is only good to 200 MHz, my scope does only 10 MHz), so I'm wondering if anyone has something that'd be useful for the task of tuning this thing.

Thanks,
-Joe, N8FQ

387. A historical note

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-09-29 14:17:49 UTC
From: Jack
Topic: 387 Message: 387

Forwarding this on from a passed member

Jack, AB8ND

From: Len [K4IWL] [mailto:k4iwl@...]
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2008 11:42 PM
To: 'AB8ND@...'
Subject: A historical note.

Jack,

Couldn't resist sending an email to the club where I started as a ham and new Novice with the call Wn8LEN in 1952.
I was in high school (16 YO) and learned about ham radio from a GRARA member I met when I stopped by his radio repair shop to find how I could build a super-het radio. Some names are now forgotten but it was at a meeting that I visited with my radio shop Elmer that I learned about ham radio and I after that I couldn't learn fast enough. A few months later, I passed the Novice test at the National Guard armory where the FCC team came a couple of times each year to do the testing.

My ham radio nickname was given to me by GRARA at one of the meetings in my first year as a novice. My given name is Nils Carlson but my first name has always been a problem for people to remember or get right (even today) and I was asked to give a short talk at a meeting about what I thought about ham radio and what I was doing, getting on the air, etc. The president of the club (this would have been in early 1953) was introducing me to stand up and give my talk. He said, " ... and Len will now talk about ...". My call was WN8LEN and I looked around to see "who is Len?" No one was standing up to talk. Then he pointed to me and from that moment on I have been Len until this day. In 1953 my parents put me on a plane to ChIcago where I passed my General. I have moved around a bit since those days and have held several calls W9GEX (Illinois) and KZ5IW [Canal Zone] and eventually K4IWL (Florida) in 1972 and that's the call I still hold today.

I have lived in the Dallas area for 20 years and a former president of the Dallas Amateur Radio Club and Len is my name. If you ask my ham friends about Nils they will give you a blank stare. You can read my profile on www.qrz.com/k4iwl.

Anyway, I couldn't resist sending this email after running across the GRARA web page tonight. By the way, I graduated from Union High class of '53.
One final thing, after reading where the repeaters are I wonder how many remember this bit of trivia: WLAV got its call letters from the name of the original owner Leonard A Versluis. I had met him a few

times when I used to hang around the radio studios getting a little education in broadcasting.

Enough for now,

72,

N. T. "LEN" Carlson, K4IWL

www.qrz.com/k4iwl

www.w5fc.org/files/QRP%20Expressions.pdf

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'It is vain to do with more what can be done with less'

~~ William of Occam, English Philosopher and Franciscan Monk, Circa 1285-1349 ~~

388. RCCT DSHR Forms

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-09-30 14:00:01 UTC
From: Jim Leys
Topic: 388 Message: 388

This just a reminder for those who have not handed in their DSHR forms.
You can bring them to the open radio room on Wednesday, or to the club
meeting this Friday. Give them to Joe Bell or myself. They then will
turned in to the Red Cross for processing and hopefully we will get
the proper picture I.D. shortly.
Any questions contact Joe or me.
Thanks
Jim Leys
KD8CAN

389. Antenna Project at the Red Cross Saturday at the Red Cross, 11:00 am

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-09-30 14:24:14 UTC
From: grara_town_crier
Topic: 389 Message: 389

Come and join us for the installation of the new high frequency (HF) antenna at the Red Cross on Saturday, October 4th, at 11:00 am. (i.e. THIS Saturday)

This is the multi-band dipole that we bought at Daton and used for the first time at field day this summer. It will greatly expand our ability to take part in contests from the Red Cross Radio Room.

We have the installation tools, but maybe somebody can bring hand tools and a saw to help clear the brush along the fence line by the parking lot.

This is one of the fun projects!

390. GRARA club meeting is this Friday..... 7:00 PM

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-09-30 14:33:43 UTC
From: grara_town_crier
Topic: 390 Message: 390

Where did September go?

Friday night is the first Friday again and time for the next Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association (GRARA) club meeting. We hope you will be there!

Nomination of officer candidates for the 2008 - 2009 GRARA Year will be held. (Election will be held at the November Meeting.)

See the web site for meeting details: http://www.w8dc.org <http://www.w8dc.org>

391. RE: [GRARA] A historical note

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-10-01 02:38:40 UTC
From: Gary Lauff
Topic: 387 Message: 391

Jack,
Very interesting to hear from Nils or Len K4IWL. Do you think he has met Bill Cahill AD8BC, being he is a Dallas club member?
Gary W8GL

To: GRARA@yahoogroups.comFrom: ab8nd@...: Mon, 29 Sep 2008 14:17:49 +0000Subject: [GRARA] A historical note

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392. Scouting Radio Merit Badge

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-10-02 18:39:09 UTC
From: mike_w8der
Topic: 392 Message: 392

While looking at this month's CQ magazine, I noticed their "Amateur Radio Web Site of the Month" went to a site that focuses on the Boy Scout Radio Merit Badge and how hams can help the Scouts earn this badge.

Ref: http://k2gw.tripod.com/radiomeritbadge/
<http://k2gw.tripod.com/radiomeritbadge/>

This sounds like an effort that has "local radio club" written all over it. Does any group in western Michigan do anything with this?

Additional Ref:

http://www.scouting.org/BoyScouts/AdvancementAndAwards/MeritBadges.aspx

393. RE: [GRARA] Scouting Radio Merit Badge

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-10-03 14:54:42 UTC
From: Gary Lauff
Topic: 392 Message: 393

Mike,
I know Mark Gerben / W0WCH for been active in Boys Scouts for years. You might want to ask him. He could put us in touch with the right folks. Maybe we could tie the Boy Scouts in with the GRARA code class thing. I know he frequents the Friday Schnitz's Deli "Lunch Bunch" IRA boys get-togethers. You can raise him on the link system, too.
Hope this helps.
Gary W8GL

To: GRARA@yahoogroups.comFrom: mike@...: Thu, 2 Oct 2008 18:39:09 +0000Subject: [GRARA] Scouting Radio Merit Badge

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Get more out of the Web. Learn 10 hidden secrets of Windows Live.
http://windowslive.com/connect/post/jamiethomson.spaces.live.com-Blog-cns!550F681DAD532637!5295.entry?ocid=TXT_TAGLM_WL_domore_092008

394. RE: [GRARA] Scouting Radio Merit Badge

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-10-04 01:59:57 UTC
From: Dave Ed
Topic: 392 Message: 394

Guys,
Every scout troop in the county should be contacted for info on who in their troop might be interested in earning this merit badge, then set up a weekly, monthly training program, meeting for those interested. I wish is was home to help line something up.
Dave
AC8AB

--- On Fri, 10/3/08, Gary Lauff <gary_lauff@...> wrote:
From: Gary Lauff <gary_lauff@hotmail.com>
Subject: RE: [GRARA] Scouting Radio Merit Badge
To: grara@yahoogroups.com
Date: Friday, October 3, 2008, 10:54 AM

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From: mike@...
Date: Thu, 2 Oct 2008 18:39:09 +0000
Subject: [GRARA] Scouting Radio Merit Badge

While looking at this month's CQ magazine, I noticed their "Amateur Radio Web Site of the Month" went to a site that focuses on the Boy Scout Radio Merit Badge and how hams can help the Scouts earn this badge.

Ref: http://k2gw. tripod.com/ radiomeritbadge/

This sounds like an effort that has "local radio club" written all over it. Does any group in western Michigan do anything with this?

Additional Ref:

http://www.scouting .org/BoyScouts/ AdvancementAndAw ards/MeritBadges .aspx

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395. Dave Ed, where are you?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-10-04 02:20:03 UTC
From: mike_w8der
Topic: 395 Message: 395

Dave, Thanks for the input on the Scouting Radio merit badge.

However, might I remind you that you promised to keep us posted on where you are in that super RV of yours. Let's hear from you! Are you using that new tranceiver that your XYL won?

Are you in Arizona yet?

396. Holland ARC, Great Lakeshore Super Swap, October 18th

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-10-04 02:32:14 UTC
From: grara_town_crier
Topic: 396 Message: 396

Hey guys,

The Holland ARC's Great Lakeshore Super Swap is coming up before you know it! They put on a pretty good swap.

Here is a link to their swap web page:

http://www.hollandarc.org/?page_id=22

397. RE: Scouting Radio Merit Badge (Hi Dave)

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-10-04 10:47:53 UTC
From: Jack
Topic: 397 Message: 397

Dave,

Good to hear from you, hope the trip is going well

Jack, AB8ND

Dave Ed wrote:
>
> Guys,
> Every scout troop in the county should be contacted for info on who in their troop might be interested in earning this merit badge, then set up a weekly, monthly training program, meeting for those interested. I wish is was home to help line something up.
> Dave
> AC8AB

398. Boy Scout Jamboree on the Air

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-10-04 10:49:50 UTC
From: Jack
Topic: 398 Message: 398

The 51st JOTA / 12th JOTI will take place on 18 and 19 October 2008.

Not sure what the local Troops are doing,but I believe Carl, WA8AAT,
or Tom, N8DGD can get us more information.
This is a good time to help out the Boy Scouts and introduce many of
them to Ham Radio.

Jack, AB8ND

399. Re: Scouting Radio Merit Badge -- Ann Arbor

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-10-05 23:22:59 UTC
From: grara_town_crier
Topic: 392 Message: 399

In reading about the ARRL Vice Director candidates, I noted that the candidate from the Ann Arbor ARC had run a Scout Radio Merit Badge Day last March 31st for the Scouts. He has a good report on the event on the club site. Again it sounds like a neat project to get young people introduced to ham radio.

http://www.w8pgw.org/node/737

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400. Icebreaker Mackinaw

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-10-06 15:06:55 UTC
From: Jack
Topic: 400 Message: 400

The Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Emmet Counties Public Service Communications Organization is operating a ham station on board the Icebreaker Mackinaw Maritime Museum Ship. The station's call sign is W8AGB, commemorating the ship's WAGB-83 designation. If you happen to be at "The Bridge", licensed Amateurs are invited to operate the station when manned by a CCECPSCO member - I believe Ed, N8UXN has operated the equipment. Below is a link to CCECPSCO's web page about the ship.

http://www.w8cce.org/mackinaw/index.html

Jack, AB8ND

401. Web sites for kit building

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-10-09 02:08:13 UTC
From: tom_kd8deg
Topic: 401 Message: 401

Go to the "Files" open the folder "Kit building" and then open "Web sites for kits". Double click on any of the URL's to get to that site.

402. Re: [GRARA] Web sites for kit building

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-10-09 02:36:19 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 401 Message: 402

Great job of collecting info on kits.

Please add about http://www.smallwonderlabs.com/ K1SWL makes some excellent kits The Rock Mite very simple rig has had over 10,000 built.

and http://kd1jv.qrpradio.com/ Steve Weber designs excellent QRP rigs several are offered for sale at his site. One was featured in the August 2008 QST. The rig has been made into a kit by Hendricks Kits at http://www.qrpkits.com

73 de n8xx Hg

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403. Re: [GRARA] Web sites for kit building

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-10-09 04:25:23 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 401 Message: 403

Thanks Hank. I got most of them off an on-line seminar, collected by Dan KB6NU who did most of the leg work.

Tom KD8DEG

----- Original Message -----
From: Hank Greeb
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Wednesday, October 08, 2008 10:36 PM
Subject: Re: [GRARA] Web sites for kit building

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404. SARAC Hamfest/Swap October 25

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-10-15 22:23:26 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 404 Message: 404

1500 Hill St, Petoskey, MI Here's one which doesn't show on the ARRL Hamfest calendar.

It's the "Straits Area Amateur Radio Club's" Swap - at the the Petoskey High School Cafeteria, in Petoskey, Michigan, on Saturday, October 25, 2008, from 8 a.m. till noon. No mention of entry fee.

The Petosky High School is at 1500 Hill St, Petoskey, MI, about 180 miles north of Grand Rapids.

Anyone going?

73 de n8xx Hg

405. GRARA Meeting Presentation Announcement for Friday, November 7th

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-10-16 16:17:40 UTC
From: W8GL
Topic: 405 Message: 405

For Immediate Release:

Aside from elections, the GRARA group will have a talk on the subject of contesting. The speaker will be Hank / N8XX. It is entitled: "Contesting 101." Be sure to attend the meeting at the Red Cross, on Friday, November 7th, 6:30pm. Hope to see you there,
Gary / W8GL
Off-Air Director

406. Suggested Activity for GRARA Members

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-10-26 00:31:57 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 406 Message: 406

I believe we should activate W8DC for the Phone November Sweepstakes, which starts 2100 UTC Saturday November 15, ends 0300 UTC Monday November 17 - That's 4 p.m. Saturday, November 15 thru 10 p.m. Sunday, Eastern Time. We may operate any 24 hours of the 30 hours.

I can't make the meeting on November 7, but please discuss the desirability of this activity, and the preferred times. I'd be available Saturday evening and Sunday after about 2 p.m. until evening, but my availability shouldn't dictate the operating times. We should have one operator on hand who is familiar with the equipment at all times - who is preferably an Extra Class Licensee so we don't need to worry about sub-bands, though any General Class or higher licensee could be the control operator..

We should encourage new hams, and hams who haven't participated in contesting to pitch in and "give it a go." The only real way to get an idea of what goes on in a contest is to do some operating.

73 de n8xx Hg

407. Re: [GRARA] Suggested Activity for GRARA Members

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-10-26 12:26:35 UTC
From: AB8ND
Topic: 406 Message: 407

Hank,

I think this is an excellent idea.

An added note to this:
We will try to install the Gap vertical antenna next week end, this will enable W8DC to operate 2 stations from the radio room

Jack, AB8ND

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408. Re: Suggested Activity for GRARA Members

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-10-26 18:48:22 UTC
From: mike_w8der
Topic: 406 Message: 408

Great idea Hank!

Count me in for this one. We are still laughing over all the fun at the Michigan QSO Party at the Red Cross Radio Room.

Mike@W8DER.Net

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409. RE: [GRARA] Re: Suggested Activity for GRARA Members

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-10-28 13:40:55 UTC
From: Gary Lauff
Topic: 406 Message: 409

Hank and Mike,
Great idea, sounds like fun, but what brainiac scheduled the contest on gun deer opening week-end??
Gary W8GL

To: GRARA@yahoogroups.comFrom: mike@...: Sun, 26 Oct 2008 18:48:22 +0000Subject: [GRARA] Re: Suggested Activity for GRARA Members

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410. Re: [GRARA] Re: Suggested Activity for GRARA Members

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-10-28 13:46:55 UTC
From: AB8ND
Topic: 406 Message: 410

Gary

You ain't going out to shoot Bambi are you :-\

Jack, AB8ND

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411. Just wanted to introduce myself...

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-10-29 00:15:55 UTC
From: Tom
Topic: 411 Message: 411

Hello folks! Name here is Tom, call sign KC8TBY. I was glad to see that GRARA had an on-line Yahoo group and I am looking forward to being an active member of the group!

Although I've been licensed as a Tech since 2001, I am about ready to take the test to upgrade my license to General class within the next few weeks! Although I certainly enjoy using my simple HT for that 2 meter work, I have to admit that I am excited about the possibility of getting those additional HF privileges! Anyway, wish me luck!

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Tom
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412. Re: [GRARA] Just wanted to introduce myself...

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-10-29 01:38:03 UTC
From: wd8usa@aol.com
Topic: 411 Message: 412

Welcome to the group and best of luck to you! DE WD8USA? Red Cross Comm. Chairman / GRARA member

-----Original Message-----
From: Tom <kerryguy7@...>
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Tue, 28 Oct 2008 8:15 pm
Subject: [GRARA] Just wanted to introduce myself...

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KC8TBY

413. Re: [GRARA] Just wanted to introduce myself...

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-10-29 02:10:02 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 411 Message: 413

Welcome, Welcome KC8TBY, Tom from KD8DEG also Tom, one of several other Tom's in the club. Looking FWD to seeing you at one of the club meetings, & hearing you on the air.

Myself & KC8PCL, Dave run the "GRARA" 2m FM net on the club's repeater, 147.260 Mhz, pl 94.8, every Wednesday night at 8 PM and we are looking FWD to you checking-in from time to time.
After 12 check-ins in a years time we send out a certificate suitable for framing to hang on your shack's wall. You can view it on GRARA's web site main page.

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de KD8DEG Tom .-.-.

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KC8TBY

414. Re: Just wanted to introduce myself -- good suggestion, code class

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-10-29 02:24:00 UTC
From: mike_w8der
Topic: 411 Message: 414

Yes Tom,

We have done some work on setting up a code class. The hard part is to get everyone through the memorization step before we start some speed development.

Here is a link to our current attempt at a tool to get everyone going to the same point.

Try this link in your Microsoft Internet Explorer.

http://www.w8dc.net/w8dc/cw_default.htm

415. Re: [GRARA] Just wanted to introduce myself...

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-10-29 04:30:25 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 411 Message: 415

Hi, Tom:

Welcome to the group! Be sure to visit us on Friday, the 7th, and come down to any of the open radio rooms on Wednesday evenings at the Red Cross HQ on Fulton Street.

More than likely we'll be activating the club station, W8DC, for the ARRL Sweepstakes contest November 15/16. This is a great chance for folks to partake of some HF operating! Do drap by if you get a chance. Pay attention to info on the W8DC repeater and this reflector for exact times of operation.

73 de n8xx Hg

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416. New file uploaded to GRARA

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-10-30 11:56:27 UTC
From: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 336 Message: 416

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the GRARA
group.

File : /Temporary Files/RandomWireAntenna.jpg
Uploaded by : ab8nd <ab8nd@...>
Description : Chart for Random WIre Antenna Lengths

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http://groups.yahoo.com/group/GRARA/files/Temporary%20Files/RandomWireAntenna.jpg

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http://help.yahoo.com/l/us/yahoo/groups/original/members/web/index.htmlfiles

Regards,

ab8nd <ab8nd@...>

417. FIle for Random Wire Antennas

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-10-30 11:59:49 UTC
From: Jack
Topic: 417 Message: 417

I've uploaded a scan of a small chart that shows lengths to use and
avoid when making a "random" wire antenna.
The file is a jpeg graphics that should print 8 1/2 x 11

Jack, AB8ND

418. Help with tower erection

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-10-31 18:51:33 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 418 Message: 418

Who erects ham radio towers in the Grand Rapids are? I met a fellow today who is very interested in becoming a ham, and wants to hire someone to erect a tower as soon as he passes his general license. I told him to look up the zoning regs for Plainfield Township. Does anyone know who might do such a job for a "reasonable" price? I haven't erected a tower since the 70's, so types of towers and pricing is beyond my field of expertise.

This fellow was licensed years ago in Argentina, and has regained interest in hamming. He doesn't have evenings free to join a ham radio class, so I'll be tutoring on his schedule so he can take an exam. I gave him info on the license manuals and the Q&A pools from ARRL.

He'd like to take an exam on a weekend - I think I found one in Allendale on a Saturday in November, but if anyone knows of one closer to Rockford it might help.

If things work with this fellow's schedule, I'd like to bring him down to W8DC during the Phone Sweepstakes to "show off" ham radio and the station.

Please advise about tower erection.

73 de n8xx Hg

419. Re: [GRARA] Help with tower erection

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-10-31 19:29:18 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 418 Message: 419

Hank,

E-mail me direct at: kd8deg@... and I can put you in touch with a couple of guy's.

de KD8DEG Tom

----- Original Message -----
From: Hank Greeb
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Friday, October 31, 2008 2:51 PM
Subject: [GRARA] Help with tower erection

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420. Re: FIle for Random Wire Antennas

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-11-02 12:37:01 UTC
From: Bob
Topic: 417 Message: 420

Hi Jack,

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Bob

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421. Re: [GRARA] Re: FIle for Random Wire Antennas

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-11-02 12:47:01 UTC
From: AB8ND
Topic: 417 Message: 421

Bob

I reuploaded the file as a pdf, thank you Hank for converting it.
It is in /Files>Temporary Files

/Jack/

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422. Officers

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-11-02 15:11:50 UTC
From: ka8rzl
Topic: 422 Message: 422

Who are the new 2009 officers?

Phil WU8P

423. Re: [GRARA] Officers

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-11-02 21:38:23 UTC
From: AB8ND
Topic: 422 Message: 423

Phil,

Elections are being held at Friday's, 7 November, meeting.
Because the September meeting, when the nomination committee is formed,
always (or usually) falls on Swap weekend we moved everything up on
month. A bylaw change is being worked on to make this official.

Jack, AB8ND

ka8rzl wrote:
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> Who are the new 2009 officers?
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> Phil WU8P
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424. Re: [GRARA] Suggested Activity for GRARA Members

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-11-03 19:28:10 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 406 Message: 424

Jack:

See rule

1. 3.2. Multioperator
1. 3.2.1. Multi-Single only
1. 3.2.1.1. Only 1 transmitted signal is permitted at any
time.
2. 3.2.1.2. No limitation on the number of band changes.
3. 3.2.1.3. Unlimited?Spotting assistance and Skimmer use
is allowed

If we have two antennae I guess we can operate single transmitter two receivers, to help "find" new stations/sections, and certainly we can use a DX cluster for spotting, but we can't have more than one rig on at a time. This is undoubtedly due to the fact that the logging would have to be networked if a station were to have more than one transmitter at a time. Remember that one can work a station only once, not once per band as we could during Field Day or during the Michigan QSO party.

One thing I noted AFTER the CW event this weekend was that if we get 75 Sections, we are eligible for a special 75th anniversary commemorative magnet. We should keep an eye out for sections, and try to work as many as possible. I screwed up on the CW SS, and got 74 before I quit. I had plenty of time, and could have found at least one more in the two or three hours that I had left before 10 p.m., but I had more than my goal for number of contacts, so I quit. I kicked myself when some others mentioned that they got 75 or more sections just to be eligible for this special award.

From the amount of activity on the CW bands this weekend, I'd say it shouldn't be too difficult to find 75 sections on phone - especially if we use a DX Cluster to help with spotting. Do you know if there are "preferred" DX clusters for listings during the sweeps? If not, I'll inquire of my contest club.

73 de n8xx Hg

AB8ND wrote:
> Hank,
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> I think this is an excellent idea.
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> An added note to this:
> We will try to install the Gap vertical antenna next week end, this
> will enable W8DC to operate 2 stations from the radio room
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> Jack, AB8ND
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> Hank Greeb wrote:
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>> I believe we should activate W8DC for the Phone November Sweepstakes,
>> which starts 2100 UTC Saturday November 15, ends 0300 UTC Monday
>> November 17 - That's 4 p.m. Saturday, November 15 thru 10 p.m.
>> Sunday, Eastern Time. We may operate any 24 hours of the 30 hours.
>>
>> I can't make the meeting on November 7, but please discuss the
>> desirability of this activity, and the preferred times. I'd be
>> available Saturday evening and Sunday after about 2 p.m. until
>> evening, but my availability shouldn't dictate the operating times.
>> We should have one operator on hand who is familiar with the
>> equipment at all times - who is preferably an Extra Class Licensee so
>> we don't need to worry about sub-bands, though any General Class or
>> higher licensee could be the control operator..
>>
>> We should encourage new hams, and hams who haven't participated in
>> contesting to pitch in and "give it a go." The only real way to get
>> an idea of what goes on in a contest is to do some operating.
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>> 73 de n8xx Hg
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425. Friday GRARA meeting

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-11-07 14:15:42 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 425 Message: 425

Reminder of the Monthly meeting of the Grand Rapids Amateur Radio
Association at the Red Cross Building on Fuller Ave.
Friday, November 7, 6:30PM social, 7PM meeting.

73 Jack NY8D

426. Re: [GRARA] Friday GRARA meeting

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-11-07 14:22:52 UTC
From: Kerryguy7
Topic: 425 Message: 426

Hi Jack!
Just a fast question concerning tonight's meeting.
I am ready to take the upgrade exam for General class. Are the VEs present tonight and are they offering the exam tonight? If so, what time?
Thanks in advance for the info!
'73
Tom Lane
KC8TBY

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From: Jack Amelar <jamelar@...>
To: grara_members@...; grara@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Friday, November 7, 2008 9:15:42 AM
Subject: [GRARA] Friday GRARA meeting

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427. Re: [GRARA] Friday GRARA meeting

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-11-07 14:46:53 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 425 Message: 427

What's the program for this meeting? A while back I heard we were going to have an excellent video, but I haven't seen it advertised, and forget the details.

A great program can bring in a large audience, many members and guests. That's one way to build interest, membership, and the ham radio community in general.

Unfortunately I can't make the meeting. But, I've suggested that we participate in the ARRL November Sweepstakes (Phone) Next Saturday/Sunday, November 15/16. It's one where we may have multiple operators, but only one station, and the competition is enough to make things interesting, but not overwhelming. It runs from 2100Z (5 p.m. EST) Saturday, to 0300Z Monday (10 p.m EST Sunday). We may operate up to 24 hours during the event out of the 33 hour period. This would be an excellent time for newcomers and olde tymers alike to dip their feet in contest operating. Remember, you don't need a General or Extra license to operate as long as there is at least one General or Extra Class Licensee on site as control operator. So, do plan to come out NEXT Saturday and join in the fun!

73 de n8xx Hg

428. Re: [GRARA] Friday GRARA meeting

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-11-07 17:21:38 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 425 Message: 428

From the GRARA website (nice new look BTW):
http://www.w8dc.org/grr_license_testing/license_testing.htm

"Amateur radio license examinations are given on the second Friday of each month at the Red Cross building (1050 Fuller Avenue NE, just South of Leonard Street.) The Volunteer Examiner (VE) Team is led by Rich Douglas, KC8NKA. Each session begins promptly at 6:30 PM in the lower level of the building. An elevator is available for access."

That would make it next Friday, November 14. The website gives more details.

----- Message from kerryguy7@... ---------
Date: Fri, 7 Nov 2008 06:22:52 -0800 (PST)
From: Kerryguy7 <kerryguy7@...>
Reply-To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: Re: [GRARA] Friday GRARA meeting
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com

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> Tom Lane
> KC8TBY

429. Re: [GRARA] Friday GRARA meeting

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-11-07 17:45:06 UTC
From: AB8ND
Topic: 425 Message: 429

Tom,

VE testing is next week Friday - 6:30 PM

Jack, AB8ND

Kerryguy7 wrote:
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430. Technician Class

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-11-10 12:53:49 UTC
From: Jack
Topic: 430 Message: 430

Larry Dells, KC8KVR, will be conducting a Technician Class starting 12 January 2009 at the Northview Schools Cross Roads Media Center. The class will be 9 weeks from 12 January to 9 March with VE testing on the 10th , 16 March. The first date, 12 Jan is an informational session, the other eight are class sessions. I wasn't given times for the class, but would assume 6pm until 9pm, the exact time and cost of the class will be posted later. Check the MARA web site for more info as the class draws closer. VE's, Larry can use of us that can help with testing.
www.w8usa.org

Jack, AB8ND

431. ARRL Sweepstakes this is Whiskey Eight Delta Charlie calling....

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-11-11 03:56:17 UTC
From: grara_town_crier
Topic: 431 Message: 431

Hey guys, you don't want to miss Saturday Night!

It's the ARRL Phone Sweepstakes from the GRARA Red Cross Radio Room.

[:)] The club officers call this 'training', we call this 'a whole lot of fun!"

An Extra Class operator will be on duty at all times, so you Technicians can get lots of HF practice in the Extra Class abands. Sorry, no code Saturday night, just ole fashioned phone operation and lot's of it. Can anyone match Nate's aggressive techniques from the Michigan QSO Party? Come and see...

We will also be testing-out the two new tri-bander antennas.

See the new web site, http://www.w8dc.org <http://www.w8dc.org> for more information and the sign-up sheet.

432. [Fwd: [QRP-L] Possibly stolen FT-817 in Fort Worth, TX]

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-11-11 16:05:28 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 432 Message: 432

Kinda hard to think that a radio in a pawn shop in Texas would be from
The Grand Rapids Area, but, this occupies very low bandwidth.

Anyone missing a Yaesu FT-817 S/N 0N150301?

Hg

-------- Original Message --------
Subject: [QRP-L] Possibly stolen FT-817 in Fort Worth, TX
Date: Tue, 11 Nov 2008 15:51:59 -0000
From: scott mcmullen <scottamcmullen@...>
To: qrp-l@...

--- In STXARES@yahoogroups.com, <halm@...> wrote:

Hi Everyone,

One of my Officers found a radio in a pawn shop, the pawner has some
suspicious pawns and he is not a licensed radio operator. The radio is
a Yaesu FT-817 QRP Transceiver, the serial is 0N150301. All the 0s in
the serial are numbers not o as in ocean. Could you ask them to see if
one of these radios was stolen during October? We are trying to check
with Yaesu to see if they can locate whom they sold the radio to.

Please contact me off line if this might be yours....
Thanks Julie

Julie Garriety
*Crime Analyst *
*FT Worth Police *
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817-922-3472 fax
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433. Doesn't 2100Z = 1600 EST for Start of ARRL Sweepsteaks Phone?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-11-14 22:01:16 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 433 Message: 433

I looked at the ARRL Sweepsteaks rules, which sez the contest period is 1600Z Saturday to 0300Z Monday.

For the CW event, when we were operating in Daylight time, That meant we started at 5 p.m., with a four hour offset from Greenwich Mean Time.

For the Phone event, I think that means we MAY start at 4 p.m. That doesn't mean we MUST start at 4 p.m., just that we could start anytime after 4 p.m.

I think our goal was to start at 5 p.m., so gathering about 4:30 p.m at the Red Cross seems reasonable.

73 de n8xx Hg

434. Start of ARRL Sweepsteaks Phone? "Lines in the sand"

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-11-15 01:46:41 UTC
From: mike_w8der
Topic: 433 Message: 434

That sounds good Hank. Jack will be there to unlock at 4:30 PM on Saturday. Jim Leys will also be there so we will decide who is going to lockup at midnight(?)

Tom Hansen will meet me there at Noon on Sunday to unlock again. Jack will possibly be there all afternoon if the bike race is cancelled.

RADIO ROOM PHONE NUMBER IS 456-8088.

We will also monitor the W8DC repeater for talk-in. The upstairs door will be locked when we are the only guys in the building, so drop by anytime and contact us with the above or bang on the basement door like the regulars do. Everyone is encouraged to come by and get on the air. An Extra Class control operator will be on duty the full time, so technicians can operate also.

Is there any word if Nate is coming? He logged most of the points at the Michigan QSO Party. I hope he didn't wear himself out.

Mike@...

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> 73 de n8xx Hg
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435. RE: [GRARA] Start of ARRL Sweepsteaks Phone? "Lines in the sand"

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-11-15 15:36:58 UTC
From: Gary Lauff
Topic: 433 Message: 435

Mike,
Thanx for all the good info, you've saved me a lot of grief, trying to decipher: "zulu time." Also, finally SOMEONE knows the phone # of the radio room telephone! Why is that phone not labeled with the # on it? What if there was an emergency need to call down there. That is ridiculous, that phone needs to be labeled, yesterday!
If I ever get done hauling wet, heavy, leathery oak leaves to the Kentwood dump, I'll come join youse guys.
73,
Gary W8GL

To: GRARA@yahoogroups.comFrom: mike@...: Sat, 15 Nov 2008 01:46:41 +0000Subject: [GRARA] Start of ARRL Sweepsteaks Phone? "Lines in the sand"

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436. What Kind of Club are we?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-11-15 15:51:27 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 436 Message: 436

This was originally published in another ham reflector.

I think it's worth pondering by us all......

Thanks to K6JEB for his prose
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"Argue for your limitations, and VOILA! they're yours." - Richard Bach

Regarding World Radio: it will be missed. It was always something I enjoyed reading as a young ham and I've kept my subscription current since getting back into the hobby.

That said, regarding the never ending number of times we STILL hear about the sky falling, err, I mean ham radio coming to a screeching halt (it was just as shrill in 1983 when I became a ham), don't forget the part where:

Kid finally talks parent into driving to ham a meeting (cost=gas+time which parents have so much of in this 'awesome' economy)

Kid and parent get to ham meeting, kid and parent mostly ignored as many hams at meeting are talking another language in their cliques and won't "QRS" to talk to ordinary humans. The few who do approach them haven't actually been on the air for months (years if you don't count repeaters) and often are the people no one else in the club will talk to.

When kids and parents gather the gumption to ask some pertinent questions, kid and parent get all kinds data but no way to discern the useful from the BS. Or they get very expensive answers. Mostly they get opinions or non sequiturs. If they're lucky, they'll just be handed a flier with info on the next licensing class.

Meanwhile, almost every corner of the club meeting room has conversations that often contain things like "kids these days are just worthless" or "everyone is just an appliance operator nowadays" or "if it wasn't for cell phones we'd still have a thriving hobby" or "that darned Internet . . ."

Looking around the room, kid and parent get the feeling they don't belong. Especially since the feedback they're getting on so many levels is that they'll never be a 'real' ham (many reasons to choose from: no more CW test, multiple choice exams, because all gear sold these days is junk and anyone who would even buy the stuff shouldn't be allowed on the air, because computers do all the work, etc . . .).

Pleasantries are exchanged. Goodbyes are said, and even though the kid goes off to become an engineer or technician, or a rocket scientist,

their first glimpse of the hobby was filled with cranky, whining, opinionated, long-winded, selfish individuals who put out less welcoming energy than a rabid dog.

There it is. I've said it. If the shoe fits, wear it.

And then, there are the rest (most?) of you who are wonderful, helpful, generous, interesting, good listeners, fun, funny, and always looking for a way to help another person get on the air. You're the person who approaches the kid and the parent and in a friendly way, pulls them away from the cranks and the crazies and perhaps at the club meeting, more likely sometime later; you invite them to your shack and you all have a blast getting on the air.

Parent asks about the workbench where you solder all your kits and not missing a beat, you put a soldering iron in the parent's hand and have them finish up that through-hole kit (which just needed an RCA jack, so it was simple and a good primer for soldering). Meanwhile, kid is on her second contact and now the parent wants on too.

Pretty soon it's nearly midnight and finally they leave, but they're carrying a box of old magazines (including WorldRadio and those old issues of Ham Radio Horizons as well as others), a CW key and sidetone oscillator, HRO catalog so they can start getting an idea of what some gear costs (along with an explanation of how a lot of this stuff can be built for a fraction of the cost and with a hundred times more satisfaction). You lend them a soldering iron, and an easy kit (you had that unbuilt keyer kit sitting in your drawer). They're also carrying with them a list of useful URLs and most importantly, they have come away knowing they can depend on you, at least for now, to help mentor them into this wonderful hobby. And yes, I said THEM.

We used to have 'Elmers'. For me it was one helpful person who really went out of his way to help me out. As a 14 year old, I had no budget. he showed me things like putting together simple circuits from junk box parts. We didn't get stuck on trying to build the greatest Big Gun station ever. Instead we focused on working with what we had, and developing our operating technique, and most of all, a lasting love for ham radio.

He didn't accomplish this by trying to convince me that if I didn't have a ham radio license and there was a natural disaster, that I'd be somehow NOT safe. He didn't sell ham radio to me by making me feel inferior, or too young, or not experienced. He didn't give me some spiel about how a career in electronics begins with a Novice license (although it did for me). He didn't do it any other way than by demonstrating how much fun ham radio can be. When I would get frustrated because I wasn't getting through in a pile-up, he would give me useful pointers instead of a condescending statement or whining about how operators these days just suck. If I asked a question with an "obvious" answer, he wouldn't just give me the answer, but how to arrive at that answer in the future, on my own.

I would argue that we don't have a shortage of motivated, bright, curious and persistent kids. I'd say we have a shortage of good Elmers.

I worry that these days, at least here in the States, we are mass producing hams. Or more accurately, we are licensing them en masse, and we leave the _learning to operate and get on the air_ part to them, however they see fit. And sadly, I see so many single-purpose clubs/organizations who are pushing people to get their license thinking a ham license is somehow akin to a degree or certification. Those same people will get an HT and never learn about the rest of what this huge hobby has to offer.

After having lived in Germany while I was stationed there with the US Army, I don't think the issue is so much ham radio, it's ham radio in America. The clubs I took part in were thriving with people of all ages and walks of life. The interests within any one club spanned numerous facets of ham radio (it's not just EMCOMM, or QRP, or contesting, or traffic handling, or satellites, DXing, etc . . .). At least in the clubs I was in, there were almost as many women involved in the hobby as men.

I was visited this summer by a young ham from South Korea and we spoke at length about the ham club at his college in Seoul (HL0R). He told me that usually they have between forty and sixty members at each meeting. They often meet with another college club in Seoul with the callsign HL0J, so they call those meetings the "Romeo and Juliet" meetings. :) By the way, he wasn't an engineering student, but rather, an economics student.

The sky is NOT falling. But we'd still better get our act together. Let's do what we can to 'water the garden, not the weeds'. We need to think of being "V.E.'s" as also meaning VOLUNTEER ELMERS. Bring your QRP radio to the local school! They'd be glad to have you. If someone tries to convince you otherwise, tell them to step off.

Also, it's not just ham printed periodicals that are dropping off. Newspapers in general have been taking a real hit. And THAT you can 'blame' on the Internet, but the up side is where one big tree falls, many smaller ones pop up: look at all the web sites that we have within ham radio! Now instead of just QST, 73, CQ, World Radio as the main pubs, we now have dozens of web sites (and that's not even counting the myriad personal sites and specialty sites). Hey, you're not going to have a shortage of things to read, that's for sure.

All the same, I will really miss that little ham magazine on newsprint. It was great while it lasted in print. But at least we'll still have it via the web.

72/73
Jack, K6JEB

437. Start of ARRL Sweepsteaks Phone? -- Gary, Glad to hear you are coming...

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-11-15 16:46:23 UTC
From: mike_w8der
Topic: 433 Message: 437

Gary,

Glad to hear you are coming. We are starting at 5:00 pm. I understand that we are going to have two new General Licensees helping us. (We had a very successful VE testing session Friday Night.)

Mike@...

438. Great to meet you folks last night...!

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-11-15 19:06:40 UTC
From: Tom
Topic: 438 Message: 438

Just wanted to say thanks to all of the guys who made our upgrade VEC exam last night a successful occasion! It was also great to meet some of you guys in person!!
I was hoping to be able to "exercise" my new general operating privileges during the ARRL contest tonight, BUT, unfortunetly, I just learned that I'll be out of town until(at least!)Sunday night.
I will be at the next meeting and submitting my GRARA application and dues at that time also.
I will be stopping down during the "open shack" sessions on Wednesday nights as well.
Best of luck with tonight's activities! Wish I could be there and be a part of the "team"!
'73!
Tom
KC8TBY

439. Re: [GRARA] Start of ARRL Sweepsteaks Phone? "Lines in the sand"

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-11-16 01:49:46 UTC
From: wd8usa@aol.com
Topic: 433 Message: 439

Hey Gary- You are more than welcome to label the phone number on the shack telephone- Thanks for volunteering now that you know the number-?DE WD8USA?? ...-.-

-----Original Message-----
From: Gary Lauff <gary_lauff@...>
To: grara@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Sat, 15 Nov 2008 10:36 am
Subject: RE: [GRARA] Start of ARRL Sweepsteaks Phone? "Lines in the sand"

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440. Sweepstakes Phone Sunday afternoon

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-11-16 02:01:04 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 440 Message: 440

Mike, W8DER and I will be at W8DC tomorrow afternoon, beginning about 3 p.m.

Anyone want to join us? Come on down.

If you get there after the doors are locked, we'll try to monitor 146.26 MHz, and we'll definitely be listening for the telephone, 616-456-8088

73 de n8xx Hg

441. Update Biographical info for W8DC on qrz.com

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-11-16 22:58:19 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 441 Message: 441

The biographical info for W8DC is listed for the year 2005. Many of the items are okay, but we probably should change some of the items.

I'm not sure who can do this, as I've never put a bio on my own call page. the current info was put up on 1/2/05 by AD8BC

73 de n8xx Hg

442. Fun time @ W8DC during Sweepsteaks

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-11-16 23:01:03 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 442 Message: 442

The crew at W8DC had a great time during Sweepsteaks this weekend.

Thanks to all who partook of the event. A more complete report will be forthcoming in the near future.

73 de n8xx Hg

p.s. Note the mispeling of Sweepsteaks - it's intentional, I no how 2 spel. :)

443. Re: [GRARA] Update Biographical info for W8DC on qrz.com

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-11-17 11:46:57 UTC
From: AB8ND
Topic: 441 Message: 443

Hank,

I thought of that, I'll have to look up the password

Jack, AB8ND

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Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-11-17 14:12:59 UTC
From: Gary Lauff
Topic: 433 Message: 444

Joe,
I will label the phone, my sister gave me one of those Brother labeling machines for Christmas, in an attempt to get my life organized. It hasn't happened as of yet, but I'm working on it. I didn't want to just go sticking signs on things, until I got the OK from someone impotent, such as yourself.
Gary W8GL

To: GRARA@yahoogroups.comFrom: wd8usa@...: Sat, 15 Nov 2008 20:49:46 -0500Subject: Re: [GRARA] Start of ARRL Sweepsteaks Phone? "Lines in the sand"

Hey Gary- You are more than welcome to label the phone number on the shack telephone- Thanks for volunteering now that you know the number- DE WD8USA ...-.------Original Message-----From: Gary Lauff <gary_lauff@...>To: grara@yahoogroups.comSent: Sat, 15 Nov 2008 10:36 amSubject: RE: [GRARA] Start of ARRL Sweepsteaks Phone? "Lines in the sand"

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445. Re: [GRARA] Start of ARRL Sweepsteaks Phone? "Lines in the sand"

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-11-17 15:33:32 UTC
From: AB8ND
Topic: 433 Message: 445

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446. Stats from W8DC, ARRL Phone Sweepstakes

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-11-17 16:13:50 UTC
From: mike_w8der
Topic: 446 Message: 446

Stats from the W8DC, ARRL Phone Sweepstakes from Saturday and Sunday
are on the home page of the GRARA Website: http://www.w8dc.org

I think we all really enjoyed this one...

447. Great Going! Some data from W8DC Sweepsteaks effort

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-11-17 20:30:07 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 447 Message: 447

Yep, we had a GRRRRR-8 time at W8DC over the weekend. Whilst all the data haven't been tabulated, Mike, W8DER, was there to the "bitter" or "elated" end, and offers the following details:

Total contacts 115 in 10 hours of operation.

12 participants.

Contacted 51 out of 80 ARRL Sections.

Claimed score 11,730.

Participants included Dave, AC8AB: Jim, KD8CAN; Tom, KD8DEG; Mike, W8DER; Tom, N8DGD; Ron, K8DMR; Gary, W8GL and friend; Bob, KD8HNF; Nate, KD8NCS, and brother, Dakota; Jack, AB8ND; Hank, N8XX. If we missed anyone, please advise.

Besides making these contacts, we learned quite a bit about using a DX Cluster for finding section which we hadn't worked, we learned some of the advantages and limitations of the rig and antenna system, and several ops made their very first contest contact!

Personally, I still remember the very first Novice Roundup in which I participated. I think I made 10 or 15 Q's in the 24 hour period, but it got me started. The next few years I dabbled in Sweepsteaks, and learned that "we are all in the same boat!." and "you don't need to be an expert, nor in the top 10% to have fun." Usually my goal was to beat my previous record - some times which was possible, other times impossible. But, it was always fun!

So, next time, come on down! Right now there's talk of operating during the ARRL RTTY contest. It is on the first weekend of January, but never on January 1. So, next year it should be 1800Z (1 p.m. EST) Saturday, January 3, and end at 2400Z (7 p.m) Sunday, January 4, 2009. Following that, the next contest might be the ARRL DX contest in March, 2009. If you're interested in either adventure, please let me know.

73 de n8xx Hg

448. Re: [GRARA] Start of ARRL Sweepsteaks Phone? "Lines in the sand"

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-11-18 04:05:53 UTC
From: wd8usa@aol.com
Topic: 433 Message: 448

Thanks Gary- No problem! JB

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From: AB8ND <ab8nd@...>
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Mon, 17 Nov 2008 10:33 am
Subject: Re: [GRARA] Start of ARRL Sweepsteaks Phone? "Lines in the sand"

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449. Great Contester KL7FH SK

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-11-19 17:22:17 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 449 Message: 449

FYI for all contesters

Tom KD8DEG

----- Original Message -----
From: Allen R. Brier
To: towertalk@...
Sent: Wednesday, November 19, 2008 11:31 AM
Subject: [TowerTalk] KL7FH SK

Cross-Posted from CQ Contest Reflector:

Fellow Contesters,

Long time ham and contester, Frank KL7FH, became a silent key around 12:30PM November 17th.

He was at the KL7DX QTH in Willow, AK for the weekend, getting things ready for CQWW CW.

He suffered a massive aneurysm that put him into a coma, and never recovered.

A ham since he was 14, he held the calls KL7HNU, NL7HP, and KL7FH. He really enjoyed DXing, EME, and most of all, contesting. He loved building antennas, and like all of us, enjoyed being loud! He was a close friend of Dan, KL7Y(SK) and operated at his M/M's for several years. Recently he purchased land in Willow, AK and began construction of his own contest station. The two 125 foot towers were completed this summer, with the help of many local hams. They had just gotten the 3 high tribander stack on the first tower in the air. Plans were to be competitive in the M/2 class, and full on SO2R. He already had a 3 element 40m beam ready to be put on the 2nd tower next summer. The grand plan was "something big!" on 80 and 160. In the early 90's he used to run the ARRL RTTY Roundup from home in Anchorage M/S. He was very proud of the efforts from a small station on a city lot.

He had always talked about going to Dayton and meeting everyone he has worked 1000 times. In 2005 and again in 2006 or 2007 he was finally able to go. Those trips to Dayton were something he talked about frequently. He loved hanging out with the guys he "knew" but had never seen face to face. Swapping contest stories, technical stuff, or just plain hanging out, were memories he cherished. As we all know, contesters are a special breed, and he loved the camaraderie and competition.

The whole family has ties to ham radio. I can't remember his grandfathers call, it was a 2xx call from New Jersey. We even have his old logbooks

somewhere still, very cool. His father is now KE7MP (ex KL7HHX), and always teases us for ruining the bands on those damn contest weekends! His brother is NL7XO, and ham radio really was great when he was overseas in the Navy. We could keep in touch with him on the ship anywhere in the world. Of course email these days makes that task a lot less complicated.

I grew up with ham radio my whole life, and was never pressured into becoming a ham. He said if I ever wanted to learn more about it, to just let him know. I was definitely intrigued! At the time he was doing satellite stuff quite regularly. He put me on I believe Oscar 13? and I had the proverbial Pileup From Hell. I was hooked after that, and he elmered me through the years. When he traveled for work, we would QSO on CW in the 40m novice band to get my code speed up. He taught me how to remember what was being said instead of writing it down. That way I could get my speed up and get my extra someday. He was a patient elmer, and always positive. I had 10000 questions and he answered all of them. We would build things together and operate together. Later on he would make a point to work me in every contest that I traveled around for. It was always great to work "the OM" from stations around the country.

He really liked multi-op contesting, and especially operating with his wife Corliss, AL1G. Nothing like a husband and wife team to really tear it up!

He really loved ham radio, and the fact that he could go anywhere in the world, and be able to have a beer with someone he already knew.

His enthusiasm for excellence was contagious, and the world lost a good op and father.

RIP OM, I hope you get a good band assignment on the big M/M in the sky.

-Chris KL9A

Allen Brier N5XZ / KL5DX
713-705-4801 (Cell)
n5xz@...

-----Original Message-----
From: towertalk-bounces@...
[mailto:towertalk-bounces@contesting.com] On Behalf Of
towertalk-request@...
Sent: Wednesday, November 19, 2008 3:52 AM
To: towertalk@...
Subject: TowerTalk Digest, Vol 71, Issue 58

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towertalk@contesting.com

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http://lists.contesting.com/mailman/listinfo/towertalk
or, via email, send a message with subject or body 'help' to
towertalk-request@...

You can reach the person managing the list at
towertalk-owner@...

When replying, please edit your Subject line so it is more specific
than "Re: Contents of TowerTalk digest..."

TowerTalk mailing list
TowerTalk@...
http://lists.contesting.com/mailman/listinfo/towertalk

450. Wed Night Net

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-11-20 02:59:44 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 450 Message: 450

All,

My apologies to the club and net members, for sleeping through my own net. My new work schedule has my sleeping hosed up yet, Brother Tom N8DGD can relate. There will be one next week, same time, same place, same freq. We will have an open net, no topic, Dave and my way of celebrating Thanksgiving with our other family, all of YOU the GRARA 2m FM net Members.

73 All

Tom KD8DEG

451. Fw: [HARC] UPS Spam is Trojan

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-11-20 19:55:43 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 451 Message: 451

FYI all

Tom KD8DEG

----- Original Message -----
From: jdollar.geo
To: k8daa@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Wednesday, November 19, 2008 10:37 PM
Subject: [HARC] UPS Spam is Trojan

Look out for this one guys. I got an Email very much like it this week.

Chris

UPS Spam is Trojan-Spy.Zbot.YETH
Monday November 10, 2008
New malware is being spammed in an email masquerading as a notice from UPS (United Parcel Service). The email subject line reads "Your Tracking # 8773004563" and the message makes the following bogus claim:

Sorry, we were not able to deliver postal package you sent on October the 19th in time because the recipient's address is not correct. Please print out the invoice copy attached and collect the package at our office. If you do not receive package in ten days you will have to pay 6$ per day.

Your UPS

The attached file is named "UPSINVOICE_87612.zip". Inside the zip file is an executable named "UPSINVOICE_87612.exe" with an icon poorly disquised as a Microsoft Word document. By default, Windows suppresses file extension viewing so if you've never fixed that, this simple trick could fool you. The alleged "invoice" isn't an invoice at all. According to ThreatExpert analysis, opening the file installs a rootkit-enabled banking trojan on your system. At the time of the spamming, detection among antivirus vendors was almost non-existent and the rootkit capabilities could mask its presence even after signature updates are applied. Simple steps can help you avoid being fooled by Trojan-Spy.Zbot.YETH and others like it. Make sure you have file extension viewing enabled and never open attachments received unexpectedly. To help ferret out malware hidden by rootkits, use one of these free rootkit detectors.

452. HF Antenna Work Party

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-11-21 13:18:33 UTC
From: Jack
Topic: 452 Message: 452

Members,

This past weekend working the contest operators had many problems with the HF antennas, checking with an anaylizer Ron, K8DMR, at open radio room Wednesday, found the SWR on all 3 antennas was way high.

Thus forgive me for the short notice:

There will be an antenna work party tomorrow,
Saturday 10am at the Red Cross. We will be checking, replacing if necessary, the feed lines and the HF antennas as well as installing/mounting the Gap Vertical.

Jack, AB8ND

453. Open Radio Room

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-11-21 13:22:56 UTC
From: Jack
Topic: 453 Message: 453

There WILL be an Open Radio Room this Wednesday, day before Thanksgiving.
Roast turkey and Stuffing would be greatly appreciated. A pumpkin pie
would get you HF operating privileges all evening.

Jack, AB8ND

454. Re: [GRARA] Open Radio Room

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-11-21 15:40:59 UTC
From: Dave Ed
Topic: 453 Message: 454

Jack,
If your good, I might bring you a subway,
Dave
AC8AB

--- On Fri, 11/21/08, Jack <ab8nd@...> wrote:

From: Jack <ab8nd@...>
Subject: [GRARA] Open Radio Room
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Date: Friday, November 21, 2008, 8:22 AM

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455. Re: [GRARA] HF Antenna Work Party

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-11-22 03:15:07 UTC
From: wd8usa@aol.com
Topic: 452 Message: 455

Thanks to the membership for the repair of these antennas!, Please keep me informed as to progress-?From the staff at Red Cross again,thank you! DE WD8USA?? ...-.-

-----Original Message-----
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Sent: Fri, 21 Nov 2008 8:18 am
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456. SS SSB W8DC Multi-Op LP

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-11-22 03:22:22 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 456 Message: 456

Submission to 3830@... - the reflector where many contest
operators place their claimed scores.

ARRL Sweepstakes Contest, SSB

Call: W8DC
Operator(s): AC8AB: KD8CAN, KD8DEG, W8DER, N8DGD, K8DMR, W8GL, KD8HNF, KD8NCS, AB8ND, N8XX
Station: W8DC

Class: Multi-Op LP
QTH: Grand Rapids, MI
Operating Time (hrs): 10

Summary:
Band QSOs

160: 0
80: 45
40: 43
20: 25
15: 2
10: 0

Total: 115 Sections = 51 Total Score = 11,730

Club: GRAND RAPIDS AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION

Comments:

Good way to introduce new hams into contesting. We had lots of fun. Found out
after the fact that the antenna had SWR> 3 over most of the bands, which was
the reason the tuner had to be reset every 15 KHz or so.

Posted using 3830 Score Submittal Forms at: http://www.hornucopia.com/3830score/

457. Just wanted to say...

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-11-26 14:16:41 UTC
From: Tom
Topic: 457 Message: 457

I just wanted to take this opportunity to wish everyone of you and your families a very Happy Thanksgiving !! [:)]
and...as always,
'73!!
Tom Lane
KC8TBY

458. Meeting and Potluck

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-12-03 19:15:14 UTC
From: Jack
Topic: 458 Message: 458

Members and Friends

The December meeting is this Friday it will be a potluck, with Pop, Coffee and a Honey Baked Ham and Turkey provided by the club, bring a dish to pass.
Gathering starting at 6:00 and Dinner time at 6:30
A short meeting following.

Don't forget:
ARRL Straight Key nite 0000 UTC to 2359 UTC PM January 1st
ARRL RTTY Roundup 1800 UTC Saturday, ends 2400 UTC Sunday (3-4 January 2009
W8DC will be operating from the radio room, not sure of the actual times yet, but stay posted.

Jack, AB8ND

459. Possible Operating Activities for GRARA/W8DC

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-12-03 19:41:53 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 458 Message: 459

Please put the following on your extended calendar:

January 3-4 2009 ARRL RTTY Roundup 1800 UTC Saturday, ends 2400 UTC Sunday -- Jack already mentioned this one, but do plan to help out and have some fun!

March 7 - 8 ARRL International DX Contest (Phone)

March 18 - The Michigan QSO Party - We had lots of fun @ W8DC in 2008.

I'd hope that the HF bands would be in "reasonable shape" though one can never tell now a daze. They were el-stinko during the recent CQ-WW DX contest last weekend.

73 de n8xx Hg

460. Packet Radio Seminar

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-12-08 23:36:59 UTC
From: Jack
Topic: 460 Message: 460

Mark your calenders -
The DAPR club will be hosting a packet radio training
seminar on Saturday, 3 January 2009 at the Grand Rapids Red Cross
Chapter house. Time will be 9:30 am until noon. Bring your equipment,
WIFI is available to connect with the internet. There will also be
help if you are having trouble getting your station running.
GRARA will also have W8DC activated and operating the ARRL RTTY
Roundup contest over the weekend. Stop into the radio room take a hand
at operating a digital HF contest.

Jack, AB8ND

461. Re: Packet Radio Seminar

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-12-08 23:40:36 UTC
From: Jack
Topic: 460 Message: 461

Correction operating the RTTY contest. This starts at 1800 UTC Saturday.
W8DC will not be operating until later in the afternoon

Jack, AB8ND

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462. 10 meter contest

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-12-08 23:46:41 UTC
From: Jack
Topic: 462 Message: 462

This Saturday is the ARRL 10 meter contest. This is a good time for even Technicians to work a contest. The contest runs from 0000 UTC Saturday, 13 Dec(Friday evening in the States) until 2359 UTC Sunday 14 Dec. This is a Phone and CW contest, check the ARRL web site for more details and rules.

Jack, AB8ND

463. Holland Amateur Radio Club General licensing class coming

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-12-11 00:38:00 UTC
From: K8TB
Topic: 463 Message: 463

For those who live close enough to Holland, the HARC will be offering General Class Class's:

Greetings All:

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or e-mail kf8ev@... <mailto:kf8ev%40arrl.net>

Tom Bosscher K8TB

464. email address test

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-12-11 14:03:18 UTC
From: AB8ND
Topic: 464 Message: 464

Just testing the email addy

Sorry

Jack, AB8ND

465. Re: [GRARA] email address test

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-12-11 15:04:56 UTC
From: Kerryguy7
Topic: 464 Message: 465

Came through to me just fine!
73s!
Tom
KC8TBY

Thomas K. Lane

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From: AB8ND <ab8nd@...>
To: GRARA Yahoo <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 11, 2008 9:03:18 AM
Subject: [GRARA] email address test

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466. Holland Code Classes

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-12-11 17:57:21 UTC
From: Charles Rich
Topic: 466 Message: 466

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467. Antenna for Field Day, 2009

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-12-11 20:17:20 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 467 Message: 467

Cortland/All:

Take a look @ QST, January 2009, Page 30ff

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It might be interesting to try something like a balloon assisted antenna support.....

Whatcha thimk?

73 de n8xx Hg

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Yahoo group: GRARA
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469. Re: [GRARA] Antenna for Field Day, 2009

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-12-11 22:02:54 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 467 Message: 469

Hank,

You might try the National Weather Service, they can direct you to a source for a weather balloon.. The Helium can be purchased from any welding supply store.

Tom KD8DEG

----- Original Message -----
From: Hank Greeb
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Cc: Cortland Richmond ; Ron Grew
Sent: Thursday, December 11, 2008 3:17 PM
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Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-12-12 23:37:33 UTC
From: Ron Weinrick
Topic: 466 Message: 470

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Sincerely,
Ronald Weinrick
ronhweinrick@...
616-735-3741
KD8GBX

2326 Richmond NW
Grand Rapids, MI 49504

471. Re: [GRARA] Holland Code Classes

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-12-13 00:09:14 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 466 Message: 471

Chuck:

Shucks, when another club did this, their charge was the same as yours,
but they had a double your money back if you didn't learn the code.
You're a cheepskate. :)

73 de n8xx Hg

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472. [TowerTalk] NOT ALL PLASTICS ARE GOOD INSULATORS - TALE OF ABEVERAGE PROBLEM

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-12-13 04:28:59 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 472 Message: 472

Found this interesting. Who would have thought plastic could be conductive.

Tom KD8DEG

----- Original Message -----
From: Larry Schimelpfenig
To: towertalk@...
Sent: Friday, December 12, 2008 7:58 AM
Subject: [TowerTalk] NOT ALL PLASTICS ARE GOOD INSULATORS - TALE OF ABEVERAGE PROBLEM

In the past we used several beverages at a previous NR4M qth to good advantage. Since moving to a farm about 15 miles away we expereinced beverage problems that were a bit bewildering.

Last year we errected four two wire, two direction beverages. While they were certainly helpful to some degree, performance when comparing each was not at all consistant and f/b left something to be desired.

After getting them back up this fall the same thing was observed. Bill KC4D had loaned us a K1FZ transformer and reflection transformer last fall. In replacing the homebrew boxes on the NE/SW antenna we noticed a great difference. Many folks have spoken highly of the K1FZ products, but I questioned why they would be so much better than our homebrews that were used so successfully by so many.

I measured SWR of the eight antennas at the feedpoint. The ones fed with the K1FZ boxes had decent swr across 160, 80 and 40. The homebrews were all over the place and quite high in many cases.

I did some research on transformers and posed a few questions to some of the folks who frequent this and the top band reflector. Things just weren't making sense.

I noticed that in one direction one of the beverages was much deader than any of the others. I brought the matching transformer box for it in and started looking for broken wires, shorted turns, or anything that would be a problem.

Finding no visible issues, I decided to check continuity and resistance at various connection points. The first thing I noticed was some amount of resistance between the primary and secondary of one of the transformers. It wasn't a dead short, but should have been completely open.

I ended up removing the transformer from the box. In that case the two windings were isolated.

Next I checked resistance between opposite ends of the plastic box and was amazed to find it was conductive. I walked around the antenna field and found that all four boxes had varying degrees of resistance end to end.

Now with binding posts mounted through the plastic at the ends of the boxes and SO239s with shield isolated from ground mounted in the plastic boxes, one can only imagine how effective these transformers were. The varying degrees of reistance in each box explains why performance varied so much.

We discovered that the boxes were actually designed to store electronic components. There are black ones and red ones. The black ones were designed to be conductive to prevent eletrostatic charge problems with sensitive components. We checked the red ones and found that they had the normal insulating properties of plastic.

After placing the transformers in red plastic boxes they have been working great and display consistent low vswr across the three low bands similar to what we saw with the K1FZ boxes.

The moral of the story is "use red boxes instead of black to house matching and reflection transformers for beverage antennas";-).

While the odds of a plastic box being conductive are fairly small, our expereince shows that it can obviously happen. It's entirely possible that the pigment used to color plastic could be a conductive material such as carbon!

73 de Larry K7SV

TowerTalk mailing list
TowerTalk@...
http://lists.contesting.com/mailman/listinfo/towertalk

473. Heathkit Manuals

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-12-13 18:33:11 UTC
From: ka8rzl
Topic: 473 Message: 473

F.Y.I.

Hello Heathkit enthusiasts!
>
> Just a quick message to let everyone know, that I have just
purchased
> the 'legacy' Heathkit Intellectual Property last month from the
> Heathkit Educational Products group in Benton Harbor, Michigan.
> According to the agreement, I have the sole rights to the IP and am
> free to do as I please with it. This means that it can also be
> passed on to the next generation (if there is one) after I fully
> retire (or kick the bucket)! Many of Heathkit's previous agreement
> did not include the right of 'survivorship' or 'exclusivity'.
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> As such, I will be notifying all of those manual 'Bootleggers' out
> there that I plan to enforce the Copyright that I have purchased. I
> have just received 4 pallets of documentation (over 5000 lbs) and
it
> is being sorted and merged into my already large collection of
> Heathkit manuals that I have been selling through PayPal. Many of
> you already know me and have purchase manuals and even kits or
parts
> from me in the past. My web master is desperately trying to finish
> up my new web site which will come complete with a shopping cart to
> make it easier for you to purchase manuals and other items from me.
> We expect it to be finished in about another week.
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> In the mean time, you can reach the old page at:
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> http://www.d8apro.com/heath1.htm ..or.. email me at: Don@...
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> Why am I enforcing the Copyright?
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> I paid a lot of money for the rights to these old manuals, the 5000
> lbs of inventory, and, not to mention, the shipping accross the
US...
> I did this so that the quality and service that I grew to expect
from
> the old Heathkit would be continued for the 'legacy' Heathkit
> community. In addition to the manuals, I will be adding several
> Heathkit Parts for sale on my web site as well. For me to spend the
> time to research guaranteed eplacement parts that meet the original
> Heathkit specifications takes money. I buy the parts that meet the
> specifications from Heathkit (also in the lot that I purchased) and
> then test them to ensure that they work in those kits. Remember,

I'm
> the guy with the rather large Heathkit 'Boneyard'. We also have
> upgrades available for the weather stations plus many other new
> support items. We also publish the Heathkit Bluebook that many of
> you reference from time to time, so I have already been supporting
> this community. This was a major factor in the selection of the
> final buyer last month by Heathkit.
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> What about BAMA?
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> It is my intention to continue to support BAMA, however I need to
get
> in contact with the coordinator for that site. I have sent a
message
> to the individual that I believe is the coordinator, but have not
> received a reply as of yet. Any other sellers of Heathkit manuals
> are going to be considered on a case-by-case basis.
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> If you'd like to confirm the validity of this message, simply log
> into the Heathkit Educational Products web site:
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> http://www.heathkit.com and click on 'Customer Support'.
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> For those of you that have not been to my site, you can reach it at
> the URL above.
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> The new site (when finished) will automatically take you to the new
> page from any of the older pages.
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> I look forward to keeping the passion of this hobby alive and
> thriving...
>
> Don Peterson
> Data Professionals
> Pleasanton, CA

Looks like the good ol days are over. No more free manuals.
Can someone forward this to GRARA?

Phil WU8P

474. FCC Report

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-12-14 03:21:53 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 474 Message: 474

In case folks missed the reference in a recent ARRL letter, there's a "rather interesting" report from a Congressional Oversight Committee concerning the FCC.

http://www.arrl.org/news/files/FCC_Report120908.pdf

In essence, it delineates a series of screwups, mismanagement, and lack of observance of laws concerning how the FCC is supposed to operated.

Though it's 110 pages, the first 26 are the "meat" of the report. Most of the rest contains footnotes and references.

73 de n8xx Hg

475. Re: [GRARA] FCC Report

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-12-14 04:43:54 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 474 Message: 475

We will have to wait and see if they do anything about it. I'm Sorry what was I thinking, the Government "DO ANYTHING RIGHT"????

KD8DEG, Tom

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To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Saturday, December 13, 2008 10:21 PM
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476. Re: [GRARA] Holland Amateur Radio Club General licensing class coming

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-12-12 00:07:13 UTC
From: Richard Brown
Topic: 463 Message: 476

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477. Re: Holland Amateur Radio Club General licensing class coming

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-12-17 14:45:18 UTC
From: mike_w8der
Topic: 463 Message: 477

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478. Re: [GRARA] Re: Holland Amateur Radio Club General licensing class coming

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-12-17 16:45:16 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 463 Message: 478

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From: mike_w8der
Topic: 463 Message: 479

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480. Re:"tool on the web site???"

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-12-17 20:23:02 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 463 Message: 480

Good idea, Mike, but.....

Maybe we should have a demo of how to use "the tool on the web site."
I, for one, didn't know the "tool" existed until you mentioned it now.

I believe I am NOT the only one who doesn't know about its existence.

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481. Re: [GRARA] Re: Holland Amateur Radio Club General licensing class coming

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-12-17 20:57:21 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 463 Message: 481

Okay, Mike:

I found the programme, and have"Just Learn Morse" on my computer. It seems a very good programme, and a good way to start with learning.

I tried the it. It seems a big "harsh" to my taste, but I'm learning. Probably because I generally copy stuff - like messages or contest exchanged. In so doing, I have an expectation of what is to come, and also because I copy plain text. Copying "random size groups with random letters/numerals" makes for very difficult copy. I can't get even 20 wpm/20 wpm spacing solid, even though I have a 40 wpm certificate from the Connecticut Wireless Association and I practiced for years with copy from NSS at 22.5 wpm code groups. NSS sent classified material with 5 letter code groups at 22.5 wpm, AP news at about 30 wpm. Great copy and great place to learn. Unfortunately, they stopped CW years ago. When they were going strong, I could copy 100% for many minutes at a time.

Maybe I've slipped, early onset of Alzheimer's or something. I'll have to work at it for more time.

But, I have a question - how does one change the text file if one wants to send from a text file. I selected one at random on my computer, which turned out to be a dud - only a few hundred bytes of info. I went back to the source menu, clicked on the "file" but when I returned to the menu it didn't give me an option to change the source file. I'm sure I'm missing something.

And, have you timed the code? I generally set my computer logging program for around 26 to 30 WPM, yet 20 wpm on the "Just Learn Morse" program seems at least as fast. Or, is there an adjustment for different CPU speeds on computers? (There is on the logging programme.)

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482. Re: Hank, you are in the wrong place. Try This....

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-12-17 21:07:22 UTC
From: mike_w8der
Topic: 463 Message: 482

Hank,

Start here: Go to http://www.w8dc.org.

Then go top the Tech Corner page.

Then look on the right column for 'Morse Code Communications'
and then click on 'GRARA Learns Morse Code'

A set of pages will come up under a logo that reads 'GRARA Learns
Morse Code'. There are learning lessons and practice lessions along
with practice I downloaded from W1AW.

This tool was made with the JUST LEARN MORSE CODE software program,
but you don't need to know that until the first formal class. Just
click on the links on the GRARA pages -- learn and practice.

Mike

--- In GRARA@yahoogroups.com, Hank Greeb <n8xx@...> wrote:
>
> Okay, Mike:
>
> I found the programme, and have"Just Learn Morse" on my computer.
It
> seems a very good programme, and a good way to start with learning.
>
> I tried the it. It seems a big "harsh" to my taste, but I'm
learning.
> Probably because I generally copy stuff - like messages or contest
> exchanged. In so doing, I have an expectation of what is to come,
and
> also because I copy plain text. Copying "random size groups with
random
> letters/numerals" makes for very difficult copy. I can't get even
20
> wpm/20 wpm spacing solid, even though I have a 40 wpm certificate
from
> the Connecticut Wireless Association and I practiced for years with
copy
> from NSS at 22.5 wpm code groups. NSS sent classified material
with 5
> letter code groups at 22.5 wpm, AP news at about 30 wpm. Great
copy and
> great place to learn. Unfortunately, they stopped CW years ago.
When
> they were going strong, I could copy 100% for many minutes at a

time.
>
> Maybe I've slipped, early onset of Alzheimer's or something. I'll
have
> to work at it for more time.
>
> But, I have a question - how does one change the text file if one
wants
> to send from a text file. I selected one at random on my computer,
> which turned out to be a dud - only a few hundred bytes of info. I
went
> back to the source menu, clicked on the "file" but when I returned
to
> the menu it didn't give me an option to change the source file.
I'm
> sure I'm missing something.
>
> And, have you timed the code? I generally set my computer logging
> program for around 26 to 30 WPM, yet 20 wpm on the "Just Learn
Morse"
> program seems at least as fast. Or, is there an adjustment for
> different CPU speeds on computers? (There is on the logging
programme.)
>
> 73 de n8xx Hg
>
> mike_w8der wrote:
> > As far as code classes, I thought we had discussed a two-step
process.
> >
> > 1. Have members use the tool on the web site to 'Learn' the code.
> > 2. Then when we had 3 or 4 members to the beginning starting
point,
> > we would start holding classes where individuals could motivate
each
> > other and practice without the fear of being 'on the air.'
> >
> > Has anyone tried the web site tool yet?
> >
> > W8DC.org>Tech Corner>'GRARA Learns Morse Code'\
> >
>

483. Fw: [HARC] Snow fall net. Friday 12/19/2008 6:00 PM 145.27/R

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-12-18 20:20:37 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 483 Message: 483

NWS Net starting tonight 6 pm on the Lowell repeater 145.270 PL 94.8. For those interested in reporting snow fall in your neighborhood to the NWS net tonight here is how to do it.

Tom KD8DEG

----- Original Message -----
From: Steve Vander Hill
To: k8daa@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Thursday, December 18, 2008 10:37 AM
Subject: [HARC] Snow fall net. Friday 12/19/2008 6:00 PM 145.27/R

Hi Peter, good question, please note below:

Snowfall Only: For this you need a snowboard and ruler. A snowboard is typically a flat piece of plywood painted white measuring roughly 18" x 18" (or a little smaller). Decks and other flat wooden structures offer reasonable surfaces for snow measurement. However, decks do not typically offer good exposure because they are usually very close to houses. Because snowfall distribution is very subjective to airflow over and around objects, your snowboard should be placed a distance of 2x the height of your house away from the house and placed at ground level. It should also be away from tall trees if possible.

Snowfall measurement is done with a ruler. We suggest a yardstick since a 12" ruler will be too short in the big storms. Official snowfall measurement is in tenths of an inch, but most rulers are in 1/8" or 1/16" increments. Just enter what you can. Less than a tenth of an inch is considered a "trace". Snow that falls and melts as it hits your measuring surface is a "trace."

One of the difficulties with accurate and consistent snowfall measurement is related to the melting, settling, or evaporation of snow before you have a chance to measure it (especially in the Fall and Spring). Please try to do a measurement as close in time to when the storm ends as possible. Don't wait until 7AM if the snow ended the previous day. During long-duration snowfalls, you may choose to measure and clear the snowboard every six hours. The total snowfall would then be the summation of the different measurements.

In very big snowfalls (20" or more), you may find yourself averaging several readings around your yard and estimating snowfall to the nearest inch.

Nearest tenth-inch increments: 1/16 = 0.1, 1/8 = 0.1, 3/16 = 0.2, ¼ = 0.3, 5/16 = 0.3, 3/8 = 0.4,

7/16 = 0.4, ½ = 0.5, 9/16 = 0.6, 5/8 = 0.6, 11/16 = 0.7, ¾ = 0.8, 13/16 = 0.8, 7/8 = 0.9, 15/16 = 0.9

From: k8daa@yahoogroups.com [mailto:k8daa@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of Peter Venlet
Sent: Thursday, December 18, 2008 10:22 AM
To: k8daa@yahoogroups.com

Subject: RE: [HARC] Snow fall net. Friday 12/19/2008 6:00 PM 145.27/R

Steve: Where does it say how to construct the device to measure? It tells how to use it, but not WHAT to use..

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"Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones you did do." -Mark Twain

From: k8daa@yahoogroups.com <mailto:k8daa%40yahoogroups.com> [mailto:k8daa@yahoogroups.com <mailto:k8daa%40yahoogroups.com>] On Behalf Of
Steve Vander Hill
Sent: Thursday, December 18, 2008 8:32 AM
To: Holland Club K8DAA; OCEC/WMSAR; North Ottawa Amateur Radio Club W8CSO
Subject: [HARC] Snow fall net. Friday 12/19/2008 6:00 PM 145.27/R
Importance: High

So everyone.. Pass the word. Snowfall Net on 145.27/r Friday night 6:00 PM. Lets give the NWS a bunch of solid reports of what this storm does to the area.

How to measure snow from
http://www.crh.noaa.gov/grr/coop/howto/measuresnow/
<http://www.crh.noaa.gov/grr/coop/howto/measuresnow/>

How to Measure Snow

The following procedures were developed from previous National Weather Service procedures and input from a broad array of expertise from climatologists, snow specialists, weather observers, and data users. Some of the materials have been extracted from "The Snow Booklet" by Nolan J. Doesken and Arthur Judson, CSU, 1996).

It is essential for all observers to understand the importance of taking standard measurements in the prescribed consistent manner. Inconsistent observing and reporting methods result in incompatible data which can result in profoundly incorrect differences between stations and observers.

Each season before the first snows come: Review these instructions for measuring snow. It is easy to forget what needs to be measured, especially in those parts of the country where snow falls infrequently.

* At the beginning of each snowfall/freezing season, remove the funnel and inner measuring tube of the eight-inch manual rain gauge to expose the 8-inch diameter overflow can so that it can more accurately catch frozen precipitation.

* Put your snowboard(s) out and mark their location with a flag or some other indicator so they can be found after a new snowfall. They should be located in the vicinity of your station in an open location (not under trees, obstructions, or on the north side of structures in the shadows).

* Check your gauge to make sure there are no leaks. If there are leaks, take appropriate action.

* Once your equipment has been readied for winter you are prepared for taking snowfall measurements.

Observers should determine three values when reporting solid precipitation. They are:

1. Measure and record the snowfall (snow, ice pellets) since the previous snowfall observation

2. Determine the depth of snow on the ground at the normal observation time

3. Measure and record the water equivalent of snowfall since the previous day's observation

Measure and record the greatest amount of snowfall that has accumulated on your snowboard (wooden deck or ground if board is not available) since the previous snowfall observation. This measurement should be taken minimally once-a-day (but can be taken up to four times a day, see note below) and should reflect the greatest accumulation of new snow observed (in inches and tenths, for example, 3.9 inches) since the last snowfall observation. If you are not available to watch snow accumulation at all times of the day and night, use your best estimate, based on a measurement of snowfall at the scheduled time of observation along with knowledge of what took place during the past 24 hours. If you are not present to witness the greatest snow accumulation, input may be obtained from other people who were near the station during the snow event. If your observation is not based on a measurement, record in your remarks that the "snow amount based on estimate".

Remember, you want to report the greatest accumulation since the last observation. If snowfall occurred several times during the period, and each snowfall melted either completely or in part before the next snowfall, record the total of the greatest snowdepths of each event and enter in your remarks "snowfall melted during the OBS period". For example, three separate snow squalls affect your station during your 24 hour reporting day, say 3.0, 2.2, and 1.5 inches. The snow from each event melts off before the next accumulation and no snow is on the ground at your scheduled time of observation. The total snowfall for

that reporting 24-hour day is the sum of the three separate snow squalls, 6.7 inches, even though the snow depth on your board at observation time was zero. Snow often melts as it lands. If snow continually melts as it lands, and the accumulation never reaches 0.1 inches on your measuring surface, snowfall should be recorded as a trace (T) and record in your remarks that the "snow melted as it landed".

It is essential to measure snowfall (and snow depth) in locations where the effects of blowing and drifting are minimized. Finding a good location where snow accumulates uniformly simplifies all other aspects of the observation and reduces the numerous opportunities for error. In open areas where windblown snow cannot be avoided, several measurements may often be necessary to obtain an average depth and they should not include the largest drifts. In heavily forested locations, try and find an exposed clearing in the trees. Measurements beneath trees are inaccurate since large amounts of snow can accumulate on trees and never reach the ground.

If your daily schedule permits, you may wish to make a snowfall observation every 6-hours, beginning with your regularly scheduled time of observation. This is the procedure followed by NOAA's National Weather Service Forecast Offices. Follow the same rules for a once-a-day observation, but the snow accumulation reported will be the greatest for the previous six hours instead of 24 hours. If you take your observations at this frequency, make sure that you clear your snowboard (or other measuring surface) no more than once every 6 hours. Record the frequency of observations during the day in the comments section of your report. Never sum more than four, six-hourly observations to determine your 24 hour snowfall total. If you use more than four observations, it would falsely increase snowfall totals.

Freezing rain (glaze ice) should never be reported as snowfall. This precipitation type is liquid precipitation and should be reported as such.

1. Determine the total depth of snow, ice pellets, or ice on the ground. This observation is taken once-a-day at the scheduled time of observation with a measuring stick. It is taken by measuring the total depth of snow on exposed ground at a permanently-mounted snow stake or by taking the average of several depth readings at or near the normal point of observation with a measuring stick. When using a measuring stick, make sure the stick is pushed vertically into the snow until the bottom of the stick rests on the ground. Do not mistake an ice layer or crusted snow as "ground". The measurement should reflect the average depth of snow, ice pellets, and glaze ice on the ground at your usual measurement site (not disturbed by human activities). Measurements from rooftops, paved areas, and the like should not be made. Note: Even though the depth of hail (usually associated with spring, summer, or fall thunderstorms) at observation time is also reported in the same manner as snow depth, make sure you record in your remarks that the "accumulation on ground is from hail".

Report snow depth to the nearest whole inch, rounding up when one-half inch increments are reached (example 0.4 inches gets reported as a trace (T), 3.5 inches gets reported as 4 inches). Frequently, in hilly or mountainous terrain, you will be faced with the situation where no snow is observed on south-facing slopes while snow, possibly deep, remains in shaded or north-facing areas. Under these circumstances, you should use good judgement to visually average and then measure snow depths in exposed areas within several hundred yards surrounding the weather

station. For example, if half the exposed ground is bare and half is covered with six inches of snow, the snow depth should be entered as the average of the two readings, or three inches. When in your judgement, less than 50% of the exposed ground is covered by snow, even though the covered areas have a significant depth, the snow depth should be recorded as a trace (T). When no snow or ice is on the ground in exposed areas (snow may be present in surrounding forested or otherwise protected areas), record a "0".

When strong winds have blown the snow, take several measurements where the snow was least affected by drifting and average them. If most exposed areas are either blown free of snow while others have drifts, again try to combine visual averaging with measurements to make your estimate.

2. Measuring the water equivalent of snowfall since the previous day's observation. This measurement is taken once-a-day at your specified time of observation. Melt the contents of your gauge (by bringing it inside your home or adding a measured amount of warm water) and then pour the liquid into the funnel and smaller inner measuring tube and measure the amount to the nearest .01 inch (use NWS provided measuring stick) just as you use for measuring rainfall. Do not measure the melted precipitation directly in the large 8-inch outer cylinder. Make sure the inner measuring tube can't fall over when pouring the liquid back into it. If the melted water equivalent (including any added warm water) exceeds two inches and cannot fit into the measuring tube all at one time, then empty the full measuring tube and pour the remaining liquid from the large 8-inch outer cylinder into the emptied measuring tube. Then, add and record the water equivalent of the multiple measurements.

If you added warm water to the gauge to melt the snow, make sure you accurately measure the amount of warm water added before pouring it into the gauge. Then, when you take your liquid measurement, subtract the amount of warm water added from the total liquid measurement to get your final liquid water equivalent of the snowfall.

As winds increase, gauges collect less and less of the precipitation that actually falls. Generally speaking, the stronger the wind and the drier the snow, the less is captured in the gauge. If you notice that less snow is in the gauge than accumulated on the ground, you should first empty any existing snow from inside the 8-inch cylinder, then use it to take a snow sample, sometimes referred to as "take a core" or "cut

a biscuit" from your snow board with the 8-inch overflow can. Melt the biscuit of snow, pour the liquid into the small measuring tube to measure the water equivalent.

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484. Winter Storm WarningURGENT - WINTER WEATHER MESSAGE

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-12-18 20:22:54 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 484 Message: 484

Winter Storm WarningURGENT - WINTER WEATHER MESSAGE
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE GRAND RAPIDS MI
405 AM EST THU DEC 18 2008

...WINTER STORM WARNING IN EFFECT...

.A STRENGTHENING LOW PRESSURE SYSTEM WILL TRACK FROM THE CENTRAL
PLAINS TO NORTHERN OHIO TONIGHT AND FRIDAY. SIX TO TEN
INCHES OF SNOW ARE EXPECTED WITH THIS STORM.

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/O.NEW.KGRR.WS.W.0010.081219T0000Z-081220T0000Z/
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MONTCALM-GRATIOT-OTTAWA-KENT-IONIA-CLINTON-ALLEGAN-BARRY-EATON-
INGHAM-VAN BUREN-KALAMAZOO-CALHOUN-JACKSON-
INCLUDING THE CITIES OF...LUDINGTON...BALDWIN...REED CITY...
CLARE...HART...FREMONT...BIG RAPIDS...MOUNT PLEASANT...MUSKEGON...
GREENVILLE...ALMA...JENISON...GRAND RAPIDS...IONIA...ST. JOHNS...
HOLLAND...HASTINGS...CHARLOTTE...LANSING...SOUTH HAVEN...
KALAMAZOO...BATTLE CREEK...JACKSON
405 AM EST THU DEC 18 2008

...WINTER STORM WARNING IN EFFECT FROM 7 PM THIS EVENING TO 7 PM
EST FRIDAY...

THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE IN GRAND RAPIDS HAS ISSUED A WINTER
STORM WARNING FOR HEAVY SNOW...WHICH IS IN EFFECT FROM 7 PM THIS
EVENING TO 7 PM EST FRIDAY. THIS IS AN UPGRADE TO THE WINTER STORM
WATCH.

A DEVELOPING LOW PRESSURE SYSTEM WILL MOVE FROM EASTERN COLORADO
THROUGH ILLINOIS...INDIANA...AND OHIO TONIGHT AND FRIDAY. SNOW
WILL DEVELOP OVER FAR SOUTHWEST LOWER MICHIGAN AFTER 7 PM TONIGHT
AND SPREAD NORTHEAST DURING THE NIGHT. THE SNOW WILL BECOMING
HEAVY LATE TONIGHT AND CONTINUE INTO FRIDAY. SNOWFALL RATES OF AN
INCH PER HOUR ARE POSSIBLE WHICH WILL MAKE FOR VERY HAZARDOUS
DRIVING CONDITIONS.

TOTAL SNOWFALL IN THE 6 TO 10 INCH RANGE IS EXPECTED BY LATE
FRIDAY. THE HIGHER TOTALS WILL BE ALONG AND SOUTH OF A WHITEHALL
TO ALMA LINE.

IN ADDITION TO THE HEAVY SNOW...IT/S POSSIBLE THAT SOME SLEET MAY
MIX IN WITH THE SNOW LATE TONIGHT AND EARLY FRIDAY SOUTH OF I-94.

A WINTER STORM WARNING FOR HEAVY SNOW MEANS SEVERE WINTER WEATHER CONDITIONS ARE EXPECTED OR OCCURRING. SIGNIFICANT AMOUNTS OF SNOW ARE FORECAST THAT WILL MAKE TRAVEL DANGEROUS. ONLY TRAVEL IN AN EMERGENCY. IF YOU MUST TRAVEL...KEEP AN EXTRA FLASHLIGHT... FOOD...AND WATER IN YOUR VEHICLE IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY.

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485. 60 meter DX Activity Night

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-12-20 08:48:34 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 485 Message: 485

Steve, G4TRA & Joe, W8GEX have come up with the idea to have a monthly DX night in order to get more DX stations active. Let's give it a try and see how it works.
Purpose: An activity session with the aim of working as many stations as possible, in a friendly and gentlemanly manner.
Title: 60m Atlantic Sessions.
The 7th 60 Meter "DX ACTIVITY NIGHT" on 20 DECEMBER at 2300 gmt
Frequency: The common 5MHz channels: 5.366.5, 5.371.5 and 5.4035.5 MHz
Mode: USB
Exchange: Report, name, location, that’s all. This is not a contest.
If you like, send an Excel log to G4TRA at steveredway@.... Include above details plus frequency, and time. Steve will collect and publish the results.

One of our readers suggested that we have a WAS (work all states night).
So let's all get on and pass out our states to those trying to work WAS.
Let's try Tuesday, Dec. 23, (local) time. Don't forget the W6 and W7s are two to three hours behind the east coast.
Some of those states are hard to work.
Joe W8GEX

486. New Hams Dinner

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-12-21 14:20:34 UTC
From: AB8ND
Topic: 101 Message: 486

Hi all,

Mark your calenders

The New Hams Dinner is scheduled for February 21, 2009 - 2PM to 3:30 PM

If you want to nominate a deserving Amateur for Ham of the Year contact
contact Richie, K8JX at */rranta@...
<mailto:rranta@...>

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Jack, AB8ND

487. Something to do on a snowy Sunday...

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-12-21 16:30:36 UTC
From: K8TB
Topic: 487 Message: 487

I assume many of you are just taking it easy today. I was going through some of my bookmarks, and I would like to pass on some links that are to the Air Force Space Radar. If you have never heard of this, take some time to see what good some of your tax money does. How about a transmitter on 216 megs, with over 6 Billion watts ERP? Pointed straight up. Any satellite over the earth that is not in a geo-synchronous orbit has to fly over this site. By listening to the Doppler signal the Air Force keeps track of the satellites.

Links:

http://www.k4gfg.us/navspasur/index.html

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Naval_Space_Surveillance_System

http://spaceweather.com/

Real Time Audio monitoring at:
http://wowzaweb.streamguys.com/~spaceweather/

And Google up navspasur

I'm seriously thinking of buying a 220 MHz receive converter next spring and listening to this thing.

Have fun in the snow !

tom k8tb

488. Re: [GRARA] Something to do on a snowy Sunday...

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-12-21 17:39:15 UTC
From: Kerryguy7
Topic: 487 Message: 488

6 Billion Watts ERP?!!
Just imagine the heat any significant SWR would generate?? :)

Thomas K. Lane

Lane Computer Services

http://home.comcast.net/~techman65A+ Certified & Network+ Certified ComputerTechnician

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From: K8TB <k8tb@...>
To: k8daa@yahoogroups.com; GRARA@yahoogroups.com; WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Sunday, December 21, 2008 11:30:36 AM
Subject: [GRARA] Something to do on a snowy Sunday...

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through some of my bookmarks, and I would like to pass on some links
that are to the Air Force Space Radar. If you have never heard of this,
take some time to see what good some of your tax money does. How about
a transmitter on 216 megs, with over 6 Billion watts ERP? Pointed
straight up. Any satellite over the earth that is not in a
geo-synchronous orbit has to fly over this site. By listening to the
Doppler signal the Air Force keeps track of the satellites.

Links:

http://www.k4gfg. us/navspasur/ index.html

http://en.wikipedia .org/wiki/ Naval_Space_ Surveillance_ System

http://spaceweather .com/

Real Time Audio monitoring at:
http://wowzaweb. streamguys. com/~spaceweathe r/

And Google up navspasur

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and listening to this thing.

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tom k8tb

489. Re: [GRARA] Something to do on a snowy Sunday...

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-12-21 18:19:35 UTC
From: K8TB
Topic: 487 Message: 489

That area of Texas does have ice storms from time to time. However, the array consists of over 2,500 antennas, each fed with its own 300 watt amplifier. What boggles the mind is the 0.02 degree beam width. Do the math to see how narrow the beam still is at 200 miles, the height of many of satellites. Then think about the power of that beam to any plane flying overhead at 35,000 feet!

tom k8tb

Kerryguy7 wrote:
> 6 Billion Watts ERP?!!
> Just imagine the heat any significant SWR would generate?? :)
>

490. : [HARC] Winter General Class classes

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-12-20 02:10:46 UTC
From: K8TB
Topic: 490 Message: 490

The Ken Groom, ZR5AAD Technical/Training Center will be warm on Monday nights this Winter. We have enough students signed up for the General licensing class to warrant heating the house. We do have room for more if anyone wants to share the learning experience.

The class begins January 5 at a little after 7:00 pm. The fee is $20 and $20 for the book if you need it. Let me know if you wish to be added to the list and need a book. Besides heat, coffee and cookies are always available too.

Now, if you want a real learning experience just read on:

If there is enough interest, I will start a new beginner code class in January. My classes are fun and you WILL learn the code in a simple format. This
is a no-pressure class and we know how to make it fun. I have NEVER had a failure in all the years I have taught morse code, as long as the basic criteria
of the class is followed. The class will require a class meeting once a week and at least an hour a day practice.
Ask anyone who has attended my classes, and you will get a testimony of how easy it is to learn the code
There is NO charge for these classes.
If you can't learn the code in my classes - the full cost will be refunded....!!!!

Contact Chuck, W8GCW or
Ed, KF8EV at:
616-772-4811
kf8ev@... <mailto:kf8ev%40arrl.net>

Both classes will be held on Monday nights.

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491. Reminder: No GRARA Net/No Open Radio Room on Xmas Eve & New Years Eve

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-12-22 14:52:35 UTC
From: grara_town_crier
Topic: 491 Message: 491

Hey guys,

Just a reminder that there will be no open radio room or 2-meter nets on Christmas Eve and New Year's eave.

Then remember that the January membership meeting comes up quick on January 2nd.

Then the DAPR Packet Seminar comes up on the next day, Saturday January 3rd

Also the RTTY Roundup (also psk31) comes up on Saturday afternoon at 1:00 pm in the Red Cross Radio room.

We are starting 2009 off with a bang!

See the http://www.w8dc.org web site for more information

492. Prelim Announcement, 2009 Michigan QSO Party, April 18

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-12-24 00:10:08 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 492 Message: 492

Preliminary announcement of the 2009 Michigan QSO Party, sponsored by the Mad River Radio Club, from 1600Z,Saturday April 18 until 0400Z, Sunday, April 19. (That's Noon to midnight, Saturday, April 18, Local time) Stations may operate the full 12 hours. Phone and CW on 80/40/20/15/10 meters. Single-op, multi-op, and mobile categories. Work stations once per band and mode. MI-to-MI QSOs allowed. Work portables and mobiles again as they change county, state or province. Exchange QSO number and location (county for MI stations, state/province or "DX" for others). Suggested frequencies: CW-3545, 7045, 14045, 21045, 28045; Phone-3825, 7200, 14250, 21300, 28450. One point per phone QSO, two points per CW QSO. Count multipliers once per mode. Multipliers are MI counties for all entries, plus states & provinces for MI entries only. Final score is total QSO points times total multipliers. Mail logs no later than 30 days after the contest to: Mad River Radio Club, c/o Dave Pruett, 2727 Harris Road, Ypsilanti, MI 48198 or via e-mail to logs@.... For full rules, along with free logging software, log and summary sheets, see http://www.miqp.org

Note that the web site doesn't have the 2009 info, but it should be revised in early 2009.

72/73 de n8xx Hg

493. MDXA - Special Annoncement

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-12-24 13:04:04 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 493 Message: 493
Attachments: 2 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Mark your calendars....February 21,2009 is the date of the
New Hams Dinner and this year the MDXA is a co-sponsor!
In addition to recognizing and welcoming new hams,two of
Our areas top awards will be issued! The MDXA sponsors the
Region wide - entire Great Lakes area,Amateur Radio Pillars
Of Society Award and it will be presented to Abe-W8HVG
Ham Of The Year will also be awarded at this event and is sponsored
By MARA and other local clubs. We hope to see "you" there. Info below...

NEW HAMS DINNER! All Hams, keep open Saturday, February 21, for the
Annual New Hams Dinner. This is a traditional Get out of the Cabin
Gathering to have a good time, and make a special welcome to those who
Have acquired a ham ticket in the past year, and hams that have moved
Into the area. For those hams, dinner is on us. Dinner is at Fire
Mountain Buffet, 3725 Alpine Ave NW (Hwy M-37), Comstock Park, MI 49321.
Map: http://tinyurl.com/6ulo2d There is a back entrance off 4 Mile Rd
Just west of Alpine Ave. In order to avoid the Saturday night crowd,
Dinner will be at 2PM to 3:30, so skip lunch and come hungry. Cost is
$14.50 which includes meal, drink, and gratuity.

494. High Tech Stuff

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-12-24 16:49:02 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 494 Message: 494

http://www.antennalaunchers.com/antlaunching.html

495. FCC site which Cites Amateur Radio

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-12-26 06:23:14 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 495 Message: 495

Next time you see your friendly, or not so friendly zoning
administrator, here's a web site to cite:

http://www.fcc.gov/pshs/services/amateur.html

It puts the FCC's imprimatur on ARES, RACES, SKYWARN, HEART, and NTS,
with links to additional URLs.

It might be a nice summary article to include in any application for a
zoning permit. I would urge any applicant to join one of those
organizations, because supporting public service is a good thing, and,
subsequently, I would consider using this web page to show that such
public service is federally recognized.

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496. GRARA Meeting, Friday, January 2, 2009

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-12-30 04:26:39 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 496 Message: 496

Come one, come all, to the next meeting of the Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association, Friday, January 2, 2009

Besides the usual hum-drum, boring stuff of a meeting, we will have an exciting discussion of the ARRL RTTY Roundup, which starts the next day (Saturday) at 1 p.m., and runs through 7 p.m. Sunday. We plan to activate W8DC for that event!

And, even more exciting, Mike, W8DER, is bringing his state of the art FLEX-5000 rig for "show and tell." This rig is essentially a front end and final amplifier, with all the signals generated at baseband via an on board computer. For ARRL members, there's a nice writeup of the Flex-5000 in the July 2008 issue of QST.

After the meeting, there will be ham sandwiches, sodas.

Come on out for an interesting, educational, and entertaining evening!

497. GRARA Friday, January 2, 2009, 7:00 p.m.

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-12-30 04:30:48 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 497 Message: 497

I forgot to post the location

American Red Cross Building,
1050 Fuller Ave NE
Grand Rapids, MI 49503
(1/2 Block South of Leonard on Fuller NE

498. The times, they're a changing, and frequency also...

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-12-31 16:13:24 UTC
From: K8TB
Topic: 498 Message: 498

Interesting note:

"After seventy years of broadcasting Canada's official time,
NRC's shortwave station CHU will move the transmission frequency
for the 7335 kHz transmitter to 7850 kHz.
The change goes into effect on 01 January 2009 at 00:00 UTC.

Link at http://inms-ienm.nrc-cnrc.gc.ca/main_e.html

We also have a leap second right then..

tom K8TB

499. Happy New Year

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-12-31 21:50:39 UTC
From: AB8ND
Topic: 499 Message: 499

Happy New Year to all

Hope all have a chance to work Straight Key Night - :-D

Jack, AB8ND

500. [kq2h_repeater] Gotta love Yahoo....NOT

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-01-01 00:46:51 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 500 Message: 500

The continuing saga of "BIG BROTHER" checking up on us. Read below and then go to this URL.

http://info.yahoo.com/privacy/us/yahoo/webbeacons/

Tom KD8DEG

----- Original Message -----
From: Peter
To: kq2h_repeater@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Wednesday, December 31, 2008 6:49 PM
Subject: [kq2h_repeater] Gotta love Yahoo....NOT

An e-mail I got from the owner of another group I belong to:

Attention Group

As part of our continuing efforts to serve our list-members we will pass
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Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-01-01 01:07:35 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 500 Message: 501

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Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-01-01 01:16:30 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 500 Message: 502

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503. Fwd: [qrp-l.org] It was bound to happen

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-01-01 22:16:39 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 503 Message: 503

From the qrp-l.org e-mail reflector. I'm 99.44% sure that the GRARA web site and some of the reflectors we use from qsl.net/qth.net have been well supported by us. It's too bad that others didn't step up to the plate.

73 de n*xx Hg

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I guess it was bound to happen.
http://www.qsl.net/

Wonder what is going to happen to all those 'free for donation that very few donate to' web sites and mailing lists!

72 73 Happy New Year
Hank K*DD

504. Re: Fwd: [qrp-l.org] This will effect our Web Site W8DC.org

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-01-02 00:38:37 UTC
From: mike_w8der
Topic: 503 Message: 504

As Hank (N8XX) has pointed-out, the W8DC.org web server is being moved to another service provider. You can probably expect some brief web site interuptions over the next week, starting on January 3, 2009.

Remember the membership meeting Friday night, Jan 2, the Packet Seminar at 9:30 Saturday morning and the RTTY Roundup contest from the radio room at 1:00 Saturday afternoon.

Mike, W8DER

Ref: http://www.QTH.com

505. MDXA NETS!

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-12-23 07:15:39 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 505 Message: 505
Attachments: 9 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Michigan DX Association Weekly Nets

MDXA Tuesday Night 2 Meter Net Reminder!

Just a reminder that the Michigan DX Association holds it's Area Wide Net every
Tuesday night at 9:00 PM on the 145.270 94.8 repeater in Lowell

Note: EchoLink is now available during the net! Just use the LARC node.
EchoLink check-ins may be "limited" by the amount of traffic on the net.

Net Control is Dave Smith,KC8PCL...join us for club News,Ham Trivia and this weeks
Newsline!
In case of severe weather,our alternate repeater is the A.R.G.Y.L. machine,146.620 PL 94.8
Visit our Net page for more information.Dave does a great job as Net Control,he is located
in East Grand Rapids,Michigan. Co - Net control is Tom Wilson, KD8DEG

http://mdxa1.org/NETS.html

Club simplex activity:Simplex frequency 146.445 MHz 8-10 PM nightly

We wish to thank the LARC and A.R.G.Y.L clubs for their generosity in allowing us to use
their fine repeaters!

MDXA Wednesday Night 6 Meter SSB Net Reminder

Please Join Us Every Wednesday night at 9:00 PM on 50.140 SSB

Like all of our nets,the 6 meter net is fun and educational!

Jerry Willett..AC8AH is located in Cedar Springs,Michigan and he does a great job with our
6M nets.

Note: There is a 6 Meter FM simplex net every Monday night at 8:30 PM on 52.510

MDXA 2 Meter SSB Net Thursday Nights At 9:00 PM
144.185 USB

The 2 Meter SSB Net will have rotating net controls,contact Jerry Willett,AC8AH to
volunteer as
a net control. 2 Meter SSB is a lot of Fun!

MDXA HF/DX Activity

Rag Chew Frequencies

10 Meters 28.350 MHz - 15 Meters 21.335 MHz For Unstructured Rag Chew Activity.

Where is the best place to find our members on HF?..... In the DX Pileups chasing DX ! Members have been heard on MidCars and the Triple H WAS-DX net.

Members are also heard on HF from the 10 Islands and 4 Lighthouses we have activated. We also hold an HF Special Event station every summer! A visit to our ScoreBoard page and Top Gun page will give you a better idea as to how active our members are on HF.We have several members above and beyond the 300 DX total mark!
Visit our Net page for HF standby frequencies.

http://mdxa1.org/NETS.html

Chuck LeMar, W8VOM

Webmaster/Secretary Michigan DX Association
Visit Our Home Page!http://www.mdxa1.org

506. MICHIGAN QRP CLUB ANNUAL CW CONTEST January 10-11

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2008-12-27 20:47:20 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 506 Message: 506

MICHIGAN QRP CLUB ANNUAL CW CONTEST

Date: Saturday January 10, 2009
Time: 12:00 pm - 12:00 am
Location: ON AIR EVENT SEE DETAILS
Notes: Actually, this is a "Marathon event" which runs from
1200Z January 10 through 2359Z January 11. Yes! that's about 36 hours,
so pick whatever time(s) you have to operate.

For details see: http://www.miqrp.org/contest.html

You do NOT need to be a member of the Michigan QRP Club.

You MAY operate more than 5 watts, all the way to the full legal limit!

All hams are invited to take part in this event. Do join us for this fun
time!

NOTE: Many CW operators use straight keys and send/receive slower code
(10 to 15 WPM) This (and other QRP contests) would be a good event to
try out one's newly minted code.

507. Re: [GRARA] [kq2h_repeater] Gotta love Yahoo....NOT

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-01-01 01:56:37 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 500 Message: 507

O I C. A Web Beacon could be as simple as a one pixel gif, which doesn't show up on your screen, but which is on a yahoo site. If you allow remote pictures to be downloaded into an e-mail, it will send your ip address to the place where the one pixel file is located, then that host can access your computer if your firewall isn't good enough to stop it.

Anyway, I guess I won't allow remote pictures from yahoo, in particular.

Thanks for the heads-up.

Now, to go get our grand daughter, who has a rather strong case of homesickness and is crying at a friends place, wanting her parents and grandparents.

Ain't kids wonderful?

Happy Gnu Yaer

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Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-01-02 03:27:53 UTC
From: mike_w8der
Topic: 508 Message: 508

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Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-01-03 14:46:14 UTC
From: W8GL
Topic: 508 Message: 509

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Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-01-03 20:01:24 UTC
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Topic: 508 Message: 510

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511. Update: MiQRP Annual CW Contest, Jan 10-11, 2009

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-01-04 21:32:51 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 511 Message: 511

Update: The web site for the MiQRP Club is temporarily down, because of the demise of web hosting on qth.net/qsl.net. Hank, K8DD, has come to the rescue, and details may be found at

http://k8dd.com/miqrpclub/Contest09.html until the club web site is again operational. (Big thanks to K8DD!)

The key items are the Contest period - Saturday 1200Z January 10 through Sunday, 2359Z January 11.

Frequencies - all standard QRP frequencies on 160/80/40/20/15/10 meters

Exchange info: RST, QTH (State/Province/Country) and MI-QRP Membership Number. If not a member, send power output.

You do NOT need to be a member of the Michigan QRP Club. All hams are invited to take part in this event. Do join us for this fun time!

72/73 de n8xx Hg

512. FW: REMEMBER: Cell Phone Numbers Go Public next month.

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-01-07 02:25:58 UTC
From: Gary W8GL
Topic: 512 Message: 512

All,
This is not ham radio related, but I thought it would be of interest to anyone with a cell phone, which would include everyone, except Joe Bell and me.
Gary W8GL

Date: Mon, 5 Jan 2009 18:35:24 -0500To: From: lneidow@iserv.netSubject: REMEMBER: Cell Phone Numbers Go Public next month.REMINDER.... all cell phone numbers are being released to telemarketing Companies and you will start to receive sales calls. ... YOU WILL BE CHARGED FOR THESE CALLS To prevent this, call the following number from your cell phone: 888-382-1222. This is the National DO NOT CALL list. It will only take a minute of your Time. It blocks your number for five (5) years. You must call from the Cell phone number you want to have blocked. You cannot call from a Different phone number. Those who have already registered their phone number(s), but OVER5 years ago, will have to re-register their number.HELP OTHERS BY PASSING THIS ON TO ALL YOUR FRIENDS... It takes about 20 Secondsand costs nothing.

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Date: 2009-01-07 03:09:40 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 512 Message: 513

This is a very, very olde urban legend. As far back as 2003. See

http://www.snopes.com/politics/business/cell411.asp

73 de n8xx Hg

Gary W8GL wrote:
> All,
> This is not ham radio related, but I thought it would be of interest
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> Subject: REMEMBER: Cell Phone Numbers Go Public next month.
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> Companies and you will start to receive sales calls.
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> ... YOU WILL BE CHARGED FOR THESE CALLS
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> To prevent this, call the following number from your cell phone:
> 888-382-1222.
>
> This is the National DO NOT CALL list. It will only take a minute of your
> Time. It blocks your number for five (5) years. You must call from the
> Cell phone number you want to have blocked. You cannot call from a
> Different phone number.
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> Those who have already registered their phone number(s), but OVER
> 5 years ago, will have to /re-register/ their number.
>
> HELP OTHERS BY PASSING THIS ON TO ALL YOUR FRIENDS... It takes about
> 20 Seconds
> and costs nothing.
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> ---
> It?s the same Hotmail?. If by ?same? you mean up to 70% faster. Get
> your account now.

> <http://windowslive.com/online/hotmail?ocid=TXT_TAGLM_WL_hotmail_acq_broad1_122008>
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514. MiQRP Annual CW Contest, Jan 10-11, 2009

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-01-04 19:18:10 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 514 Message: 514

Reminder, MICHIGAN QRP CLUB ANNUAL CW CONTEST will be held beginning Saturday 1200Z January 10 through 2359Z January 11. Yes, that's 36 hours, so pick whatever time(s) you have to operate.

For details see: http://www.miqrp.org/contest.html

You do NOT need to be a member of the Michigan QRP Club. All hams are invited to take part in this event. Do join us for this fun time!

72/73 de n8xx Hg

515. W8DC.org Code Learning/Practice tool improved.

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-01-07 16:28:38 UTC
From: mike_w8der
Topic: 515 Message: 515

Thanks to a suggestion from Dave, KF8QL, we have significantly
improved the download speed from the code practice tool on the
W8DC.org web site. This should help users with slow network connections.

For those of you who haven't tried the code learning/practice tool,
you can access it from the w8dc.org main page using the "New Code
Practice Tool" link on the right side of the page. It can also be
addressed from the Tech Corner page with the "GRARA Learns Morse Code"
link on
the right side of the page.

OR---- with this direct link:

http://www.w8dc.net/w8dc/cw_default.htm

516. Kudos to Kent county Hams from the Michigan QSO Party

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-01-08 17:41:06 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 516 Message: 516

Kudo's to Operators in Kent county - From the official report of the 2008 Michigan QSO Party. For complete report, see http://www.miqp.org/2008/2008_MiQP_Report.pdf

Many of us might not have read the details in the 2008 Michigan QSO party, because it is some 36 pages long. I'll admit that I didn't read it carefully, haven't read the document thoroughly, and probably never will. However, I caught an interesting tidbit, which is worthy of note:

"For the ninth year straight, we can report that all 83 MI counties were active during the contest. The five most active counties were Oakland, Washtenaw, Kent, Lenawee and Wayne. Oakland repeats it's top spot from 2007, while Washtenaw returns after a year's absence and Kent makes the list for the first time, replacing Macomb and St. Clair that just slipped outside of the "top 5" this year. The ops from Kent County are to be congratulated - the number of Kent county fixed stations in 2008 was greater than in the total of all the previous years combined!"

Please talk this up in your local club - get the word out. The 2009 Michigan QSO party is right around the corner - Saturday, April 18, 2009 from noon to midnight. This is a "fun" contest, designed for the olde tymer or newcomer, the died in the wool contester, or an op who just wants to make a few contacts. Note that, if a single club has two or more entries from its members are eligible for club competition awards.

For full details of the Michigan QSO Party, see http://www.miqp.org/

Hope to CU on the Michigan QSO Party, 2009!

73 de n8xx Hg

517. Mobile Scanner & RADAR Detector Laws In The U.S.

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-01-09 12:05:05 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 517 Message: 517

http://www.afn.org:80/~afn09444/scanlaws/

518. Re: [GRARA] Mobile Scanner & RADAR Detector Laws In The U.S.

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-01-09 14:46:49 UTC
From: Kerryguy7
Topic: 517 Message: 518

Thanks Wilson!
This is a very informative article AND something to keep our eye(s) on!
Best to you!
73s!
Tom KC8TBY

Thomas K. Lane

Lane Computer Services

http://home.comcast.net/~techman65A+ Certified & Network+ Certified ComputerTechnician

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From: Wilson <kd8deg@...>
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Friday, January 9, 2009 7:05:05 AM
Subject: [GRARA] Mobile Scanner & RADAR Detector Laws In The U.S.

http://www.afn. org:80/~afn09444 /scanlaws/

519. Talking about Radar Detectors

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-01-09 16:30:45 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 517 Message: 519

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The cited article about radar detectors and jamming radar guns in Florida reminds me of a very legal operation which several of us did back in the 70's or early 80's while traveling from Cincinnati to Columbus, Ohio for a ham radio meeting. One of our more technically inclined hams was experimenting with a 10 GHz gunplexer. Seems the 10 GHz ham band is very close to the frequencies used for 10 GHz radar. We put the gunplexer on the dash, pointed forward, and set up an automatic "CQ" beacon, which we activated occasionally when we'd see an 18 wheeler driving toward us. We were also monitoring CB channel 19, and it was interesting to pick up the chatter about "smokies taking pictures" and note that many truckers in our direction were slowing down to the speed limit instead of barreling down the road faster than the automobile speed limit. Note that we never knowingly transmitted when police had radar set up, we had our amateur radio licenses with us, so our CQ's were legal in all respect. We were unsure about whether a legal ham transmission could be considered the same as an illegal jammer, but we didn't want to be a test case.

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520. [HARC] Oh no, you have the knack.

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-01-09 19:22:42 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 520 Message: 520

Reminds me of my younger years...LOL

Tom KD8DEG

----- Original Message -----
From: Pete Hoffswell
To: k8daa@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Friday, January 09, 2009 1:23 PM
Subject: [HARC] Oh no, you have the knack.

For your viewing pleasure, I submit:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KaHm1ecBCgw

I wish everyone the best of weekend. Looks like a good one to spend
on the radio.

73

N9SSA

521. Fw: [HARC] Flint Michigan SWAP

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-01-10 15:09:26 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 521 Message: 521

FYI.

Tom KD8DEG
----- Original Message -----
From: cgregory
To: k8daa@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Saturday, January 10, 2009 9:29 AM
Subject: [HARC] Flint Michigan SWAP

Flint Michigan SWAP
· Saturday, January 17, 2009 8:00 am / 12:00 pm
· Bentley Middle School, 1180 N. Belsay Rd. Burton MI.
· I-69 to Exit 141 (Belsay Rd) North 1/4 mile school is
located on the east side of the road
· Talk-in on 147.100 Repeater (+600 100 Hz PL)
· Admission $5 / children under 12 FREE!
· HOURLY DOOR PRIZES. 50/50 raffle tickets sold.
· For more information, contact Bob Byler
(K8RWB) at bbyler66 at comcast.net.
· 10 foot tables are $10 each and can be reserved
in advance.

I seen this on a ham swap site...
Charlie

[Non-text portions of this message have been removed]

522. RE: [GRARA] Fw: [HARC] Flint Michigan SWAP

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-01-11 05:15:13 UTC
From: Gary W8GL
Topic: 521 Message: 522

I'd be interested in carpooling. But the way its going, we may have to take snowmobiles or a sled dog team!
W8GLguitarGARY

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http://windowslive.com/explore?ocid=TXT_TAGLM_WL_t1_hm_justgotbetter_explore_012009

523. Re: Talking about Radar Detectors

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-01-13 17:56:04 UTC
From: W8GL
Topic: 517 Message: 523

Pretty high tech for the times, Hank. But can you change stoplights
from red to green?
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524. Re: FW: REMEMBER: Cell Phone Numbers Go Public next month.

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-01-13 17:58:54 UTC
From: W8GL
Topic: 512 Message: 524

Sorry Hank, I stand, corrected. That's what I get for believing a non-
ham! GaryW8GL.

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525. Re: [GRARA] Re: Talking about Radar Detectors

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-01-13 17:59:50 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 517 Message: 525

Hi Gary,

With a strobe light flashing at the right freq you can change some of the traffic lights yet.

de KD8DEG Tom

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From: W8GL
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Tuesday, January 13, 2009 12:56 PM
Subject: [GRARA] Re: Talking about Radar Detectors

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526. RE: [GRARA] Re: Talking about Radar Detectors

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-01-14 15:30:17 UTC
From: Gary W8GL
Topic: 517 Message: 526

Tom,
I hope K8COP didn't read this.
W8GLguitarGARY

To: GRARA@yahoogroups.comFrom: kd8deg@...: Tue, 13 Jan 2009 12:59:50 -0500Subject: Re: [GRARA] Re: Talking about Radar Detectors

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http://windowslive.com/explore?ocid=TXT_TAGLM_WL_t1_allup_explore_012009

527. Fw: [HARC] Radio For Sale

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-01-14 17:56:50 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 527 Message: 527

----- Original Message -----
From: n8jmy
To: k8daa@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Wednesday, January 14, 2009 9:03 AM
Subject: [HARC] Radio For Sale

I have a very nice Kenwood TS-570SG HF radio for sale. This radio covers HF through 6 meters, general coverage receive, 100 watts output, auto antenna tuner. Works and looks great comes with box, manual, mic and power cord. Price is $725.00 If interested either email n8jmy@... or phone 269-650-0016. Thanks Dave N8JMY

528. North American QSO Party this weekend

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-01-16 05:49:30 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 528 Message: 528

17 Jan 1800Z - 18 Jan 0600Z - North American QSO Party Phone (SSB) All HF Bands 1.8 to 29.6 Mhz, 100 watts output maximum, Exchange is Name, State/Province/Country Can operate Multi operators, 2 stations.

Complete rules at http://www.ncjweb.com/naqprules.php

Hope to see ya'll on!

73 de n8xx Hg

529. Fw: [montcalmcountyares] Winter Field Day 2009

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-01-17 01:42:44 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 529 Message: 529

----- Original Message -----
From: paul odem
To: montcalmcountyares@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Friday, January 16, 2009 11:37 AM
Subject: [montcalmcountyares] Winter Field Day 2009

SPAR Announces Winter Field Day 2009

Field Day is perhaps the most popular of the many activities enjoyed by Amateurs. Every June the bands come alive with improvised signals proving the ability to respond to emergencies. The event also offers an opportunity for camaraderie and a chance to test ourselves in less than ideal circumstances, however, emergencies and natural disasters don't always happen in the summer. Winter winds, icy limbs and bitter cold replace the thunderstorms and blistering heat of summer. To test our abilities to operate in the winter, in 2007 SPAR established a Winter Field Day event and invited all Amateur Radio operators to participate. In both 2007 and 2008 the event was enjoyed by many and considered a success and has been designated an annual event to be held the last full weekend each January. Therefore it is time to issue the invitation for the Third Annual SPAR Winter Field Day!

The 2009 Winter Field Day will be held from 1700 UCT (12:00 noon EST) Saturday January 24, 2009 through 1700 UCT (12:00 noon EST) Sunday January 25, 2009. The object of the event is familiar to most Amateur Radio operators: set up emergency-style communications and make as many contacts as possible during the 24 hour period. The rules encourage as many contacts on as many bands and modes as possible, because during a real emergency, the most important factor is the ability to communicate, regardless of band, mode or distance.

The official rules can be found at the SPAR web site. The event is open to all amateurs, although we encourage everyone to join in the discussions and other activities sponsored by SPAR. Information about SPAR can be found on the SPAR Home Page. Membership is free and open to all amateurs who want to encourage technical and operating skills. You can register by going to the SPAR Forum and registering, using your amateur callsign as your user name.

Please join with SPAR in promoting amateur radio and keeping our bands alive!

530. Re: [GRARA] Mobile Scanner & RADAR Detector Laws In The U.S.

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-01-18 23:50:07 UTC
From: K8TB
Topic: 517 Message: 530

Is GRARA planning on having the four flea market spaces at Dayton this year? If so, could I know who is behind reserving them, as I would like to work with them to request an adjacent 4 spaces for a group of us from the Holland ARC. It would be nice to have us all together.

Tom Bosscher K8TB

k8tb@...

531. Re: [GRARA] Mobile Scanner & RADAR Detector Laws In The U.S.

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-01-20 11:58:02 UTC
From: AB8ND
Topic: 517 Message: 531

Tom,

I believe Steven, KC8WQL, is working on the tables. I'll have him get a hold of you.

Jack,, AB8ND

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532. HT 202 repair

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-01-20 15:53:10 UTC
From: Richard Brown
Topic: 517 Message: 532

i have 3 202's that need repair..2 need the internal battery
replaced..one i think need the power diode...replaced..is the any one
locally that could fix these??
thx
Dick
KC8FMT

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534. Fw: [fnnirlp] Fw: [Fwd: ARISS contact on 1/20/2007 @ 18:52 UTC]

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-01-20 20:04:19 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 534 Message: 534

----- Original Message -----
From: ron mckay
To: fnnirlp@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Tuesday, January 20, 2009 10:16 AM
Subject: [fnnirlp] Fw: [Fwd: ARISS contact on 1/20/2007 @ 18:52 UTC]

----- Forwarded Message ----
From: "clintonradio@..." <clintonradio@...>
To: va7mwr@yahoo.ca
Sent: Tuesday, January 20, 2009 7:05:21 AM
Subject: [Fwd: ARISS contact on 1/20/2007 @ 18:52 UTC]

---------- Original Message ----------
Subject: ARISS contact on 1/20/2007 @ 18:52 UTC
From: "Dieter Schliemann" <kx4y@...>
Date: Sun, January 11, 2009 6:29 pm
To: kx4y@...

On Tuesday, 20 January 2009, starting at approximately 18:52 UTC, there will be an ARISS contact between the ISS and the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada via the telebridge amateur radio ground station ON4ISS in Belgium. Please join us in listening to this event.

The audio for this event will be fed into the EchoLink *AMSAT* (101 377) and *JK1ZRW* (277 208) Conference Room servers by Graham G7EVY. The audio from this event will also be fed into the IRLP Discovery Reflector 9010. We hope to have good two way audio from this contact.

As we do normally, as soon as audio is suitable for transmission over amateur radio, we start feeding audio of set up activities from about 25 minutes prior to the start of the actual contact into EchoLink for listeners who enjoy listening in on these proceedings.

Please note that there are automatic breaks in the audio transmission every 2.5 minutes during the event and while we listen to preparations going on for this contact. Each audio break is approximately 1 second long. Please configure your systems to not time out during times of inactivity or ongoing audio transmissions.

For everyone's information and future reference. When any ARISS event is supported through the IRLP "Discovery" Reflector 9010, audio is automatically streamed to the Internet.

It is then available via the "Discovery" Reflectors companion web site www.discoveryreflector.ca . Once on its main page, select "Live Streaming Audio" on the left side bar and follow the prompts.

More directly the URL is as follows:
www.discoveryreflector.ca:8000/listen.pls

The audio on the Internet is typically delayed by about two minutes.

73 de Dieter kx4y

Dieter K. Schliemann, kx4y - zs6bbh - hs0zcn
ARISS EchoLink audio feed team member

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If you prefer not to get future notices of upcoming ARISS events with audio feeds into EchoLink, please send me an e-mail to that effect and I will be glad to oblige.

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535. Fw: [HARC] Re: PRB-1

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-01-21 20:32:22 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 535 Message: 535

----- Original Message -----
From: cgregory
To: k8daa@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Wednesday, January 21, 2009 3:00 PM
Subject: [HARC] Re: PRB-1

To all hams , SWLs....
There is going to be some PRB-1 activity that will effect
the amateurs and SWLs of Michigan, on amateur and SWL
antennas. We all need be informed, and write our representatives
when the time comes. This is a verry important to keep PRB-1
informed, to the amateur radio and SWLs operators, as well. We
need to get as many hams, SWLs to get connected to do this as
a group. Some of you already know what a nightmare it can
be just get a hearing for a permit for putting up a tower, for your
antennas. Listed below is web sites if you are interested in getting
on the email list...
Here are some web sites for info:

http://www.arrl-mi.org/
http://www.prb1michigan.org

Thanks
Charlie
N8QEM
PRB-1

[Non-text portions of this message have been removed]

536. FYBO 2009 February 7

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-01-22 17:58:09 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 536 Message: 536

Greetings, everyone,

Anyone for a QRP Outing in the cold of winter?

The annual F)reeze Y)our B)... O)ff contest will be held on Saturday, February 7, 2009, between 1400Z-2400Z. I think that means 9 a.m. to 7 p.m local (Eastern Standard) time.

In 2007 Cortland, KA5S, and I joined Ed, AB8DF, in Hell, Michigan for the event. Yes, it WAS a cold day in Hell. :) Last year Cortland wasn't available, and I had to be in Ohio that weekend for a family event, so I went to the "hallowed groud" of the Bethany, Ohio, Voice of America Site, which is now a park, and operated with a couple of my friends from that area.

However, this year I'm planning to go to a site locally (within 20 miles or therabouts) of Rockford, preferably, but not absitively necessarily, a location on a hill, and prfereably where there is possibility of some shelter from the elements.

Does anyone care to join the effort? Ideas for an outdoor site, with possible shelter from wind/sn*w, etc? For details on the event, see

http://www.azscqrpions.org/FYBO2009.htm

Please respond off line

73 de n8xx Hg

537. Fw: Michigan ARRL PRB-1 eMail List - Update 4

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-01-22 22:41:13 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 537 Message: 537
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

----- Original Message -----
From: Bobby Corr
To: Michigan Amateur Radio Clubs
Sent: Thursday, January 22, 2009 4:47 PM
Subject: Fw: Michigan ARRL PRB-1 eMail List - Update 4

To: Michigan ARRL PRB-1 eMail List

There was an error in the URL contained in Update 3. The correct URL for the Michigan ARRL PRB-1 Committee web site is www.prb1michigan.org.

To date, 156 persons have signed-up for the PRB-1 eMail list. While this is gratifying, consider the following statistics:

· There are over 21,000 Amateur Radio Licensees in the State of Michigan

· There are 116 Amateur Radio Clubs in Michigan

· Of these 81 are ARRL Affiliated Clubs

· There are 4,248 Amateur Radio Licensees who are members of ARRL Affiliated Clubs

· Of these 2,823 are ARRL dues paying members

While I will acknowledge that some of the 21,000+ licensees are not active, we definitely need the support and action of all Amateur Operators to make this legislative effort successful. Please encourage your fellow HAMs to sign-up for the eMail list so we can keep them informed of our progress and let them know when the time comes to write to their elected representatives.

I have added what I believe is a significant page to the Committee Web Site entitled "Benefits of PRB-1 Legislation" www.prb1michigan.org/id24.html. I believe that this page is an excellent one-page summary of what this initiative is all about and why legislators, their constituents, local municipalities, and zoning boards should support our proposed legislation. If you have not watched the 6-minute video by Walter Cronkite KB2GSD about Amateur Radio Today, I encourage you to do so. This video highlights the significant contributions made by Amateur Operators during 911 and during the wildfires in the Western US during 2002. You can find a link to the video on the "Links" page at www.prb1michigan.org/id7.html.

It is also worthy to note that ARES members contributed almost $2 million in man hours in support of Public Service and Emergency Communications activities during calendar year 2008. You can find the ARES Report - 2008 on the "Emergency Comm Examples / Statistics" page at www.prb1michigan.org/id23.html. You will also find links to case histories about Emergency Communications in Michigan; e.g. 24-Aug-07 Potterville/South Lansing Tornado and 18-Oct-07 Williamston, MI EF-2 Tornado.

I will continue to keep you updated on activities and topics of interest regarding the PRB-1 Legislation in Michigan.

73,

Bobby Corr N8CY, Chairman

Michigan ARRL PRB-1 Committee

538. Icom Microphone

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-01-24 19:08:09 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 538 Message: 538

Hi All,

Does anyone have a Icom HM-14 microphone laying around they would like to part with.

You can contact me off the reflector's at kd8deg@centurytel.net

73

Tom KD8DEG

539. Communications help needed

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-02-03 19:03:02 UTC
From: Jack
Topic: 539 Message: 539

Once again the Michigan Mountain Bike Assoc. as asked for radio help at the Yankee Springs Time Trial on Sunday 19 April. This is a mountain bicycle timed event/race held at the Deep Lake campground in the Yankee Springs Rec. area, the trail is a 10 mile loop, usually there are about 400-500 riders competing. Being a wooded hilly area communications with anything but our equipment is very sketchy. They need a couple radios on the course and one hanging around headquarters, the campground. 2 meter handhelds working simplex work well, with repeaters as backup.
Can't say for sure, but usually lunch and a volunteer T-shirt is provided to all helpers. You are also welcome to ride the course and if I'm not mistaken camping in free Saturday evening for workers (don't quite on on this one). At any rate Yankee is a great outdoor area to spend some time in and the people do appreciate our help. Please let me know if you can make it.

Jack, AB8ND

540. weather stations online streaming audio

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-02-03 21:44:32 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 540 Message: 540

http://www.roanokevalleyweather.com/noaawxradio/noaawxradio.php

Tom KD8DEG

541. solarcycle24

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-02-05 05:41:14 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 541 Message: 541

http://www.solarcycle24.com/

542. 2nd invite - WQ8RP to be on FYBO, Saturday, Feb 7, 2009

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-02-05 19:04:57 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 542 Message: 542

Hello Again, GRARA members

Hate to sound like broken record, because I've announced this event at least once, maybe twice before on this reflector.

HOWEVER, at the risk of being redundant and prone to overkill, I'm repeating......

Cortland, KA5S, Bob, KD8HNF, and I will be operating during the upcoming F)reeze Y)our B)*** O)ff QRP Contest this coming Saturday, February 7. In keeping with the QRP theme of this contest, I've arranged for us to use WQ8RP, the Michigan QRP Club call for this event.

Cortland has made arrangements to operate at Leonard Park, also know as the ADA Covered Bridge Park, located A map to the site is at Thornapple River Drive SE and Fase St SE near downtown Ada. The Ada Township Park officials have been very cooperative in this event. An interactive map is at http://tinyurl.com/df6jmp. There's a ball field which is now a skating rink, excellent heated restrooms, and several Trees for putting up antennae! All operators and/or spectators are welcome. We'll try to monitor 145.27 MHz, but may be tied up with operating. If you get lost, you may call my cell phone 616-433-9050.

We will have a "semi-heated" tent, and a dining canopy for shelter, but dress appropriately. Temperature is supposed to be moderating, but rain showers are predicted - that's why we have a dining canopy and a tent!

Regardless of whether you come out or not, we'd appreciate a contact from you. Look for us on or near 3.560 MHz, 7030 to 7040 MHz, or 14.060 MHz (CW), or 3.985 MHz, 7.285 MHz, or 14.285 MHz (SSB). 80/75 will be the easiest for local contacts, but if you're really close, look for us on all the above listed frequencies.

72/73 de n8xx Hg

543. More info - WQ8RP to be on FYBO, Saturday, Feb 7, 2009

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-02-06 16:02:42 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 542 Message: 543

Forgot to note the time - we'll start @ 9 a.m., end at 7 p.m. or when we get too cold. :)

Please come out for a look-see or to operate (plenty of rigs for operation) to the Ada Covered Bridge, or look for us on or near 3.560 MHz, 7030 to 7040 MHz, or 14.060 MHz (CW), or 3.985 MHz, 7.285 MHz, or 14.285 MHz (SSB).

544. Morse Code test & certificate for 5, 10, 15 and 20 words per minute

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-02-06 20:31:22 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 544 Message: 544

From: Charles Rich <chucksvideo@ sbcglobal. net>
Subject: [HARC] Code Proficency
To: "HARC REFLECTOR" <k8daa@yahoogroups. com>
Date: Thursday, February 5, 2009, 2:21 PM

DID YOU KNOW....you can come to the Holland Amateur radio Club on Monday or Tuesday night and take a Morse Code test? We give a beautiful laminated certificate for 5, 10, 15 and 20 words per minute.
This certificate is a nice addition to any Ham Shack
Advance notice suggested.

NEED TO LEARN THE CODE..?? We have classes, and they are free. Current students working at 10 WPM, and newbies are always welcome.
Chuck, W8GCW

545. [montcalmcountyares] Fw: [Mich5thDistRACES] Fw: MPSCS Newsletter- Volume 1, Issue 1

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-02-07 22:02:11 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 545 Message: 545
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

----- Original Message -----
From: paul odem
To: montcalmcountyares@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Saturday, February 07, 2009 3:52 PM
Subject: [montcalmcountyares] Fw: [Mich5thDistRACES] Fw: MPSCS Newsletter- Volume 1, Issue 1

--- On Sat, 2/7/09, Charlie Chapman <Charles.W.Chapman@...> wrote:

From: Charlie Chapman <Charles.W.Chapman@...>
Subject: [Mich5thDistRACES] Fw: MPSCS Newsletter- Volume 1, Issue 1
To: Mich5thDistRACES@yahoogroups.com
Date: Saturday, February 7, 2009, 12:46 PM

I thought y'all might like this.

Charlie

Sent: Thursday, February 05, 2009 1:58 PM
Subject: MPSCS Newsletter- Volume 1, Issue 1

Michigan's Public Safety Communications System would like to announce that a bi-monthly newsletter is available for all users of the system. The newsletter is packed with information about the system and how it can work better for you and your agency. It is meant to be a tool to supplement any information found on the website or from personnel at MPSCS.

Any suggestions on future topics and story ideas are welcomed and greatly appreciated. Contact Robin Stremlow at StremlowR@michigan. gov, or by telephone at (517)336-6345.

Generally, reminder notes will be sent out to each agency at the issuance of each future newsletter. This time we've included a PDF version that can be distributed to all staff and users.

Also, the newsletter is available on-line at MPSCS's wesbite:
http://www.michigan .gov/mpscs

Please forward this email on to your public safety colleagues.

MPSCS thanks you for your loyal service. Feel free to let us know what we can do to help service your communication needs.

Robin Stremlow
Publications Specialist, MPSCS
(517) 336-6345

StremlowR@michigan. gov

546. For those needing North Dakota for the Triple Play WAS Award

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-02-08 23:44:01 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 546 Message: 546

From: http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2009/02/07/10619/

North Dakota to Offer State QSO Party in March

Stations working on their Triple Play Award or Year of the State QSO Party Award will want to be on the air on Saturday, March 21 as North Dakota -- always a rare state -- will hold their first QSO Party in 14 years.

"The North Dakota QSO Party (NDQP) is certain to put North Dakota on the map -- and hopefully off the Needed List of many a deserving amateur," said ARRL Contest Branch Manager Sean Kutzko, KX9X. The contest is sponsored by the North Dakota Radio Association (NDRA) with help from several other North Dakota clubs.

Newly appointed North Dakota Section Manager Lynn Nelson, W0CQ, told Kutzko that interest has been high for starting the event up again. "I had many hams asking me to kick off a State QSO Party," Nelson said. "We are encouraging North Dakota stations to work 20 meters in the afternoon hours. This will help to tackle the demand of the state -- and its many rare counties -- for several Amateur Radio awards, including the ARRL's Triple Play and Year of the State QSO Party."

The North Dakota QSO Party runs from 1700 UTC Saturday, March 21-0100 UTC Sunday, March 22. All bands from 160-2 meters (except 60, 30, 17 and 12 meters) are acceptable. Complete rules and forms can be found on the NDRA Web site. Don't miss your chance to work one of the rarest states in the country -- get in on the fun of the North Dakota QSO Party!

547. Fw: [montcalmcountyares] world radio mag feb 2009

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-02-09 21:22:27 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 547 Message: 547

----- Original Message -----
From: paul odem
To: montcalmcountyares@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Monday, February 09, 2009 9:50 AM
Subject: [montcalmcountyares] world radio mag feb 2009

http://www.cq-amateur-radio.com/WorldRadio.html

the world radio mag is available online for free.

548. Flood Watch

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-02-11 06:57:39 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 548 Message: 548

Flood Watch
Kent & Ottawa County (Michigan)

FLOOD WATCH
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE GRAND RAPIDS MI
1005 PM EST TUE FEB 10 2009
...FLOODING POSSIBLE ON WEDNESDAY AND WEDNESDAY NIGHT...
.STRONG LOW PRESSURE WILL TRACK ACROSS LOWER MICHIGAN ON
WEDNESDAY AND BRING SOME HEAVY RAIN. THE RAIN AND WATER FROM MELTED
SNOW WILL LIKELY PRODUCE SOME FLOODING WEDNESDAY AND WEDNESDAY
NIGHT.
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MONTCALM-GRATIOT-OTTAWA-KENT-IONIA-CLINTON-ALLEGAN-BARRY-EATON-
INGHAM-VAN BUREN-KALAMAZOO-CALHOUN-JACKSON-
INCLUDING THE CITIES OF...LUDINGTON...BALDWIN...REED CITY...
CLARE...HART...FREMONT...BIG RAPIDS...MOUNT PLEASANT...MUSKEGON...
GREENVILLE...ALMA...JENISON...GRAND RAPIDS...IONIA...ST. JOHNS...
HOLLAND...HASTINGS...CHARLOTTE...LANSING...SOUTH HAVEN...
KALAMAZOO...BATTLE CREEK...JACKSON
1005 PM EST TUE FEB 10 2009
...FLOOD WATCH REMAINS IN EFFECT FROM 7 AM EST WEDNESDAY THROUGH
LATE WEDNESDAY NIGHT...
THE FLOOD WATCH CONTINUES FOR

* PORTIONS OF CENTRAL MICHIGAN...SOUTH CENTRAL MICHIGAN...
SOUTHWEST MICHIGAN AND WEST CENTRAL MICHIGAN...INCLUDING THE
FOLLOWING AREAS...IN CENTRAL MICHIGAN...CLARE...GRATIOT...
ISABELLA...MECOSTA...MONTCALM AND OSCEOLA. IN SOUTH CENTRAL
MICHIGAN...CALHOUN...CLINTON...EATON...INGHAM...IONIA AND
JACKSON. IN SOUTHWEST MICHIGAN...ALLEGAN...BARRY...KALAMAZOO...
KENT...OTTAWA AND VAN BUREN. IN WEST CENTRAL MICHIGAN...LAKE...
MASON...MUSKEGON...NEWAYGO AND OCEANA.

* FROM 7 AM EST WEDNESDAY THROUGH LATE WEDNESDAY NIGHT

* AN INCH OR MORE OF RAIN COMBINED WITH WATER FROM MELTED SNOW
OVER SATURATED GROUND MAY PRODUCE FLOODING ON WEDNESDAY AND
WEDNESDAY NIGHT.

* FLOODING OF SMALL STREAMS AND POOR DRAINAGE AREAS WILL
TRANSITION INTO THE POTENTIAL FOR WIDESPREAD RIVER FLOODING
BEGINNING WEDNESDAY AND CONTINUING THROUGH LATE WEEK.
A FLOOD WATCH MEANS THERE IS A POTENTIAL FOR FLOODING BASED ON

CURRENT FORECASTS.
YOU SHOULD MONITOR LATER FORECASTS AND BE ALERT FOR POSSIBLE
FLOOD WARNINGS. THOSE LIVING IN AREAS PRONE TO FLOODING SHOULD BE
PREPARED TO TAKE ACTION SHOULD FLOODING DEVELOP. USE CAUTION
DRIVING...ESPECIALLY AT NIGHT. NEVER DRIVE INTO AREAS WHERE WATER
COVERS THE ROAD.
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549. IRA Hamfest Brochure 2009

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-02-14 13:54:43 UTC
From: mike_w8der
Topic: 549 Message: 549

Hey Guys,

Hot off the press, here is a link to the brochure for the 2009 Independant Repeater Association (IRA) Hamfest in Hudsonville (pdf format). Notice
that GRARA is doing the fox hunt again this year. Should be fun.

550. Re: IRA Hamfest Brochure 2009 -- The Link

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-02-14 13:58:43 UTC
From: mike_w8der
Topic: 549 Message: 550

Sorry I forgot the link. I am doing more of that these days (forgetting).

http://www.w8hvg.org/Hamfest%202009%20copy.pdf

The link is also on the GRARA website -- Home page, top, right corner.

http://www.w8dc.org

551. [TowerTalk] Antennas and towers near broadcast stations

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-02-15 17:34:11 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 551 Message: 551

The FCC has without much notice in Amateur circles passed was: "quietly snuck," a poor choice of words, a Rule that will affect non-broadcast radio licensees including Radio Amateurs.

In the Matter of
An Inquiry Into the Commission's Policies and Rules
Regarding AM Radio Service Directional Antenna Performance Verification
MM Docket No. 93-177 SECOND REPORT AND ORDER AND SECOND FURTHER NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING
Adopted: September 24, 2008 Released: September 26, 2008
Comment Date: (30 days after date of publication in the Federal Register)
Reply Comment Date: (60 days after date of publication in the Federal Register)

excerpt:

Quote:
§1.30002 Tower construction or modification near AM stations.
(a) Construction near a nondirectional AM station. Proponents of construction or significant modification of a tower which is within one wavelength of the AM station, and is taller than 60 electrical degrees at the
AM frequency, must notify the AM station at least 30 days in advance. The proponent shall examine the potential impact of the construction or modification as described in paragraph (c). If the construction or
modification would distort the radiation pattern by more than 2 dB, the licensee shall be responsible for the installation and maintenance of any detuning apparatus necessary to restore proper operation of the
nondirectional antenna.
(b) Construction near a directional AM station. Proponents of the construction or significant modification of a tower which is within the lesser of 10 wavelengths or 3 kilometers of the AM station, and is taller than 36 electrical degrees at the AM frequency, must notify the AM station at least 30 days in advance.
The proponent shall examine the potential impact of the construction or modification as described in paragraph (c). If the construction or modification would result in radiation in excess of the AM station's licensed standard pattern or augmented standard pattern values, the licensee shall be responsible for the installation and maintenance of any detuning apparatus necessary to restore proper operation of the directional antenna.
(c) Proponents of construction or significant modification of a tower within the distances defined in (a) and (b) herein of an AM station shall examine the potential effects thereof using a moment method analysis. The moment method analysis shall consist of a model of the AM antenna together with the
potential reradiating tower in a lossless environment. The model shall employ a simplified version of the methodology specified in § 73.151(c) of this chapter. The AM antenna elements may be modeled as a Federal Communications Commission FCC 08-228 series of thin wires driven to produce the required radiation pattern, without any requirement for measurement of tower impedances.
(d) A significant modification of a tower in the immediate vicinity of an AM station is

defined as follows:
(1) Any change that would alter the structure's physical height by 5 electrical degrees or more at the AM frequency.
(2) The addition of one or more antennas or a transmission line to a tower that has been detuned or base insulated.
(e) The addition or modification of an antenna or antenna supporting structure on a building shall not be considered significant.
(f) With respect to an AM station that was authorized pursuant to a directional proof of performance based on field strength measurements, the proponent of the tower construction or modification may, in lieu of the study described in paragraph (c), demonstrate through measurements taken before and after construction that field strength values at the monitoring points do not exceed the licensed values. In the event that the pre-construction monitoring point values exceed the licensed values, the proponent may demonstrate that post-construction monitoring point values do not exceed the pre-construction values.
Alternatively, the AM station may file for authority to increase the relevant monitoring point value after performing a partial proof of performance in accordance with § 73.154 to establish that the licensed radiation limit on the applicable radial is not exceeded.
(g) Tower construction or modification that falls outside the criteria described in the preceding paragraphs is presumed to have no significant effect on an AM station. In some instances, however, an AM station may be affected by tower construction notwithstanding the criteria set forth above. In such cases, an AM station may submit a showing that its operation has been affected by tower construction or alteration. If necessary, the Commission shall direct the tower proponent to install and maintain any detuning apparatus necessary to restore proper operation of the AM antenna.

LINK<http://fjallfoss.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/FCC-08-228A1.pdf>

A vertical resonant at 1.8 MHz is 81 degrees tall at 1.6 MHz and would be if not detuned at the BC frequency forbidden within 2 miles (approx) (or 10 wavelengths at its frequency if less) of a directional AM station. An 80 meter vertical falls to it as well, as well as many shorter towers according to their electrical length.

I leave to others to calculate what their antennas and towers will require.

Considering the impact the unnoticed Part 73 action has had in Amateur circles, a reconsideration could be in order if only to accept our comments.

TowerTalk mailing list
TowerTalk@contesting.com
http://lists.contesting.com/mailman/listinfo/towertalk

552. CodeAmber.org Tickers

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-02-15 17:55:41 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 552 Message: 552

Add the Ticker to your desk top & or web site. Get the latest Amber Alerts as they are issued. Excellent service.
A suggestion for repeaters. If you have the capability, put an announcement on your repeater for Michigan Amber Alerts.

KD8DEG Tom
http://www.codeamber.org/index-2.php?atck

553. I'm asking about you on Facebook

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-02-19 13:24:43 UTC
From: David M. Smith
Topic: 553 Message: 553

Hi Grara,

I set up a Facebook profile where I can post my pictures, videos and events and I want to add you as a friend so you can see it. First, you need to join Facebook! Once you join, you can also create your own profile.

Thanks,
David

To sign up for Facebook, follow the link below:
http://www.facebook.com/p.php?i=1402943572&k=43M6Q6U3U2VM5ADETKY5PP&r

554. 13 wpm cw practice added to the web site

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-02-19 20:47:01 UTC
From: mike_w8der
Topic: 554 Message: 554

For those of you using the cw learning tool on the club web site, we have added some 13 wpm code to the "Practice Lessons" page. The code consists of 68 pangrams, that are guaranteed to keep us all busy on these cold nights.

A copy of the added text can be seen at:

http://www.w8dc.net/w8dc/wav_files/PGRAMS_01_68.txt

The modified "Practice Lesson" page can be seen at:

http://www.w8dc.net/w8dc/cw_practice.htm

555. Winter Exercise

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-02-20 22:29:31 UTC
From: Jim Leys
Topic: 555 Message: 555

To RCCT and GRARA members
We are planning a exercise on March 21,2009. 9am-noon at the Red Cross.
Objectives of this exercise will be:
Setting up field radio operations
Experience packet operations, with the JANOS system and use of Red Cross radios. We will be using Red Cross Frequencies 47.580 because of possible inter-mod issues with 2 meter
Pass packet test messages between the chapter and units in the field.
We plan(hopefully) on using two ERVs, one in the south part of the county and one north.
Pass test messages to State EOC/ARRL Director.
Debriefing. Strengths and weakness of the exercise.
This will be a great time to hone up on packet radio and field operations.
The Ann Arbor group in Washtenaw Co. may participate in our exercise.
Any questions please feel free to contact Joe Bell or my self, Jim Leys

556. FYAO 2009 - 21 Feb 09

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-02-20 22:00:39 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 556 Message: 556

Of possible interest to GRARA ops (and others)

from at http://www.portcars.org
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Portage County Amateur Radio Society - KD8CKP
Fourth Annual ?Freeze Your Acorns Off? (FYAO) QRP mini-field day

Special Event Station
Fred Fuller Park -497 Middlebury Rd, Kent, Ohio at the Roy Smith Shelter House

Saturday - February 21, 2009
Set up: 9am
Operating Time: 10am - 6pm EST (1500Z to 2300Z)

We will be active on CW & SSB in the General areas of the 15, 20, 40 and 80 meter bands (Echolink on the KC8RKV echolink node) and anything else we can get working)

Club Call Sign KD8CKP

Yes we?ll be braving the cold snowy weather of North Eastern Ohio to setup QRP stations using portable power and antennas.

A beautiful color (suitable for framing) 8 x 1O? certificate will be available if you send your QSL card and a large SASE to the club call trustee:
Al Athns KB8VJL - 12433 Chamberlain Rd, Aurora, OH 44202

So from. the comfort of your warm radio shack - give u~s a contact while we?re out freezing. We?ll need all the contacts we can make to help keep us warm. Your support will be very much appreciated!

Check out PCARS on the web at www.portcars.org

557. FYBO Pictures

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-02-21 23:11:51 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 557 Message: 557

I lost track of all the people who took pictures at the Ada Township park where we were operating FYBO on February 7.

N8UVI, KA5S, and AB8ND sent some very nice pictures, but we missed some of the people who helped with the effort. If you took pictures during the event, please send them along to me.

Thanks much.

73 de n8xx Hg

558. Some very interesting ham web sites

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-02-22 03:07:27 UTC
From: K8TB
Topic: 558 Message: 558

If I may, I have come across some rather interesting, and time consuming web sites.,

The first is essentially a ham radio version of You Tube., There are some rather unique videos. Search out the "AmateurLogicTV" series. These are really rather well done, and are rather long. I found that many of these videos have shown me some of the "diamond facets" of this hobby that I was aware of, but never saw up close.

This site is http://hamradiotube.com/Vidiscript/

Be prepared to spend some time there!

From that, I found a link to another interesting site:

http://k5ehx.net/

This guy has put some time into the site.

Look at the Google map interface for repeaters, including terrain mapping:

http://k5ehx.net/repeaters/qrepeater.php

Don't tell me I didn't warn you!!

Tom Bosscher K8TB

559. Congratulations to Tom N8DGD

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-02-22 11:56:51 UTC
From: AB8ND
Topic: 559 Message: 559
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Congratulations to Tom N8DGD
Ham of the Year 2009

hoy

560. Fw: [HARC] Saturday - HAM is for Breakfast

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-02-26 23:06:27 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 560 Message: 560

----- Original Message -----
From: Megan Heyl
To: k8daa@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Thursday, February 26, 2009 1:17 PM
Subject: [HARC] Saturday - HAM is for Breakfast

Ladies and Gentlemen...

Saturday, February 28th
9:00 am - ???
Perkins Restaurant - Holland

HAM is for Breakfast!

It is time once again to join your fellow hams for either a muffin or a meal at the Holland Perkins Restaurant. The coffee will be hot and the conversation lively. Bring a buddy or bring a spouse... the more the merrier.

Look forward to starting your weekend out without having to cook or clean those dishes!

Perkins is located on North Park Drive, off US 31 at James Street at the Wal Mart plaza. . . Between Pizza Hut and Pier One Imports.

We have the back room reserved... so stop on by!

Megan and Jim

561. Winter Exercise Update

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-02-28 14:14:23 UTC
From: Jim Leys
Topic: 561 Message: 561

We are planning on using the D Star radios along with packet radio in
our winter exercise on Mar 21. We are going to hold a training session
on Mar 20 at 7 pm at the
Red Cross on DStar and packet. Then Sat morning we should be ready to
go at 9am.
All RCCT members and interested club members are encouraged to attend
both sessions. We have four ID-800s
that we have to learn how to operate.
Thanks
Any question please feel free to contact Joe Bell or myself Jim Leys

562. Fw: [kq2h_repeater] COPS BLOW UP HAM ANTENNA MISTAKEN 4 BOMB

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-03-01 04:26:15 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 562 Message: 562

Another good one.
----- Original Message -----
From: Bob Calvert
To: kq2h_repeater@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Saturday, February 28, 2009 8:26 PM
Subject: [kq2h_repeater] COPS BLOW UP HAM ANTENNA MISTAKEN 4 BOMB

Looks like it may have been a 2.4Ghz PVC pipe antenna.
http://www.kptm.com/Global/story.asp?S=9911221&nav=menu606_24_5_1

563. Hallmark & American Greeting e-cards INFECTED

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-03-01 18:42:54 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 563 Message: 563

Be careful there are e-cards going around from American Greetings & Hallmark, that are infected with Trojans and Viruses. I have been receiving them everyday for the last 4 day's now. I checked around and there are others in the area that are receiving them.

Tom

564. Pocket PC

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-03-03 08:49:55 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 564 Message: 564

For those of you interested in Pocket PC's. Prog's for logging, digital modes etc.

Tom KD8DEG

http://www.n0hr.com/

565. 8 New Generals in West Michigan

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-03-04 02:06:35 UTC
From: K8TB
Topic: 565 Message: 565

Congratulations to the following seven folks who took and passed
their general class exam last night in Holland:

Jim Beaudoin N8UMD
Sarah Dinklemann KD8JOB
Mike Everts KD8IAH
Julie Vruggink KD8EBA
Paul Phillip KD8HSC
Rich Munson KD8HSD
Phil Rohlinder KN8JHE

And a special note of congrats to Ron Brueker, WA8VLU who completed
the paperwork to let him upgrade from a tech plus to a general.

tom bosscher K8TB

566. Re: [GRARA] 8 New Generals in West Michigan

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-03-04 11:38:43 UTC
From: AB8ND
Topic: 565 Message: 566

Congratulations to all - good job

Jack, AB8ND

K8TB wrote:
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> their general class exam last night in Holland:
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> tom bosscher K8TB
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>

567. Meeting and Club Activity, Friday, March 6

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-03-05 15:04:22 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 567 Message: 567

There will be a PowerPoint presentation "Contesting 101" at the meeting
if the Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association

This Friday, March 6, 2009
American Red Cross Building, 1050 Fuller Ave NE
Grand Rapids, MI 49503
Gathering Time: 6:30 PM
Meeting Time: 7:00 P.M

This presentation was originally developed and present by Dave Pruett,
K8CC, for the ARRL State Convention in Kalamazoo last year. Dave is the
chairman of the Michigan QSO Party contest.

I'll include information on the ARRL DX Contest (which starts at 7 p.m.
Friday, concurrent with our meeting), and a few other contests.

We will adjourn afterwards to work the ARRL Phone DX Contest
from the W8DC Station. Everyone is encouraged to participate.
.
This is an excellent opportunity for hams, new and old, to participate
in an on the air activity, work a few foreign countries, and have a few
eyeball QSO's while others are "CQ DX"ing away.

73 de n8xx Hg

568. It's a great idea, let's pass the word!

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-03-06 01:58:39 UTC
From: mike_w8der
Topic: 568 Message: 568

Have you noticed the new youth net on the IRA Linked Repeater System?

It's the new "Michigan Amateur Radio Youth Net", held every Thursday night at 7:00 P.M.

Great idea -- don't you think?

They encourage all youth under the age of 22 to check in and discuss what is happening in their world -- both licensed and unlicensed (with control operator)can check in. This way they can talk without the intimidation of being with us older folks. They obviously don't need our help on the air, but we can all support them by spreading the word to all youth in the state. Can you help?

And Grandpa hams out there, get you grandkids on the air from your shack. Maybe they will get interested in being just like grandpa. My granddaughter Erica is a good candidate at my station. She has already been on echolink.

The net had 15 check-ins last week. I hope they continue to grow.

569. In Frankenstein's Laboratory

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-03-06 17:36:56 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 569 Message: 569

Now this would be a fun toy to have and play with.

KD8DEG Tom

http://www.spectrum.ieee.org/mar09/7889

570. Wi & ND QSO Parties

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-03-07 04:01:20 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 570 Message: 570

Next Sunday, March 15, 1800z to Monday, March 16, 0100z, the Wisconsin QSO Party, Rules at http://www.warac.org/wqp/wqp.htm

Saturday, March 21 from 1700z to Sunday, March 22, 0100z is the North Dakota State QSO Party. Rule at http://k0ln.com/

Thanks to Minnesota Wireless Association for the info.

571. ARRL DX Contest

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-03-07 11:35:32 UTC
From: AB8ND
Topic: 571 Message: 571

Sorry for the late notice

W8DC will be activated for the ARRL DX contest that started last evening.
Some of the members and guests will be in the Radio Room this morning
at around 9 or 9:30
operating until ....
Come on down and take a turn at the controls, you might be the operator
that gets that rare DX station

Jack, AB8ND

572. Lufthansa to Europe: Virtual Pilot!

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-03-07 16:29:46 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 572 Message: 572

How well do you know the countries and there cities. A game for when you are really bored. A rainy day and the bands are down.

Most of my flights never made it to there right destinations.

Tom KD8DEG

http://www.lufthansa-usa.com/useugame2007/html/play.html

573. Skew Paths for DXing

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-03-07 16:38:36 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 573 Message: 573

Skew - in these times of odd, short-lived, and downright confusing propagation, skew paths can be your best friend! When the direct path between you and the DX isn't open, try beaming closer to the equator where ionospheric tilt and the higher ionization densities can create "bank shot" openings above the MUF on the direct path.

Tom KD8DEG

574. Fw: [HARC] 3 Important Reminders

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-03-07 16:44:11 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 574 Message: 574

----- Original Message -----
From: Megan Heyl
To: k8daa@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Saturday, March 07, 2009 10:54 AM
Subject: [HARC] 3 Important Reminders

Ladies and Gentlemen... I have 3 important reminders for you all -

1. Tonight (Saturday March 7) remember to roll your clocks ahead one hour. Yes, we loose an hour of sleep by springing ahead.

2. Tuesday (March 10). HARC Monthly Meeting.

March 10, 2009
7:00 pm
HARC Technical & Training Center

It is time again for our monthly meeting. We invite all the members and their guests to attend Tuesday at the clubhouse.

This month Joe Veldhuis N8FQ will make a presentation on Meteor Scatter.

For those of you who do not know what Meteor Scatter is... This newbie Technician knows that meteors come into the atmosphere and radio waves bounce off of them. Joe will enlighten us on this phenomenon. He will have a power point presentation, handouts, and a Q&A session .

Not only will we have this wonderful speaker, there will be a 50/50 drawing, special treats for those who celebrate a birthday in March, cookies, coffee and camaraderie. After the break, there will be a short business meeting.

Don't forget that your dues are now "PAST DUE", which we will gladly accept at this meeting. (Checks can be made out to HARC and given to Phil Van Huis).

I will also have available a calendar for events in March and April.... so don't miss this event!

3. Saturday March 14: The Mini Swap / Breakfast at HARC has been cancelled. The Marshall hamfest will be taking place instead. So don't plan on chow and chumming around at the clubhouse, plan on dining and driving to Marshall!!

73,
Megan
WO0MEG
Vice president

[Non-text portions of this message have been removed]

575. 80m Echo Observations ?(W2PA.com - Amateur Radio)?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-03-08 20:56:09 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 575 Message: 575

http://www.w2pa.com:80/Home/articles/80m-echo-observations

576. Fw: [HARC] Citizen Corps News: Does your Emergency Preparedness Kit contain recalled or expired items?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-03-09 16:19:53 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 576 Message: 576

----- Original Message -----
From: Steve Vanderhill
To: Holland Club K8DAA ; North Ottawa Amateur Radio Club W8CSO ; WestMichiganHams ; OCEC/WMSAR
Sent: Monday, March 09, 2009 10:09 AM
Subject: [HARC] Citizen Corps News: Does your Emergency Preparedness Kit contain recalled or expired items?

Currently the United States is in the midst of one of the largest food recalls in American history. As Americans dig through their cabinets and refrigerators to remove potentially contaminated food associated with the recent peanut recall, we would like to also remind citizens to open and check their Emergency Preparedness Kits to remove any potentially harmful items from these also.

Because peanut products are often recommended as staples in Emergency Preparedness Kits due to their long shell life and because they are a good source of protein, we encourage all kit owners to look at their kits to ensure food products are not on the peanut recall list. Please keep in mind that the peanut product recall extends beyond peanut-flavored products. The following are some examples of foods also included in the recall that may contain peanuts:

* Granola

* Snack bars

* Crackers

* Cereal

* Trail Mix

* Cookies

* Noodles

* Dog treats

A full list of recalled peanut products and what individuals should do with recalled items can be found on the Food and Drug Administration's Web site, http://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/peanutbutterrecall/index.cfm.

In addition to checking for peanut-related items, please be sure to check for other items in your kit that may have expired, including

medications, food and pet food, water, and other recalled items. The U.S. government provides information on unsafe, hazardous, or defective products ranging from consumer products, food, medicine, and cosmetics at www.recalls.gov <http://www.recalls.gov/> .

Ensuring family and neighbors are prepared is an essential step in helping communities during and after an emergency. Families should have an Emergency Preparedness Kit in all locations that are frequented often, including homes, offices, schools, cars and day care facilities. These kits should hold a variety of essential items that are needed during a disaster, such as a flashlight, radio, cash, clothing, protective equipment, medicines, and of course food and water. For a complete list of Emergency Preparedness Kit recommended items, please visit http://www.fema.gov/plan/prepare/supplykit.shtm.

Citizen Corps Councils and Partners: Councils and partners should remind their communities about the importance of maintaining and constructing an Emergency Preparedness Kit and consider hosting public preparedness training sessions to ensure that information about kits is reaching the community. In addition, Councils and partners should consider adding a link to the FDA Web sites along with information on the recall on peanut products to any Web pages or documents that refer to community preparedness or Emergency Preparedness Kit preparation.

This news story and other Community Preparedness news, including Citizen Corps Bulletins, can be found on our website at http://www.citizencorps.gov/.

Sincerely,

The National Office of Citizen Corps
FEMA Community Preparedness Division

[Non-text portions of this message have been removed]

577. Anyone for Marshall Hamfest?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-03-10 14:48:41 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 577 Message: 577

I'd like to share a ride with someone this Saturday for the Marshall hamfest.

Let me know if you have space for a rider.

Thanx es 73 de n8xx Hg

578. ARGYL Hamfest Saturday April 4

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-03-13 19:36:30 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 578 Message: 578

Hear ye, Hear Ye, Hear ye! Mark your calendars for the ARGYL Hamfest!

The Amateur Radio Group of Youth in Lowell (ARGYL) will be holding their annual hamfest on Saturday, April 4th 2009. It opens at 8:00am.

You can expect the 'normal' ARGYL hamfest just at a different time of year! Our Three main vendors; Tower Electronics, Amateur Accessories, and Elmers Ham Shack will all be there.

Admission: Adults- $5.00
Elementary, Middle School, and High School Students- Free

Advanced Sale Special: Two 5' tables & Admission- $12.00
One 5' table & Admission- $9.00
At the door: Two 5' tables & Admission- $15.00
One 5' table & Admission- $10.00

Advance Sales/ Information:
Al Eckman WW8WW
725 Bowes Rd Apt K6
Lowell, MI 49331-1684
Phone: 616-897-7659
e-mail al.eckman@...

Hamfest Location
Lowell High School
11700 Vergennes St.
Lowell, MI 49331
Need Maps?

V.E. Exams
10:00 AM- Walk-ins welcome
Reservations not necessary

There will be Door Prizes
Refreshments sold on site Sponsored by: A.R.G.Y.L. (at very reasonable prices - editorial comment)

Talk-in:
K8LHS: 146.620(-) PL 94.8
W8LRC: 145.270(-) PL 94.8

The future of amateur radio is in our 'youth'.
Support them by attending this hamfest.

For formatted version of this info see http://www.argyl.org/hamfest.html

579. State QSO Parties This weekend

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-03-21 14:35:27 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 579 Message: 579

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Oklahoma QSO Party (CW/Digital/Phone
Mar 21, 1300z to Mar 22, 0100z and
Mar 22, 1300z to Mar 22, 1900z
Rules: http://www.okdxa.org
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North Dakota QSO Party (CW/PH)
Mar 21, 1700z to Mar 22, 0100z
Rules: http://k0ln.com:80/
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Virginia QSO Party (CW/SSB/Dig)
Mar 21, 1800z to Mar 23, 0100z
Rules: http://www.qsl.net/sterling/VA_QSO_Party/2009_VQP/2009_VQP_Rules.html
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73 de n8xx Hg
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580. Michigan QSO Party. April 18, 2009!

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-03-22 16:26:24 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 580 Message: 580

Hear ye, Year Ye! Hear Ye!

The Michigan QSO Party approacheth!

It will be held on the Saturday of the third full weekend in April, or Saturday, April 18, 2009 from 1200 EDST to 2400 EDST (16Z Saturday until 04Z Sunday UTC). All stations may operate the full twelve hours.

This is a chance for Michigan stations to be hunted - i.e. all stations in the contest will be looking for us!

Categories for fixed and mobile operation, single or multi operator, and three power levels.

Rules and operating hints are at http://www.miqp.org

We plan to activate W8DC during the contest - possibly with two stations.

If you can't make it to W8DC for that time period, fire up your home station and join the fun! If we have three or more individual stations we may enter the club competition!

73 de n8xx Hg

581. Re: [GRARA] Michigan QSO Party. April 18, 2009!

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-03-22 19:53:03 UTC
From: Tom Hansen
Topic: 580 Message: 581

This may be a good time to get the vertical antenna back up!
How bout it Wednesday night guys are you up to the challenge?

--- On Sun, 3/22/09, Hank Greeb <n8xx@...> wrote:

From: Hank Greeb <n8xx@...>
Subject: [GRARA] Michigan QSO Party. April 18, 2009!
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Date: Sunday, March 22, 2009, 12:26 PM

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73 de n8xx Hg

582. Re: [GRARA] Michigan QSO Party. April 18, 2009!

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-03-22 20:35:50 UTC
From: Jack Kunnen
Topic: 580 Message: 582

Good idea Tom
Let's hope the rain holds off

Jack, AB8ND

On Mar 22, 2009, at 3:53 PM, Tom Hansen wrote:

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> How bout it Wednesday night guys are you up to the challenge?
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> 73 de n8xx Hg

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583. Skywarn Training This Thursday, March 26th

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-03-23 19:02:39 UTC
From: mike_w8der
Topic: 583 Message: 583

For those of you who missed the Skywarn training in Kent County, the next one is Thursday in Ottawa County. Remember to be current, you must attend one of the training sessions once every two years. You can expect to see many of your Kent County Friends at this next session in Ottawa County.

For address and time, see "Ottawa" county in the following list on the noaa site.

http://www.crh.noaa.gov/grr/skywarn/training/

Another feature, this will be an opportunity to see the Filmore Complex. It is out on Port Shelden Road.

I will be there. (forgot the one in Grandville) :-(

584. 2009 MICHIGAN QSO PARTY

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-03-25 07:17:22 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 584 Message: 584

-------- Original Message --------
Subject: 2009 MICHIGAN QSO PARTY
Date: Tue, 24 Mar 2009 22:15:01 -0400
From: Mark Hinkleman <mhinkleman@...>
To: <mhinkleman@...>

*2009 **MICHIGAN** QSO PARTY*

Attention Michigan Amateurs!!!!

Hey, it's me again, and I'm frying up a new bunch of "spam" to remind all you Michigan Amateurs that it's time to gear it up and get ready for the 2009 Michigan QSO Party. This years QSO Party will be held on April 18th.

In spite of the lousy conditions last year, it was a record year for the MiQP. Activity was up and we had over 300 entries with a record 41,660 total QSO's. There has been a lot of traffic on the MiQP email reflector announcing 2009 operations from all around the state. The early indications point to another record year. With the support of fixed, mobile and portable stations, we plan on having activity in all 83 counties.

Whether you operate from the home station, the club station, the EOC, mobile, or portable, the important thing is that you get on the air and join the fun. Operate for an 1 hour, or the full 12 hours, every little bit of RF will help make Michigan "Radio Active".

In addition to the normally awarded plagues and certificates for the different categories, there will be a special ?Rookie of the Year Award? in 2009. It should also be noted that the ARRL has declared 2009 ?The Year of the State QSO Party? and is offering a special certificate. Others will need to work Michigan stations during the QSO party to earn the Michigan flag for their ARRL award http://www.arrl.org/awards/ysqso/

Last but not least, we ask those of you that have participated in the MIQP to please help us get the word out and encourage other Michigan hams to participate and join the fun. See http://www.miqp.org <http://www.miqp.org/> for more details and the rules.

Date/Time: Michigan QSO Party, sponsored by the Mad River Radio Club, from 1600Z April 18th until 0400Z (19th) Stations may operate the full 12 hours. (12 noon on the 18th until 12 midnight local Michigan time)

Modes and Categories: Phone and CW on 80/40/20/15/10 meters. Single-op, multi-op, mobile and Emergencies Operations Center (EOC) and ?Rookie? categories. Single-op entries are categorized by output power, QRP (5W

or less), Low Power (100W or less), and High Power (greater than 100W).

Multipliers: Work stations once per band and mode. Work other states and Michigan Stations. MI to MI QSO's are allowed. Work portables and mobiles again as they change counties, state or province.

Exchange: Exchange QSO number and location (county for MI stations, state/province or "DX" for others).

Scoring: One point per phone QSO, two points per CW QSO. Count multipliers once per mode. Multipliers are MI counties for all entries, plus states & provinces for MI entries only. Final score is total QSO points times total multipliers.

Freqs: Suggested frequencies: CW-3545, 7045, 14045, 21045, 28045; Phone-3800, 7200, 14250, 21300, 28450.

Log Submittal: Mail logs no later than 30 days after the contest to: Mad River Radio Club, c/o Dave Pruett, 2727 Harris Road, Ypsilanti, MI 48198 or via e-mail to logs@...

More Information: For complete rules, along with free logging software, log and summary sheets, and Fliers see http://www.miqp.org

73 es cu April 18th 2009

Mark NU8Z

585. Wed night April !st

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-03-29 20:41:03 UTC
From: Dave Ed
Topic: 585 Message: 585

To my friends at Wednesday night open radio room. I am in Benson, AZ this month and an RV park here has a radio room with a big beam antenna. So I have been in contact with Jack and we are going to try to make contact on 14.250 Wednesday night. I will try to be on by 7:00 PM EDT and we will see what happens. I am looking forward to chatting with many of you.
Dave Ed
AC8AB

586. Fwd: WEAVER'S WORDS -- A Convention in your Future?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-03-31 13:04:03 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 586 Message: 586

-------- Original Message --------
Subject: WEAVER'S WORDS -- A Convention in your Future?
Date: Mon, 30 Mar 2009 21:30:33 -0400 (EDT)
From: ARRL GL Division <memberlist@...>
To: hgreeb@...

(Reply only to k8je@....)

- Division Convention September 12
- Call for Papers -- 2009 GL Division Convention
- A Survey is on the Division web site
- Is a Repeater a Repeater?
- Michigan QSO Party
- ARRL Legislative Agenda
- ARRL Legislative Agenda
- Incoming 8th Area QSL Bureau Factoids
- KYSAT-1
- What does ARRL do for Me?
- Triple Play Certificate
- DTV Presentation Available
- Travel Schedule

+++ Division Convention September 12 +++

After careful consideration it was decided to go ahead with a biannual Great Lakes Division Convention this year. The 2009 event takes place in Findlay, OH on September 12. This is the Saturday immediately before the Sunday Findlay Hamfest. The date had been tentative the past few months until the recent decision on the convention was made. The Findlay Radio Club is sponsoring each event.

Previous conventions had been in 2003, 2005 and 2007. These were in Findlay, Toledo and Cleveland in order. sites for future conventions continue to be sought in Kentucky and Michigan.

With the economy straining to recover, concern had been expressed that holding a convention this year was too much to ask of members. It was decided to pursue a no-frills approach while maintaining the high quality of seminars that have come to characterize GLD conventions.

Former astronaut Tony England, W0ORE will headline the convention as its principle speaker. OM England served with NASA FOR many years and spent 8 days aboard the (spacecraft). A premier representative from ARRL is being arranged as this is written.

As in the past, Division Awards for special service to Amateur Radio will be available. These are the George S. Wilson III, Lifetime

Achievement Award; Amateur of the Year; DX Achievement Award, Technical Achievement Award and Newsletter of the Year. Vice Director Gary Johnston, KI4LA is chairing a committee to develop the criteria for a new, young amateur achievement award.

Please read the Call for Papers, immediately below.

+++ Call for Papers -- 2009 GL Division Convention +++

The Great Lakes Division Convention will be in Findlay, Ohio on Sept. 12, 2009, the day before the Findlay Hamfest. The Convention is being organized and sponsored by the Findlay Radio Club.

When the opportunity to have the Convention in Findlay came up, the Club decided that to sponsor it, but to try a few things different than in the past.

We know that hams are thrifty, so we decided to keep the cost of admission low. In fact, we decided we would pick up the cost of the convention so the admission charge will be $0.00. (Ed. This is correct -- nada, nothing, free!)

We also decided that we would not have a standard convention banquet. There will not be a $30 per person sit down dinner banquet at the end of the day. Instead, we are looking into doing a chicken barbecue at the fairgrounds. Tickets for the barbecue would be available for purchase at the Convention or at the barbecue. For lunch we will take orders for box lunches that will be brought in, or you can eat at a local restaurant of your choice. The Findlay Radio Club can not take credit for any of these ideas. We are modeling the convention format after the very successful SW Ohio Digital Conference and a picnic meal the day before the Lake Placid NY Hamfest!

Our "theme" for the Convention will be attracting new hams through "Elmering-like" activities and re-interesting existing amateurs through ground-up discussions of newer technologies. We would like to provide seminars and demonstrations to help a new ham get on the air (especially on HF) and also show new and old hams alike some of the hobbies within ham radio like homebrewing, satellite, digital, ATV, ballooning, APRS, etc. In addition, we plan to showcase methods people have found that work well introducing people to our hobby. Obviously there is not enough time to really cover everything in detail, but we hope to spark interest in these areas for new and old hams alike. Attendees will learn where they can go to get detailed information and more help to get started.

We intend that the Convention will expand your horizon. Perhaps that should be the theme of the Convention - "Expanding your Ham Radio Horizon"

We need speakers. K8JE has arranged for a top notch main speaker - former astronaut Tony England W0ORE - and is arranging for a quality

speaker from ARRL. All I have to do is get a dozen or so speakers to talk on topics like:

1 Getting On HF -- Your First Station
2 Getting On HF -- Your First Antenna
3 Homebrew -- It Is Still Being Done
4 Contesting -- Getting Started
5 The Digital Modes -- An Introduction
6 Getting on the Air with Satellites
7 The QSL Bureau -- What Is It, and How Do I Use It?
8 Emergency Communications -- What Can I Do to Help, And How Do I Start?
9 Amateur Radio in the Local Schools
10 Getting New Hams Through the Boy Scouts, Using Radio Merit Badge
11 Mobile Operation
12 VHF/UHF/Microwave Operation
13 Triple Play Award
14 Echolink/ILRP
15 Winlink
16 PSKmail
17 Other

(Please tell us the number your top four favorite ideas for seminars through the survey described below. If you click on 17 on the survey, please go to the Forum area to add your suggestions for topics as well as for speakers.)

You get the idea. If you can speak at the Convention on any of these topics or something similar to these, please contact me (n8et@...). We have a good internet connection at the Convention site, so if you can do a talk remotely, let me know and we will see what we can work out.

Our tentative plans are to start the talks at 9 AM, and go to 5 with an hour for lunch. Sessions will start on the hour, with the initial 5 minutes for speaker set up, and the last 10 minutes of the hour as a break between sessions. We have the room to do two concurrent tracks, so we should be able to get 10 or 12 speakers. If you have a topic that needs more than an hour (for example -- a panel discussion on attracting new hams or building club membership), we can combine sessions and make a two or even three hour session.

There is a huge parking lot at the Convention site. If the weather is good we can do demos in the parking lot at lunch, like erecting and trimming a dipole or working a satellite, and there is room in the hall for displays if you have something you would like to display.

Feel free to contact me if you have an idea that you think would fit in the 2009 Convention. We want to make this new, different, and the best convention ever!

Hope to hear from a lot of you soon!

73 -- Bill -- N8ET, Convention Chairman
n8et@...

+++ A Survey is on the Division web site +++

There is a survey on the Great Lakes Division web site. It requests your input about the coming Division Convention. Your initial views and opinions will be very helpful in our planning for the convention. To take the simple survey, please go to www.greatlakes.arrl.org/. At the web site, click on the Survey/Feedback link to go to the survey.

The survey is in a click-on-the-answer format. If you wish to leave comments about the survey, the convention or anything else, mark the statement at the bottom of the survey, then click on the Enter My Forum icon and add your comments.

Thanks for your help with this survey.

+++ Is a Repeater a Repeater? +++

FCC needed 15 months to decide the thorny question, but it has concluded that a repeater is a repeater. The question that was posed to the Commission was whether digital repeaters are repeaters as analog repeaters are repeaters. The issue was that there is a brief delay in digital repeaters from the time they receive the input signal until they transmit the output signal.

Technically, of course, there is a very slight delay between receipt and retransmission of a signal for analog repeaters as well. The delay in analog repeaters is generally slightly less than with current digital repeaters.

The result of the FCC clarification of the definition of a repeater means that digital repeaters need to operate in the subbands designated for repeater operation. Some amateurs had argued the delay in relaying signals by digital repeaters qualified them for use outside of these subbands.

+++ Michigan QSO Party +++

The Michigan QSO Party (MiQP) will be held on Saturday, April 18 from 1200 EDST to 2400 EDST (1600Z Saturday until 0400Z Sunday UTC). Stations may operate the full twelve hours. The general objective of the MiQP is for amateurs outside of Michigan to operate

The objective of the Party for stations outside of Michigan is to work Michigan stations, only. For Michiganders, it is to work anyone. The objective for everyone is to have fun.

Rules are at http://www.miqp.org/Rules/htm. These include a description of operating categories, bands to use and multiplier factors.

+++ ARRL Legislative Agenda +++

There is an old saying that goes, "The Lord helps those that help themselves." This cannot be more true when it comes to the Legislative Agenda the ARRL Board of Directors adopted for the current, 111th Congress. Great Lakes Division Legislative Action Chair John Meyers, NB4K offers the following poignant comments related to what will be needed to move the agenda forward:

"With the changes in Congress and the House of Representatives we have our job cut out for us no matter how you look at it. With the changes in seat holders this means that a number of our Legislative Action Assistants (LAAs) will need to establish relations with the freshman Representatives or Senators or their aides who have taken over the offices. This will need to be done as soon as possible. The time is now to start making contact with these freshman Legislators and Congressman or their aides.

"Incidentally, you are not expected to travel to Washington to perform your duties. Instead, the following discussion assumes your visits with Congressmen or their aides will occur 'back home' in a local office.

"Be aware that we often are unable to meet directly with a Congressman. Instead, we may meet with one of his/her aides. This is fine. The fact that you met and the legislative position you supported during your meeting will be forwarded to the Congressman. The support you show during your meeting will provide much assistance to the ARRL Legislative Advocate in Washington, DC. Your meeting will prove to the Congressman that voters back home are interested in the legislation.

"If you have the opportunity to drop in to meet your Congressman's aide in a local office, consider introducing yourself. Tell them that later on you will doubtlessly contact them to make an appointment to visit the Congressman while he/she is at home, or to visit him (the aide) to discuss legislation that relates to Amateur Radio. Leave your Legislative Action business card and, if possible, a brief introduction to what Amateur Radio is and how it benefits the public."

By John Meyers, NB4K
Division Legislative Action Chair

+++ ARRL Legislative Agenda Booth +++

Stop by the ARRL Legislative Agenda Booth at its national convention at the Hamvention(r). You will be able to discuss the ARRL legislative agenda and learn how easy it can be to promote the actions the League intends to initiate during the current, 111th, US Congress. The booth will be in the ARRL convention area at HARA.

+++ Incoming 8th Area Bureau QSL Factoids +++

Jay Slough, K4ZLE the very competent Manager of the very effective 8th Area Incoming QSL Bureau reported the following activity for the bureau for the years 2003 through 2008. The year and the number of incoming

QSLs handled during it follow:

2008 -- 80,248 QSL cards
2007 -- 89,028 cards
2006 -- 111,734 cards
2005 -- 110,905 cards
2004 -- 138,236 cards
2003 -- 154,054 cards

Does anyone want to take a guess where we are in the current sunspot cycle?

+++ KYSAT-1 +++

Kentucky's first orbiting satellite - developed in part by students at

Western Kentucky University - has been selected by NASA to take flight in
mid-2009. Students at WKU teamed with students at other Kentucky universities to design and build KySat-1.

The satellite has Amateur Radio capabilities along with a camera and cell phone. Students in K-12 across Kentucky will be able to use the features of KySat-1 to take photos, see the temperature and check the status of status of satellite components. The intent is to interest youngsters in mathematics and the sciences.

The satellite project cost about $850,000. It is expected to remain in orbit for 18 to 24 months. KySat-1 is said to be unique because it was developed in conjunction with several universities and is NASA's first launch of a university-built satellite.

+++ What does ARRL do for Me? +++

Members and non-members alike have occasionally asked me what ARRL does for them that the beneficiary doesn't need to pay extra to get. It seemed to them that nearly everything the League does for members requires them to pay extra to obtain. The prevailing attitude among non-members also seems to be that unless they DX or contest, ARRL membership offers nothing to them.

Once one knows the facts, it is obvious that neither of these contentions is correct. With this issue of Words I begin a series of discussions of what ARRL really does. In these discussions you will learn which member benefits have fees associated with them and which member benefits are not associated with fees.

First, let me give a brief listing of services provided by ARRL. After doing this, I'll expand on one item that I believe is of interest to many members. The listing is below. No fees are charged to take advantage of the services marked "(n/c):"

- QST, Your Monthly Membership Journal
- Members-Only Web Access (n/c)
- Technical Information Service (TIS) (n/c)
- Outgoing QSL Service
- ARRL Field Organization including ARES? and several additional, important services(n/c)
- Operating Awards
- Representation of your Amateur Radio interests in Washington, DC to the FCC and Congress (n/c)
- Representation of your Amateur Radio interests in International Government Treaty negotiations. (n/c)
- A Regulatory Information Branch that provides information on FCC and regulatory questions; problems with antenna, tower and zoning restrictions; and reciprocal licensing procedures (n/c)
- Volunteer Counsel Program (n/c)
- Volunteer Examiner Coordinator program (n/c)
- Registered Amateur Radio Instructor program (n/c)
- W1AW broadcast bulletins and code practice (n/c)
- Preferred subscription rates for QEX, the ARRL Forum for Communications Experimenters
- Discounts on Continuing Education Program courses.

This listing is generally available at www.arrl.org/benefits.html#awards.

It is a fact that a number of what I consider the superficial services provided by ARRL, require the recipient to pay a few cents to several dollars. In most instances the fees are to pay for certificates and optional plaques -- the well-known and hard-sought "wallpaper" with which so many of us paper our shack walls.

Look, through the list of services for which fees are not assessed. These very importantly include the tough work ARRL does. As I will discuss later, these services relate to keeping our amateur frequency allocations, obtaining new frequencies, protecting our frequencies from invasion by interfering individuals or services, protecting amateurs' rights to pursue the Amateur Radio Service and generally protecting the value of the Amateur Radio license.

I ask you, first, to review the frequencies you use during your personal operating. The basic fact is: None of us would have use of these frequencies if it was not for ARRL. There is no charge by ARRL for the services that resulted in obtaining these frequencies.
+++ Triple Play Certificate +++

A long-time friend and member in southwest Ohio wrote me saying he thought the quality of the TPA certificate he earned was subpar. I forwarded the comment to HQ. Staff noted the certificate looked fine in proof copies and that a respected commercial printer had printed them. On checking through the standard run of certificates they, too found it to be below League standards. A new run of the certificates was made and replaced the original batch.

Everyone who received one of the earlier, off-quality certificates will automatically receive a replacement from the new run.

Communications from members do receive attention.

+++ DTV Presentation Available +++

With the switch from analog TV (ATV) to digital TV (DTV) having been delayed from its initial February deadline, an offer by Frank Sanor, WA8WHP of the Alliance (OH) ARC remains very viable. Club members developed a presentation that includes a PowerPoint show based on FCC DTV pages.

If you would like to receive a copy of the PP presentation for possible use with the pending switch to DTV, please contact Frank at wa8whp@.... Alliance ARC members who made and have given the presentation are Tom Steele KD8JRK, John Myers KD8MQ and Frank. John developed the power point from the FCC web site.

Congratulations to all clubs that helped educate the public on the switch to DTV. With the deadline for switching to DTV delayed until June, there is still time to help educate the technologically-deficient members of the public.

+++ Travel Schedule +++

The following is the schedule of travel by Division staff for the coming weeks. In addition to Vice Director Gary Johnson, KI4LA, Division Legislative Action Chair John Meyers, NB4K and 8th Area QSL Bureau Manager Jay Slough, K4ZLE will visit the events shown below.

Date......Event.....Division Representative(s)

SCHEDULE

19 Apr: Cuyahoga Falls, OH; Cuyahoga Falls ARC 'fest -- Gary, Jim
26 Apr: Athens, OH; Athens Co. ARA 'fest -- Gary
15-17 May: Hamvention(r)/ARRL National Conv. -- Gary, John, Jim
6 Jun: Grand Rapids, MI; Indpndnt Rptr Assoc. 'fest -- John, Jim
7 Jun: Chelsea, MI; Chelsea ARC 'fest -- John, Jim
20 Jun: Midland, MI; Midland ARC 'fest -- Jay, Jim
21 Jun: Monroe, MI; Monroe Co. RCA 'fest-- Jay, Jim
9 Jul: Mahoning Valley ARA Meeting -- Jim
16 Jul: A&F Committee meeting, Newington -- Jim
17-18 Jul: ARRL Board meeting, Newington -- Gary, Jim
26 Jul: Randolph, OH -- Portage ARC 'fest -- John, Jim
12 Sep: Findlay, OH -- GLD Convention -- All
13 Sep: Findlay, OH -- Findlay ARC 'fest -- All
19 Sep: Reynoldsburg, OH -- Ohio Section Conference -- Jim

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

16 Aug: Cortland, OH -- Warren ARA 'fest -- John, Jim
20 Sep: Cincinnati, OH -- Gr. Cin. ARA 'fest -- Gary, Jim

17 Oct: Holland, MI -- Holland ARC 'fest -- Gary, Jay
18 Oct: Kalamazoo, MI -- K'zoo ARC/SMART 'fest-- Gary, Jay

NOTE: Please apply to have your hamfest/swap sanctioned well in advance of the date it will be held. The sooner it is sanctioned as an ARRL event, the sooner it will appear on the listing of hamfests and conventions on the ARRL web site. This will provide more publicity for the event.

73,

Jim

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-- webmaster@...

587. FCC Delays SSB and AM Change

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-04-01 16:25:27 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 587 Message: 587

From: http://www.arrl.org/?artid=8829

FCC Delays SSB and AM Change (Apr 1, 2009) -- The FCC announced April 1 that the scheduled mandatory changeover of SSB and AM HF voice communications in the Amateur Radio Service has been delayed for one year; originally scheduled to begin April 1, 2009, the new changes will now take effect April 1, 2010. Under the plan, originally approved by Congress during the Clinton Administration, all Amateur Radio voice communication in the HF spectrum (3-30 MHz) will adopt digital voice technologies, reducing the bandwidth of typical QSOs from an average of 2.4 kHz to an average of 1.5 kHz. No particular protocol is specified -- amateurs can use any method they desire as long as it is digital. During the transition period, 20 meter nets have been assigned temporary frequencies in the 10 meter band for their analog (SSB or AM) operations; they have also temporarily been allowed to use up to 10 kW due to limited propagation on that band. Note that 160 meters is not included in this changeover, as it -- being below 3 MHz -- is an MF, rather than an HF band. As previously announced by ARRL, QSLs for 10 meter contacts using the temporarily authorized higher power will not count toward DXCC. For more information, please see http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2009/04/01/FCC_Delay/

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588. Deep Solar Minimum

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-04-01 22:57:35 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 588 Message: 588

Note, even though this one is dated April 1, 2009, it isn't an April Fool joke - unless NASA is forging data. Anyone have data to contradict these findings?

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April 1, 2009: The sunspot cycle is behaving a little like the stock market. Just when you think it has hit bottom, it goes even lower.

2008 was a bear. There were no sunspots observed on 266 of the year's 366 days (73%). To find a year with more blank suns, you have to go all the way back to 1913, which had 311 spotless days.. See:
http://science.nasa.gov/headlines/y2009/images/deepsolarminimum/centuryplot_gif2.gif
Prompted by these numbers, some observers suggested that the solar cycle had hit bottom in 2008.

Maybe not. Sunspot counts for 2009 have dropped even lower. As of March 31st, there were no sunspots on 78 of the year's 90 days (87%).

It adds up to one inescapable conclusion: "We're experiencing a very deep solar minimum," says solar physicist Dean Pesnell of the Goddard Space Flight Center.

"This is the quietest sun we've seen in almost a century," agrees sunspot expert David Hathaway of the Marshall Space Flight Center.

more at:
http://science.nasa.gov/headlines/y2009/01apr_deepsolarminimum.htm?list195060

589. Re: Deep Solar Minimum

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-04-03 19:28:34 UTC
From: W8GL
Topic: 588 Message: 589

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Glad I don't have to depend on solar activity to QSO on CQ100! I'd have a long gray beard before I ever got WAS if I waited for the elusive: "Cycle 24" all you nay-sayers keep fantacising about.
W8GLguitarGARY

590. Glassless tubes for sale, Funny

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-04-05 23:54:08 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 590 Message: 590

http://hardocp.com/images/news/1237476767fPYMHIsYVF_1_1_l.gif

591. Re: [GRARA] Glassless tubes for sale, Funny

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-04-06 01:16:53 UTC
From: Green Gator
Topic: 590 Message: 591

The seller is nuts.
-Gator
----- Original Message -----
From: Wilson
To: k8daa@yahoogroups.com ; GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Sunday, April 05, 2009 7:54 PM
Subject: [GRARA] Glassless tubes for sale, Funny

http://hardocp.com/images/news/1237476767fPYMHIsYVF_1_1_l.gif

592. Re: [GRARA] Glassless tubes for sale, Funny

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-04-06 02:11:20 UTC
From: Charles Rich
Topic: 590 Message: 592

Nothing like a glassless "vacuum tube".....Was this originally posted last Wednesday???
 WE ARE ONE OF WEST MICHIGAN'S PIONEER WEDDING VIDEOGRAPHERS, IN BUSINESS SINCE 1992. WE ALSO SERVE CORPORATE, COMMERCIAL AND GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES WITH CUSTOM VIDEO PRODUCTION.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT www.chuckrich.net

Be sure to check out my Ham Radio Page. Licensed by the FCC since 1950

From: Wilson <kd8deg@centurytel.net>
To: k8daa@yahoogroups.com; GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Sunday, April 5, 2009 7:54:08 PM
Subject: [GRARA] Glassless tubes for sale, Funny

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593. Re: [GRARA] Glassless tubes for sale, Funny

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-04-06 06:56:19 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 590 Message: 593

He might have placed his ad on craig's list 16 days in advance of April
1. :)

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594. 2009 Sgteelcase Dualthon Communications

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-04-06 18:54:18 UTC
From: Jack
Topic: 594 Message: 594

Hi all,

I received the following email, via our webmaster, asking to communications help at the Steelcase Duathlon event on Sunday, 26 April. Please let my know soon if you can help, so that I can get back to them

Jack, AB8ND

Hello,

My name is Greg Roan from 3 disciplines Racing. We host events all over the state of Michigan and are looking for some course support from the ham radio club. Our event is at the Steelcase complex in Kentwood, MI on Sunday, April 26th, 2009. This would entail having some operators on the course and a home base set up by our race directors tent. Please let me know if this is something that your club would be interested in or not and we can go from there with more specifics of the event if you are interested. Thank you for your time and I look forward to hearing from you.

Happy Training & Good Health!

Greg Roan
3 Disciplines Racing
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Po Box 458
Gaylord, Mi. 49734
www.3disciplines.com
www.superkidstry.com
www.boyne2boyne.com
www.usctri.com

595. Re: 2009 Steelcase Dualthon Communications

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-04-06 18:59:53 UTC
From: Jack
Topic: 594 Message: 595

Oops

Looks like I fat fingered the keyboard in the Subject line on the original.

Jack,AB8ND

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596. Big Bertha tower

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-04-07 03:28:24 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 596 Message: 596

http://www.flickr.com/photos/williamhein/sets/72157616352616707/

597. Working "Big Bertha" monpole pictures site

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-04-08 15:24:23 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 597 Message: 597

Sorry all. Finally a working site for all to see the pictures. It is for sale. All you need is some equity from your house and she is yours.

KD8DEG Tom

http://www.qth.com/gallery/v/nt1y/

SuperBertha 118ft Rotating Monopole
This legacy "SuperBertha" is a military quality self-supporting rotating pole (no guy wires). Perfect for stacking multiband yagis, or a christmas tree of monoband yagis on 6, 10, 15, 20, 40 and 80m, or 2-high/3-high stacks of monoband yagis on 6, 10, 15, 20m plus a full sized 40m yagi at the top. Use your imagination! The re-fabrication of this product includes a new base system, original gearbox motor, an new Green HeronTM SuperBertha controller, a new professional industrial coating including your choice of several colors, and wet-stamped drawings/structural engineering study TIA-EIA-222-F. Price $49,195 (does not include antennas or shipping). This pole can be customized to a taller height for an additional cost.

Listing #731835

598. Re:Working "Big Bertha" monopole pictures site

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-04-08 19:56:39 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 597 Message: 598

"Price $49,195 (does not include antennas or shipping)"
Maybe when I get my second Million. Still working on the first.

73 Jack NY8D

----- Message from kd8deg@... ---------
Date: Wed, 8 Apr 2009 11:24:23 -0400
From: Wilson <kd8deg@...>
Reply-To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [GRARA] Working "Big Bertha" monpole pictures site
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> pole (no guy wires). Perfect for stacking multiband yagis, or a
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> tree of monoband yagis on 6, 10, 15, 20, 40 and 80m, or
2-high/3-high stacks
> of monoband yagis on 6, 10, 15, 20m plus a full sized 40m yagi at
the top.
> Use your imagination! The re-fabrication of this product includes a
new base
> system, original gearbox motor, an new Green HeronTM SuperBertha
controller,
> a new professional industrial coating including your choice of
several
> colors, and wet-stamped drawings/structural engineering study
TIA-EIA-222-F.
> Price $49,195 (does not include antennas or shipping). This pole
can be
> customized to a taller height for an additional cost.
>
> Listing #731835
>

----- End message from kd8deg@... -----

599. Re: [GRARA] Re:Working "Big Bertha" monopole pictures site

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-04-08 22:30:09 UTC
From: K8TB
Topic: 597 Message: 599

Hey Peasant Jack,

I'm on my third million.

Gave up on the first two :)

Tom K8TB

>Jack Amelar wrote:
>Maybe when I get my second Million. Still working on the first.

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600. Fwd: 2009 MICHIGAN QSO PARTY

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-04-11 16:25:24 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 600 Message: 600

Remember, GRARA plans to activate W8DC for the MiQP next Saturday, noon to midnight. There will be plenty of ops with HF privileges, so come on down regardless of whether you have a general class license or higher, or, even if you're just interested in ham radio.

If you can't make to W8DC, why not fire up your rig and make a few Q's from home?

N8XX will be operating from home as K8MAD - the Mad River Radio Club call.

73 de n8xx Hg

-------- Original Message --------
Subject: 2009 MICHIGAN QSO PARTY
Date: Sat, 11 Apr 2009 08:53:11 -0400
From: NU8Z-MiQP <NU8Z-MiQP@...>
To: <NU8Z-MiQP@...>

**** *2009 **MICHIGAN** QSO PARTY*

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Just frying up a little "spam" to remind you all of the 2009 Michigan QSO Party. This years MiQP will be next weekend on April 18th.

We would like to invite you all to get on the air and have some fun. Be it a serious effort, or just passing out some Q's , your participation will be appreciated.

We are expecting a good level of "in state" activity this year. There will be a good mix of fixed, mobile, and portable stations to make contact with.

The details are listed below:

Date /Time: Michigan QSO Party, sponsored by the Mad River Radio Club, from 1600Z April 18th until 0400Z (19th) Stations may operate the full 12 hours. (12 noon on the 18th until 12 midnight local Michigan time)

Modes and Categories: Phone and CW on 80/40/20/15/10 meters. Single-op, multi-op, mobile and Emergencies Operations Center (EOC) and ?Rookie? categories. Single-op entries are categorized by output power, QRP (5W or less), Low Power (100W or less), and High Power (greater than 100W).

Multipliers: Work stations once per band and mode. Work other states and Michigan Stations. MI to MI QSO's are allowed. Work portables and mobiles again as they change counties, state or province.

Exchange: Exchange QSO number and location (county for MI stations, state/province or "DX" for others).

Scoring: One point per phone QSO, two points per CW QSO. Count multipliers once per mode. Multipliers are MI counties for all entries, plus states & provinces for MI entries only. Final score is total QSO points times total multipliers.

Freqs: Suggested frequencies: CW-3545, 7045, 14045, 21045, 28045; Phone-3800, 7200, 14250, 21300, 28450.

Log Submittal: Mail logs no later than 30 days after the contest to: Mad River Radio Club, c/o Dave Pruett, 2727 Harris Road,

Ypsilanti, MI 48198 or via e-mail to logs@...

More Information: For complete rules, along with free logging software, log and summary sheets, and Fliers see http://www.miqp.org <http://www.miqp.org/>

73 es cu April 18th 2009

Mark NU8Z

601. Genesis G40 SDR Radio Transceiver QRP Kit

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-04-12 15:59:43 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 601 Message: 601

Very affordable SDR QRP Transceiver for 40m kit. This would be allot of fun to build and use with your laptop on Field Day, camping, etc.

KD8DEG Tom

http://www.genesisradio.com.au/G40/

602. Michigan QSO Party

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-04-15 11:21:55 UTC
From: Jack
Topic: 602 Message: 602

The MI QSO Party is this Saturday, W8DC will be activated and operating from the Red Cross radio room.
We will be operating in the EOC (Emergency Operations Center) class and hopefully we will be operating (2)
stations. The GAP vertical has been installed (big thank you to Tom, N8DGD for doing most of the work) giving
the club two multi band antennas.
Come on down to the shack, no matter what your license class there will always be an open seat to operate
a station, log or even help us hear those hard to copy calls. As many of us are Morse challenged, we will
probably be operating SSB, but would sure welcome anyone that wants to operate CW (on my knees saying please).
The Red Cross door will probably be locked in the evening - we will monitor the 147.26 repeater

Hours (our time) are 12 noon until 12 midnight (if we can stay awake that long)
Saturday 18 April

Jack
AB8ND

603. Fwd: 2009 MICHIGAN QSO PARTY

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-04-17 22:00:28 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 600 Message: 603

Remember, GRARA plans to activate W8DC for the MiQP next Saturday, noon to midnight. There will be plenty of ops with HF privileges, so come on down regardless of whether you have a general class license or higher, or, even if you're just interested in ham radio. The Radio Room will be open for most (if not all) the noon to midnight hours of the MiQP. Call 616-456-8088 if you can't raise anyone on 147.26 W8DC repeater. The outside door will probably be locked unless there are others in the building for training sessions.

If you can't make to W8DC, why not fire up your rig and make a few Q's from home?

N8XX will be operating from home as K8MAD - the Mad River Radio Club call.

73 de n8xx Hg

604. MiQP K8MAD(N8XX) Single Op LP

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-04-19 19:48:35 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 604 Message: 604

Michigan QSO Party

Call: K8MAD
Operator(s): N8XX
Station: N8XX

Class: Single Op LP
QTH: KENT COUNTY
Operating Time (hrs): 6

Summary:
Band CW Qs Ph Qs

80: 51 45
40: 36 19
20: 4 0
15: 0 0
10: 0 0

Total: 91 54 CW Mults = 45 Ph Mults = 46 Total Score = 22,878

Club: Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association

Comments:

Fun contest, even though Murphy struck. For the Ohio QSO Party I had loaned my Computer to rig interface to a friend but, alas!, didn't get it back. So, I cobbled another together with parts on hand. Unfortunately, I didn't check it out prior to the event. It was DOA. I looked it over, but didn't see anything wrong. So, I hooked up my ancient bug (circa 1955, hadn't been used since the 80's). It had corroded contacts, and simple burnishing didn't do much. Brought out the trusty J-38, and did the pump handle thing. It's amazing that 1800's technology still works in the 21st Century! Even at 1 p.m. 20 metres was all but dead, so quick move to 40. About 4 p.m. I looked over the computer interface, tried it again, and, LO! And Behold! It worked. But, after about 10 Q's it went into an oscillation and wouldn't stop - made a horrible noise in the rig, and probably on the air. After unhooking it and reinstalling it, the same problem, so back to the trusty J-38. At that point I didn't determine if it was the USB to Com port device, or the Com port to rig which I had assembled. The trusty J-38 worked great!

Thanks to all who slowed down to my hand sent hand keyed speed, even though I could copy faster. It's nice to see that a rookie would have been treated well.

K8MAD was an interesting call, especially on phone. People would do a double take, and I'd say I was the "mad man from Michigan."

605. Re: [GRARA] MiQP K8MAD(N8XX) Single Op LP

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-04-19 21:26:48 UTC
From: AB8ND
Topic: 604 Message: 605

Good Operating Hank

Jack, ab8nd

Hank Greeb wrote:
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606. Anyone for QRP TTF 2009?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-04-20 22:45:03 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 606 Message: 606

Anyone for QRP To The Field 2009 this coming Saturday? Details of this event can be found at

http://www.zianet.com/qrp/qrpttf_002.htm

The "Theme" of this year's event is "The Great Depression" - and bonus points/multipliers are given to expeditions to sites build by the WPA/CCC, etc. during the 1930's The idea is to operate as a portable station at or near such a site.

I haven't settled on a site - but I do know that Riverside Park in Grand Rapids is the site of a CCC camp which was built in the 1930's. Also, there's a depression era mural on the wall of the Post Office in Rockford. And, I believe that parts or all of Fallasburg Park, and perhaps Myers Lake Park, both in Kent County, might have been built during the 1930's.

Please let me know of your interest, and suggestions for operating sites. The current plan is to operate from near the Rockford Post Office - along the White Pine Trail, but this is very tentative. A "better" WPA/CCC site would be welcomed.

Pardon the late solicitation - the organizer of the event had preliminary info a couple months ago, but didn't

72/73 de n8xx Hg

607. WQ8RP during QRP-TTF this Saturday

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-04-22 23:29:54 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 607 Message: 607

QST QST QST - Attention all GRARA Members and other Michigan Hams!

This is to advise that KA5S, N8XX, KD8HNF, and as many suckers.... errr.... QRP operators as we can muster, will be operating QRP TTF this Saturday, April 25, from about 11 a.m. (? SNAFUs caused by operator/technician incompetence - and possibly unforeseen problemmes). We'll probably start out on 20 and 40 metres, and switch to 80 and 40 metres as daylight fades. Usual QRP CW frequencies, 3560KHz, 7030KHz, 14060 KHz, all ? QRM.

"Probable" times

20 metres 1500Z to about 2000Z (That's 11 a.m. to 4 pm Eastern Daylight time)
40 metres 1500Z to about 2259Z (That's the entire contest period, 11 a.m. to about 6:59 p.m. Eastern Daylight time)
80 metres 2001Z to about 2259Z (Thats about 4:01 p.m. to about 6:59 pm. Eastern Daylight time.)

Note that QRP operations on CW are generally rather slow, so if you wish to try some QRS CW, come on out, no matter how rusty you may be on code. QRP ops are known to slow down to whatever speed an operator is sending.

Since this is a fun event, you may call 616-828-9663 if you wish a special time for a sked on 80 metres - Michigan Stations probably won't be able to be heard on 40 metres due to lack of sunspot which makes NVIS not very good on 40 metres these daze)

If you're in the vicinity of Lowell Michigan, please join the fracas - we'll be operating from Fallasburg Park, near Lowell, 1124 Fallasburg Park Dr NE, Lowell, MI?. An interactive map from which you may receive driving directions is at http://tinyurl.com/d5qc83

Any any all operators are cordially invited to join us. Please Lettuce no via return mail to n8xx@..., or call my cell phone number listed above.

If you can't join us, please operate from the field, preferably near a facility construction during the 1930's by the CCC or WPA, And if you can't get outside, that's fine too, there's a "home station" category. Details, rules, etc, can be found at http://www.zianet.com/qrp/qrpttf_002.htm

72/73 de n8xx Hg
Operating as WQ8RP during QRP TTF 2009

608. PIRATES HIJACK U.S. NAVY SATELLITE!!!

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-04-23 23:12:57 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 608 Message: 608

Yes bootleggers have taken to the cosmos! Thousands of them. Brazilians are bootlegging on the UHF US military satellites. Here's a couple of links of interested reading. The Navy has been supplying pirate transmitter coordinates to the Brazilian authorities in a big crackdown happening now. $20,000 fine if you get caught like the guy in N.J. did.
http://hsdailywire.com/single.php?id=7829
http://www.wired.com/politics/security/news/2009/04/fleetcom

609. OT, but not really...

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-04-27 11:19:39 UTC
From: K8TB
Topic: 609 Message: 609

Make sure you check out Google today.

It's somebodies birthday.

de tom K8TB

610. Re: [GRARA] OT, but not really...

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-04-27 12:06:59 UTC
From: AB8ND
Topic: 609 Message: 610

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*jack ab8nd

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> de tom K8TB
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611. Meeting this Friday

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-04-29 14:57:18 UTC
From: Jack Kunnen
Topic: 611 Message: 611

Hi all,

The May meeting for GRARA will be this Friday, 2 May, 7 pm with a coffee clutch at 6:30.

Tom Bosscher, K8TB (Fox Hunter extraordinaire) will be giving a talk on Fox Hunting should be excellent.

Hope everyone can attend, if not remember the June meeting will be held at the Hudsonville Fairgrounds following the IRA Roadkill Chili dinner.

Jack, AB8ND

612. Ray Larabee N8LRF

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-04-30 21:41:41 UTC
From: kf8ql
Topic: 612 Message: 612

I wanted to pass along some sad news about a good friend to us all. Ray Larabee N8LRF, has emailed that his wife passed away Tuesday morning. Visitation is Thursday, 5-8 at Cooks in Grandville. The funeral is Friday at 2 PM at Cooks in Grandville.

Please lift up the Larabee family in your prayers. Thank You.

613. GRARA Meeting, Program Fox Hunting.

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-05-01 16:47:46 UTC
From: mike_w8der
Topic: 613 Message: 613

Don't forget the GRARA meeting tonight with Reverse Fox Hunt at 6:00, social time 6:30 and meeting at 7:00.

Tom Bosscher will be talking to us tonight on the subject of Fox Hunting.

Don't miss the reverse fox hunt. see the web site: http://www.w8dc.org for details.

Frequency 145.530, 6:00 pm, 2-3 minutes to start, then 1 minute transmissions at exactly 5 minute intervals from start to start of transmissions.

614. Re: [GRARA] GRARA Meeting, Program Fox Hunting.

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-05-01 18:45:01 UTC
From: AB8ND
Topic: 613 Message: 614

I wonder if we should have Tom do his thing after intros, that way he won't have to hang around for the 'boring' meeting stuff

Jack

mike_w8der wrote:
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615. RE: [GRARA] GRARA Meeting, Program Fox Hunting.

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-05-01 18:48:58 UTC
From: Rich Douglas
Topic: 613 Message: 615

Did you send me something?

73,

Rich, KC8NKA

From: GRARA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:GRARA@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of mike_w8der
Sent: Friday, May 01, 2009 12:48 PM
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [GRARA] GRARA Meeting, Program Fox Hunting.

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616. Re: [GRARA] GRARA Meeting, Program Fox Hunting.

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-05-01 18:53:37 UTC
From: Jack Kunnen
Topic: 613 Message: 616

Who Me ?

Jack

On May 1, 2009, at 2:48 PM, Rich Douglas wrote:

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617. Last night's GRARA Meeting

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-05-02 16:27:57 UTC
From: mike_w8der
Topic: 617 Message: 617

If you missed the GRARA membership meeting last night, you missed a good one! Tom Bosscher, part of "Team Ottawa" , multi-hunt winners, gave a fantastic talk on fox hunting in the Grand Rapids area. Good job Tom, thanks for coming.

618. Meeting / Fox Hunting

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-05-04 01:00:52 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 618 Message: 618

Great presentation, Tom, this past Friday on Fox Hunting. I have got to find some time and try it out.

KD8DEG Tom

619. River Bank Run

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-05-04 20:04:50 UTC
From: AB8ND
Topic: 619 Message: 619

For those helping with communications and others interested in it
The River Bank Run has been rerouted due to the floods
http://tinyurl.com/cp5wy4

Looks like more hills for the runners

Jack, ab8nd

620. Re: [TowerTalk] BILL in the HOUSE

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-05-06 20:40:33 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 620 Message: 620

Interesting bill.

KD8DEG Tom

David Jordan wrote:

> <mailto:richard.reed@...> Amateur Radio Emergency Communications
>Enhancement Act of 2009 (Introduced in House)
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>HR 2160 IH
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>111th CONGRESS
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>1st Session
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>H. R. 2160
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>To promote and encourage the valuable public service, disaster relief, and
>emergency communications provided on a volunteer basis by licensees of the
>Federal Communications Commission in the Amateur Radio Service, by
>undertaking a study of the uses of amateur radio for emergency and disaster
>relief communications, by identifying unnecessary or unreasonable
>impediments to the deployment of Amateur Radio emergency and disaster relief
>communications, and by making recommendations for relief of such
>unreasonable restrictions so as to expand the uses of amateur radio
>communications in Homeland Security planning and response.
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>IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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>April 29, 2009
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>Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas (for herself, Ms. BORDALLO, Mr. LUETKEMEYER, Ms.
>KILROY, Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California, and Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi)
>introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy
>and Commerce
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>A BILL
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>To promote and encourage the valuable public service, disaster relief, and
>emergency communications provided on a volunteer basis by licensees of the
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>impediments to the deployment of Amateur Radio emergency and disaster relief
>communications, and by making recommendations for relief of such
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>communications in Homeland Security planning and response.
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>Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United
>States of America in Congress assembled,
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>SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.
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>This Act may be cited as the `Amateur Radio Emergency Communications
>Enhancement Act of 2009'.
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>SEC. 2. FINDINGS.
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>The Congress finds the following:
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>(1) Nearly 700,000 amateurs radio operators in the United States are
>licensed by the Federal Communications Commission in the Amateur Radio
>Service.
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>(2) Amateur Radio operators provide, on a volunteer basis, a valuable public
>service to their communities, their States, and to the Nation, especially in
>the area of national and international disaster communications.
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>(3) Emergency and disaster relief communications services by volunteer
>Amateur Radio operators have consistently and reliably been provided before,
>during, and after floods, hurricanes, tornadoes, forest fires, earthquakes,
>blizzards, train accidents, chemical spills, and other disasters. These
>communications services include services in connection with significant
>examples, such as hurricanes Katrina, Rita, Hugo, and Andrew; the relief
>effort at the World Trade Center, and the Pentagon following the 2001
>terrorist attacks; and the Oklahoma City bombing in April 1995.
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>(4) Amateur Radio has formal agreements for the provision of volunteer
>emergency communications activities with the Department of Homeland
>Security, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the National Weather
>Service, the National Communications System, and the Association of Public
>Safety Communications Officials, as well as with disaster relief agencies,
>including the American National Red Cross and the Salvation Army.
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>(5) The Congress passed Public Law 103-408 which was signed by the President
>on October 22, 1994. This included in Section 1 the following finding of
>Congress: `Reasonable accommodation should be made for the effective
>operation of amateur radio from residences, private vehicles and public

>areas, and the regulation at all levels of government should facilitate and
>encourage amateur radio operation as a public benefit.'
>
>(6) The Congress passed Public Law 109-295 which was signed by the President
>on October 4, 2006. This included a provision in the Department of Homeland
>Security Appropriations legislation for fiscal year 2007 that directed the
>Department's Regional Emergency Communications Coordinating Working Group to
>coordinate their activities with `ham and amateur radio operators' among the
>eleven other emergency organizations such as ambulance services, law
>enforcement, and others.
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>(7) Amateur Radio, at no cost to taxpayers, provides a fertile ground for
>technical self-training in modern telecommunications, electronic technology,
>and emergency communications techniques and protocols.
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>(8) There is a strong Federal interest in the effective performance of
>Amateur Radio stations, and that performance must be given support at all
>levels of government and given protection against unreasonable regulation
>and impediments to the provision of these valuable communications.
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>SEC. 3. STUDY OF ENHANCED USES OF AMATEUR RADIO IN EMERGENCY AND DISASTER
>RELIEF COMMUNICATION, AND FOR RELIEF OF RESTRICTIONS.
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>(a) Authority- The Secretary of Homeland Security--
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>(1) shall undertake a study on the uses and capabilities of Amateur Radio
>communications in emergencies and disaster relief; and
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>(2) shall report its findings to Congress not later than 180 days after the
>date of enactment of this Act.
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>(b) Scope of the Study- The study required by this section shall--
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>(1) include recommendations--
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>(A) for enhancements in the voluntary deployment of Amateur Radio licensees
>in disaster and emergency communications and disaster relief efforts; and
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>(B) for improved integration of Amateur Radio operators in planning and in
>furtherance of the Department of Homeland Security initiatives;
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>(2)(A) identify unreasonable or unnecessary impediments to enhanced Amateur
>Radio communications, such as the effects of private land use regulations on
>residential antenna installations; and
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>(B) make recommendations regarding such impediments; and
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>(3)(A) include an evaluation of section 207 of the Telecommunications Act of

>1996 (Public Law 104-104, 110 Stat. 56 (1996)); and
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>(B) make a recommendation whether that section should be modified to prevent
>unreasonable private land use restrictions that impair the ability of an
>amateur radio operator licensed by the Federal Communications Commission to
>conduct, or prepare to conduct, emergency communications by means of
>effective outdoor antennas and support structures at reasonable heights and
>dimensions for the purpose, in residential areas.
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>(c) Use of Expertise and Information- In conducting the study required by
>this section, the Secretary of Homeland Security shall--
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>(1) utilize the expertise of the American Radio Relay League, representing
>the National Amateur Radio community; and
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>(2) seek information from private and public sectors for the study.
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TowerTalk mailing list
TowerTalk@...
http://lists.contesting.com/mailman/listinfo/towertalk

621. ARMED FORCES DAY MESSAGE

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-05-10 04:32:06 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 621 Message: 621

SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

ARMED FORCES DAY MESSAGE

TO AMATEUR RADIO AND

MILITARY AFFILIATE RADIO STATION

OPERATORS

QUOTE

THIS YEAR CONTINUES TO BE VERY HISTORIC FOR OUR NATION. OUR

UNIFORMED SERVICES CONTINUE TO MAKE A TREMENDOUS IMPACT

GLOBALLY IN SUPPORT OF VITAL NATIONAL INTERESTS. THE SERVICES'

ABILITY TO SUSTAIN THESE ESSENTIAL OPERATIONS DEPEND GREATLY

ON THE DEDICATED SUPPORT OF AMATEUR RADIO AND MILITARY

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/S/ ROBERT M. GATES

SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

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622. Amateur (HAM) Radio Trunk Sale 5/16/09

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-05-11 21:44:53 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 622 Message: 622

A reminder that there will be a repeat of the successful Trunk Sale get together this Saturday, May 16th at the Flat River Electronics store in Greenville from 9 to 12 AM. Thanks to Gary for providing us the place! Bring your "ham stuff" that you want to sell, trade, or give away!

623. Re:Amateur (HAM) Radio Trunk Sale 5/16/09

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-05-12 00:57:23 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 622 Message: 623

Is it me? There seems to be something about the weekend following Mother's Day that has A LOT of events going on. Besides Hamvention and the Flat River Trunk Sale that I would like to attend if it wasn't that I'll be in Dayton, there seems to be all sorts of events, most non-ham related, going on that same day. I would consider attending some of these other events if it wasn't for the fact I'll be in Dayton and can't possibly attend a half a dozen things on the same day even if I wasn't in Dayton!

Oh, and as far as the "reminder", this is the first I've heard of the trunk sale.

73 Jack NY8D

----- Message from kd8deg@... ---------
    Date: Mon, 11 May 2009 17:44:53 -0400
    From: Wilson <kd8deg@...>
Reply-To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [GRARA] Amateur (HAM) Radio Trunk Sale 5/16/09
      To: k8daa@yahoogroups.com, GRARA@yahoogroups.com

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----- End message from kd8deg@centurytel.net -----

624. SOLAR CYCLE 24 TO PEAK IN MAY 2013

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-05-17 12:12:11 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 624 Message: 624

http://www.spaceweather.com/headlines/y2009/08may_noaaprediction.htm?PSESSID=9c1qmjl4b4mfl0v00d2pvm1od5

NOAA Predicts Solar Cycle 24

May 8, 2009: A new active period of Earth-threatening solar storms will be the weakest since 1928 and its peak is still four years away, after a slow start last December, predicts an international panel of experts led by NOAA's Space Weather Prediction Center. Even so, Earth could get hit by a devastating solar storm at any time, with potential damages from the most severe level of storm exceeding $1 trillion. NASA funds the prediction panel.

Solar storms are eruptions of energy and matter that escape from the sun and may head toward Earth, where even a weak storm can damage satellites and power grids, disrupting communications, the electric power supply and GPS. A single strong blast of solar wind can threaten national security, transportation, financial services and other essential functions.

The panel predicts the upcoming Solar Cycle 24 will peak in May 2013 with 90 sunspots per day, averaged over a month. If the prediction proves true, Solar Cycle 24 will be the weakest cycle since number 16, which peaked at 78 daily sunspots in 1928, and ninth weakest since the 1750s, when numbered cycles began.

The most common measure of a solar cycle's intensity is the number of sunspots-Earth-sized blotches on the sun marking areas of heightened magnetic activity. The more sunspots there are, the more likely it is that solar storms will occur, but a major storm can occur at any time.

"As with hurricanes, whether a cycle is active or weak refers to the number of storms, but everyone needs to remember it only takes one powerful storm to cause expensive problems," said NOAA scientist Doug Biesecker, who chairs the panel. "The strongest solar storm on record occurred in 1859 during another below-average cycle similar to the one we are predicting."

The 1859 storm shorted out telegraph wires, causing fires in North America and Europe, sent readings of Earth's magnetic field soaring, and produced northern lights so bright that people read newspapers by their light.

A recent report by the National Academy of Sciences found that if a storm that severe occurred today, it could cause $1-2 trillion in damages the first year and require four to ten years for recovery, compared to $80-125 billion that resulted from Hurricane Katrina.

The panel also predicted that the lowest sunspot number between cycles-or solar minimum-occurred in December 2008, marking the end of Cycle 23 and the start of Cycle 24. If the December prediction holds up, at 12 years and seven months Solar Cycle 23 will be the longest since 1823 and the third longest since 1755. Solar cycles span 11 years on average, from minimum to minimum.

An unusually long, deep lull in sunspots led the panel to revise its 2007 prediction that the next cycle of solar storms would start in March 2008 and peak in late 2011 or mid-2012. The persistence of a quiet sun since the last prediction has led the panel to a consensus that the next cycle will be "moderately weak."

NOAA's Space Weather Prediction Center (SWPC) is the nation's first alert of solar activity and its effects on Earth. The Center's space weather experts issue outlooks for the next 11-year solar cycle and warn of storms occurring on the Sun that could impact Earth. SWPC is also the world warning agency for the International Space Environment Service, a consortium of 12 member nations.

As the world economy becomes more reliant on satellite-based communications and interlinked power grids, interest in solar activity has grown dramatically. In 2008 alone, SWPC acquired 1,700 new subscription customers for warnings, alerts, reports, and other products. Among the new customers are emergency managers, airlines, state transportation departments, oil companies, and nuclear power stations. SWPC's customers reside in 150 countries.

"Our customer growth reflects today's reality that all sectors of society are highly dependent on advanced, space-based technologies," said SWPC director Tom Bogdan. "Today every hiccup from the sun aimed at Earth has potential consequences."

625. HR 2160- A bill that will help all Amatuers

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-05-17 13:54:16 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 625 Message: 625

From this weeks ARRL News Letter.

Each local club, ARES, RACES, and SATERN organization should work on this at there monthly meetings to encourage it's members to support this bill in the way that the ARRL has out lined below. It will take just a few minutes of each Amateur's time to complete and send their support for this bill.

This bill will help us with tower & antenna restrictions that we are currently fighting with in many of the communities through out the country. In allot of communities they are getting to be more restrictive very day.

Go to this URL to read the HR 2160 Bill: http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/getdoc.cgi?dbname=111_cong_bills&docid=f:h2160ih.txt.pdf

Many Amateurs are not members of the ARRL, and are not aware of this opportunity to voice their approval for this bill in such an easy way. So please forward this on to other Amateurs, clubs, and organizations you know.

73

KD8DEG Tom

ARRL SEEKS MEMBER SUPPORT FOR HR 2160

To support HR 2160 -- The Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Enhancement Act of 2009 -- the ARRL is asking its membership to contact their members of the US House of Representatives with a request to become co-sponsors of this significant piece of legislation.

"Getting a bill successfully through Congress is a formidable task -- one that is going to require the involvement of every ARRL member," said ARRL Regulatory Information Manager Dan Henderson, N1ND. "Working with our Washington consulting firm Chwat & Co, we are laying a dynamic approach that will allow us to make our case most effectively. We have developed a strategy to maximize our impact when dealing with each member of Congress."

Since the anthrax scare that followed the 9/11 attacks, all incoming mail to Congress is delayed anywhere from four to six weeks while it is screened. This means using normal US Mail is no longer an effective method of letting Congress hear your voice. While e-mail is convenient, it is also not effective, due to the large volume of e-mail that each Congressional office receives.

"To ensure that ARRL members' letters are quickly and expediently received by Congress, our strategy is to ask ARRL members send their letters directly to Chwat & Co," said Henderson. "Chwat's staff will sort the letters by Congressional district and hand-deliver them to the

appropriate House offices, providing a direct point of contact with the Congressman and their staff. This personal contact gives us the chance to provide not only letters from constituents, but information from the ARRL on why this legislation is important."

The ARRL has provided a sample letter for League members to personalize and send to their Congressional representative <http://www.arrl.org/news/files/DearMemberOfCongressHR2160.doc>. "Personalized letters make a better impression than a standard form letter or petition," Henderson explained. You can find the name and address for your member of Congress on the ARRL Members Only Web page <http://www.arrl.org/members-only/>.

Once it has been personalized, ARRL members should send their letter to Chwat & Co using one of three methods:
* As a signed attachment to an e-mail <arrl@...>
* As a signed fax to 703-684-7594
* As a regular letter to John Chwat, Chwat & Co, 625 Slaters Ln, Suite 103, Alexandria, VA 22314

If you choose to e-mail your letter, please send it as an attachment to the e-mail instead of having it be the text of the e-mail. This allows the letter to be easily printed and delivered. Should you decide to draft your own letter supporting HR 2160 instead of editing the sample, Henderson asked that you please remember a couple of things:
* Identify the bill by number and title: HR 2160 -- The Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Enhancement Act of 2009
* Keep the letter brief and on topic -- one page at the most
* Ask your congressional representative to consider becoming a cosponsor
* Thank them for their consideration

"Simple is better when making this kind of request to a representative," said Henderson. "They and their staff are looking to gauge interest and support for the bill. A lengthy letter that strays off-topic can detract from the focus of asking for support for the legislation."

Should you decide not to send your letter to Chwat & Co but directly to your Representative, it is still important to send a copy of your correspondence to Chwat & Co. This allows Chwat to discuss accurately with the Congressman and their staff the amount of support for the bill in each individual district. "There is strength in numbers," Henderson added.

Aside from bill sponsor Representative Sheila Jackson-Lee (TX-18), the ARRL is fortunate to already have six additional members of Congress who have signed on as co-sponsors of HR 2160 -- Madeleine Bordallo (Guam), Brett Guthrie (KY-2), Mary Jo Kilroy (OH-15), Zoe Lofgren (CA-16), Blaine Luetkemeyer, (MO-9) and Bennie Thompson (MS-2).

"We congratulate ARRL Great Lakes Division Director Jim Weaver, K8JE, and his grassroots legislative action team in Kentucky for securing the support of Representative Guthrie -- the first new co-sponsor of the

bill," Henderson said. "It shows that our grassroots effort can work!"

You may be asking yourself "What should I do if my Representative has already signed on as a co-sponsor for HR 2160?" The answer is simple: Thank them for their support. If your Congressman is one of those listed as a co-sponsor, please send them a letter thanking them for their support. Use the same contact information for Chwat & Co. "It is important to convey your appreciation to your Representative when they sign on as a co-sponsor or support the bill," Henderson explained. "That simple 'thank you' may help open the door the next time their help is needed."

Once you have prepared and sent your letter supporting HR 2160, your job is not over: Feedback is an important part of the process. "What your Congressman has to say in regards to your contact can provide the ARRL with important information as we try to push our bill forward," Henderson noted. "This feedback can possibly help us identify potential new support for the bill or a weakness in the legislation we may need to address."

When you receive a response from your Congressman, please forward a copy to the Regulatory Information Office at ARRL Headquarters via e-mail <reginfo@...> or hard copy to Regulatory Information, ARRL, 225 Main St, Newington, CT 06111.

"HR 2160 presents the Amateur Radio Service with a unique opportunity -- but also carries with it the important responsibility of making your voice heard," Henderson summarized. "HR 2160 stands as the first step in trying to address the long standing problem of extending the protections afforded Amateur Radio operators under PRB-1 to deed restrictions and covenants <http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/regulations/PRB-1_Pkg/prb-1.pdf>. To be clear, passing HR 2160 is not going to achieve that goal right away. But it will help lay the ground work by assessing the impact such restrictions have on our ability to train for and respond to disasters and other emergencies."

626. Searching for gear...

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-05-19 00:08:18 UTC
From: mr_slugs
Topic: 626 Message: 626

SO I just got my General ticket and have an itch to get on HF. I am looking for older (read as CHEAP) gear to get started with. I have an interesting collection of medium format, large format, and 35mm analog camera gear I am willing to trade and a rather eclectic collection of routers, switches, firewalls and terminal servers laying about as well...

73
N8TYZ
Robert Former
(the Mr_Slugs thing is best described as an old BBS nom de plume from the days of 300 Baud acoustic couplers and the Video Vatican/Homebrew/Permanent Floating Riot Club/CDT era)

627. Field Day T-Shirts?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-05-21 20:17:24 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 627 Message: 627

A jump on the usual morass of indecision about Field Day - how about thimking about an order for Field Day T-Shirts for 2009, and getting $$'s to me by the June 5 meeting?

Description of these shirts can be found at

http://www.arrl.org/catalog/?item=NO-0515

2009 Field Day T-Shirts--$12.95/ea Now Shipping!
Soft, heavy weight cotton. Hunter Green (unisex sizes).

Small #0515-S
Medium #0515-M
Large #0515-L
X-Large #0515-XL
2X-Large #0515-2XL
3X-Large #0515-3XL
4X-Large #0515-4XL Temporarily out-of-stock

If we get 6 or more orders, the shipping will be $12 for the lot. Therefore I suggest we collect $15 for each T-Shirt, and the change will be thrown into the treasurer's pot.

What say fellow members of GRARA?

72/73 de n8xx Hg

628. Field Day T-Shirts?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-05-21 20:21:42 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 627 Message: 628

I forgot to put this bit in the previous message. Thousand apologies.
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If you're not going to be at the meeting in Hudsonville on the 5th of June, please send your shirt size, plus a check made out to GRARA to me @

Henry R. Greeb, N8XX
5727 11 Mile RD NE
Rockford, MI 49341-9502

I'll turn over the checks and a bill to ye olde treasurer after all orders are in.

72/73 de n8xx Hg

629. Re: Field Day T-Shirts?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-05-22 03:08:31 UTC
From: timothy courtier
Topic: 627 Message: 629

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> orders are in.
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> 72/73 de n8xx Hg
>
hi, I did not get the prices for the shirts.
tnx timothy-kb8afs

630. Anyone want an AL-80A amplifier?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-05-22 17:56:40 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 630 Message: 630

I have a brand new Ameritron AL-80A amplifier which I bought at least 18 years ago, perhaps longer, which I've only plugged in once, just after receiving it from the vendor. I'm in process of rejuvenating the HV electrolytics, and hope to have it in running condition by the Hudsonville Hamfest/Swap.

If anyone would like to take it off my hands prior to that event, I'd sell it for $800, Cash or certified check.

Repondez s'il vous plait via private message.

73 de n8xx Hg

631. Rock and Roll and HAM radio

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-05-22 21:58:41 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 631 Message: 631

http://wedothatradio.wordpress.com/2009/03/12/rock-roll-meets-ham-and-radio/

632. Midland Hamfest, June 20

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-05-24 12:47:45 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 632 Message: 632

The Midland Amateur Radio Club is pleased to announce that the date and location for the 35th Annual Midland Hamfest and Computer Show has been set. The Hamfest will take place on Saturday, June 20th, 2009, which is the weekend prior to Field Day. Due to scheduling problems, we've changed our venue to the Midland Salvation Army building, 330 Waldo St, in Midland. Though somewhat smaller than the facility at the Fairgrounds, we?re excited about the move to the Salvation Army building. The new facility will allow us to move the kitchen and socializing area off the display floor proper, and at the same time provide us with space to present forums of interest to the Amateur Radio community, allowing us to become a more full-featured amateur radio event.

We are also proud to announce that Great Lakes Division Director Jim Weaver, K8JE and Eighth District Incoming QSL Bureau Manager Jay Slough, K4ZLE, have announced their intention of attending this year's Hamfest.

We would like to take this opportunity to invite Amateur Radio Operators throughout Michigan to this year's Hamfest. If you merely want to shop around or take the opportunity to meet with old friends or new acquaintances, this is the perfect setting, and the admittance remains at a low $5.00. If you?d like to reserve a table, or to participate in the trunk sale area, the price again remains the same: $5.00 per table, or $5.00 for trunk sales. Typically we have over 400 enthusiasts in attendance and this year we plan an aggressive publicity campaign to bring in even more attendees than in past years. This, coupled with our new seminars and the appearance of the Great Lakes Division Director, should insure this year?s event will be a success.

And, of course, we will be offering a VE licensing session; registration starts at 11:00 am, and testing begins at noon. Walk-ins are always welcome.

One last item, we?ve received word that Dentronics will be present. Word has also reached us that Tower Electronics is planning to attend, though we have not confirmed this at the present time.

For further information or for table reservations, mail us at MARC Hamfest, P. O. Box 1049, Midland, MI 48641-1049. You may also contact the Hamfest Committee Chairman, Keith Johnson, KB8SOE, at (989) 488-4337, or via e-mail at kb8soe@...

633. Help needed for Bike MS 2009 - June 13 & 14

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-05-25 12:51:35 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 633 Message: 633

For many years I've help with the MS-150 and predecessors in SW Michigan, and last two years in the Bike MS rides in Western Michigan. These events are great public service events - and generally well received by hams and by the public. Some 400 to 700 (or more) bikers participate. This year's event will start from Hope College on both June 13 and 14, the first day going in a loop to the south, the second going to the north.

Ham radio communications really helps - bikes break down, people get overstressed due to lack of conditioning, some (usually rare) times there's an accident requiring medical attention. Communications via ham radio make quick response.

Why not tell the MS people to use cell phones or other commercially available communications? Well, for one thing, cell phones don't work in many of the outlying areas which are covered by the routes. Second, cell phones, when they do work, are one to one communication - you can't do a "break priority" during a conversation.

As of today, it appears that there are some 16 hams signed up. And, there are 10 "open" spots available.

If you're available for either (or both) Saturday, June 13, and/or Sunday, June 14 for 4 to 8 hours, please let Fred Moses, W8FSM know at fred@...

Note, if you're available for both days, the MS-150 will put you up in a dorm room at Hope College on Saturday evening. Please let W8FSM know your need in this respect.

73 de n8xx Hg

634. Help us find Tom and Sheila (The Fox) at Saturdays IRA Hamfest.

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-05-31 19:11:00 UTC
From: mike_w8der
Topic: 634 Message: 634

Be sure to bring your fox hunting equipment to Saturday's IRA Hamfest at the Hudsonville Fairgrounds. For the second year in a row, Tom (K8TB) and Sheila (K8AJ) Bosscher will be challenging us all as the "fox team" in the IRA Hamfest Fox Hunt. Last year, they really gave us a run for our money. This year promises to be even more imaginative. It's alway a lot of fun.

Be sure to join us! Discussion session at noon, Check in at 12:45 and start at 1:00. The winner will be the team that travels the least number of miles to find the fox before 3:00 PM.

For more information and rules, goto http://www.rookiefox.com

635. Meeting Friday

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-06-02 11:17:44 UTC
From: Jack Kunnen
Topic: 635 Message: 635

Members and friends

A reminder that this Fridays, 5 June meeting of GRARA will be held at the Hudsonville Fairgrounds after the IRA Roadkill chili potluck. We will be making plans for Field Day and the September Swap.

VE's the GRARA team will be doing the testing at the IRA swap and I know our fearless leader can use help.

The 1st Fox hunt will be held Saturday after the swap (and VE testing). If you don't have equipment come anyway you can pair up with others, the more opinions on the received signals and locations the better.

Hope to see y'all at the meeting, swap and hunt

Jack, AB8ND

636. Fox Hunt at IRA Hamfest Saturday

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-06-03 22:41:59 UTC
From: mike_w8der
Topic: 636 Message: 636

You know, we had a lot more chatter about the upcoming fox hunt when we had bob writing rhymes for us. Live and learn. Be sure to bring your fox hunting equipment and skills to the fox hunt Saturday. Fox Hunting discussion at 12:00 with Tom Bosscher, Check-in at 12:45 by the ticket gate and the hunt should start very close to 1:00 PM. This is the second year GRARA has helped with this fox hunt. Tom Bosscher and Sheila will be the Fox team again this year. This should be a lot of fun. No equipment, try to team-up with others at the Hamfest. The more hams, the more fun!

637. Will GRARA take the IRA Fox Hunting championship next Saturday?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-06-03 23:32:32 UTC
From: mike_w8der
Topic: 637 Message: 637

At last year's IRA Hamfest, Jack and his team came within a cat's eyebrow of winning the hunt. Can we make up the difference this year and bring home the prize? You bet we can!

There are rumors out of the Holland Club that someone is going to tie Laryn to the starting gate at the Hudsonville Fairgrounds. With Tom and Sheila as the fox team, the victory is wide open.

Victory is GRARA's turn. Good luck to all the Grand Rapids teams. (I can just see the headlines now!) Go Gra!

638. Don Hazelswart SK net on MDXA

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-06-04 12:32:30 UTC
From: Dave
Topic: 638 Message: 638

Hello All,
I would like to dedicate the next MDXA Tuesday net in memory of Don Hazelswart, KA8BCI. Can anyone give me a short Bio of Don to be read on the net? If someone wants to record the net and give it to the family, It would be a nice gesture. Hope to hear from someone on this, Thank you,73.
Dave

639. Re: Don Hazelswart SK net on MDXA

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-06-04 13:47:53 UTC
From: timothy courtier
Topic: 638 Message: 639

--- In GRARA@yahoogroups.com, "Dave" <kc8pcl@...> wrote:
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> Dave
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When I was studing for my novice, Don invited the class to one of the club meetings.
And eventhou I did not pass the class, he still invited me to the club meetings.
He even let me make a few contacts on the club radios, when the shack was upstairs.
And when I did pass, he let everyone in the club know.
"73s, and r.i.p. Don"
Timothy kb8afs

640. Variac (or Equivalent) anyone?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-06-04 21:12:15 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 640 Message: 640

Does anyone have a Variac (or equivalent variable autotransformer) which I could borrow? Mine seems to have lost the carbon contact on the rotating part, and provides zero voltage at any part of the rotation of the dial.

I'm trying to make sure an AL-80 amplifier has good capacitors in the HV supply part of it. I was planning to "soak it in" at 30 volts up through 120 volts so if they needed reforming from lack of use, they'd reform their dielectric rather than becoming a short circuit.

Please advise. Also, is there an electric shop in town which could provide parts for my variac? All I need is a small carbon brush, and probably a spring, and I'm 99.44% sure my variac would work.

73 de n8xx Hg

641. Field Day t-Shirts

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-06-06 20:09:21 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 641 Message: 641

So far I have orders for 8 T-shirts, which is enough to qualify for the special shipping rate of $12 for the lot.

I'll hold the order open until this coming Friday, June 11, for anyone else who wishes to get in on this deal.

If you wish to see the T-shirt on the web, it is at http://tinyurl.com/mblvw7

Please send $15, payable to GRARA, to me at the address listed on QRZ.com.

Tnx es 73 de n8xx Hg

p.s. BTW, we have been invited to K8IHY's FB QTH, including his hanger/barn for FD 2009. For those who've been there before, this is a great site, on high ground, near Hudsonville. The address is 1840 BYRON RD, HUDSONVILLE, MI 49426, a few miles from Rivertown Mall in Grandville, and a few miles from Hudsonville. There will be more info on the GRARA website @ w8dc.org. Please plan to attend this ever popular event!

642. RE: [GRARA] Field Day t-Shirts

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-06-07 13:33:05 UTC
From: Gary W8GL
Topic: 641 Message: 642

Hank, those FD t-shirts are a pretty cool design, now that I look at them. Pencil me in for an XL. I'll leave the 15 sawbucks at the radio room with Rich / KC8NKA Treasurer, this Wednesday. Were you planning on embellishing again this year, like you did that one year, with the GRARA logo added to the shirt's back? That would be cool, if you did.

PS. Did you get any response on your Variac repair issue?

W8GLguitarGARY

To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
From: n8xx@...
Date: Sat, 6 Jun 2009 20:09:21 +0000
Subject: [GRARA] Field Day t-Shirts

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http://windowslive.com/Tutorial/Hotmail/QuickAdd?ocid=TXT_TAGLM_WL_HM_Tutorial_QuickAdd_062009

643. Re: [GRARA] Field Day t-Shirts

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-06-07 16:36:03 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 641 Message: 643

You're on! Since they are black, the iron ons won't work. They're only
good for white or neutral colours.

72/73 de n8xx Hg

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> From: n8xx@...
> Date: Sat, 6 Jun 2009 20:09:21 +0000
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644. Results of the IRA Hamfest Fox Hunt

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-06-07 17:45:56 UTC
From: mike_w8der
Topic: 644 Message: 644

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645. RE: [GRARA] Field Day t-Shirts

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-06-08 13:21:59 UTC
From: Gary W8GL
Topic: 641 Message: 645

Hank, Have you ever looked at the selection of iron-on letters and numbers available at stores like Hobby Lobby or Micheal's Arts & Crafts? They have quite an array of different colors and fonts, that compensate for the different shirt background colors. At those 2 stores and Walmart, in the computer supply sections, I saw special T-shirt transfer packets that include transfer paper for specific color shirts, either for white, and another separate package for dark color shirts, for ink jet or a separate pack for laser printers. Some packs included a code # to go to their website, and download multiple fonts and clip art, for additional art design capabilities. Check it out, the packs were less than $10.00.

PS. You didn't say whether you got any response to your Variac repair issue or not, just wondering.

W8GLguitarGARY

To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
From: n8xx@...
Date: Sun, 7 Jun 2009 12:36:03 -0400
Subject: Re: [GRARA] Field Day t-Shirts

You're on! Since they are black, the iron ons won't work. They're only
good for white or neutral colours.

72/73 de n8xx Hg

Gary W8GL wrote:
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> Hank, those FD t-shirts are a pretty cool design, now that I look at
> them. Pencil me in for an XL. I'll leave the 15 sawbucks at the radio
> room with Rich / KC8NKA Treasurer, this Wednesday. Were you planning
> on embellishing again this year, like you did that one year, with the
> GRARA logo added to the shirt's back? That would be cool, if you did.
> PS. Did you get any response on your Variac repair issue?
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Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-06-08 13:50:31 UTC
From: Gary W8GL
Topic: 644 Message: 646

Mike,

Glad to hear the Fox Hunt was a success. I realize that it was planned on the day of the swap intentionally, to take advantage of many hams already in assembleage in the area, but I heard many comments in conversing with swap attendees, that they thought it would have been more condusive for them to participate in the fox hunt, if you had started it a couple-three hours AFTER the swap was all over, including tear-down, or else, on a non-swap day, all together. Many swap goers, especially the vendors, had prior commitments with packing up what didn't sell, table tear-down, and getting lunch, after an early-bird set-up call, minimal breakfast, and personal hygene time that morning, and just plain TOO EXHAUSTED to participate! I, for one, being a vendor, would have liked to participate, but couldn't, for those very reasons. Just some constructive criticism, for you to ponder, when planning your next fox hunt.

W8GLguitarGARY

To: grara@yahoogroups.com
From: mike@...
Date: Sun, 7 Jun 2009 17:45:56 +0000
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647. Re: [GRARA] Results of the IRA Hamfest Fox Hunt

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-06-08 17:45:27 UTC
From: Charles Rich
Topic: 644 Message: 647

There seems to be somewhat of an error, here!!!

The second placers, in reality, should be credited to HARC...and not GRARA..

You see, all three of these are in my code class. And since the coce class is at HARC....their points belong to HARC

So from what I can figger --these points DO BELONG TO THE H A R C group.

Is there anyone who can't understand that?????

I'm sure Mike understands, and if he doesn't, I'm going to take his 13 WPM certificate away from him.

Sorry GRARA!!!!!!.

Chuck, W8GCW

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From: mike_w8der <mike@...>
To: grara@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Sunday, June 7, 2009 1:45:56 PM
Subject: [GRARA] Results of the IRA Hamfest Fox Hunt

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648. LAST MINUT OUTDOOR TASK PARTY

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-06-08 18:08:50 UTC
From: timothy courtier
Topic: 648 Message: 648

CQ ALL AREA HAMS.....
I am working on a party for all area hams, and there guests.
This party is for all of us, who still need to finish there outdoor tasks.
Target date is 10/17/2009 @ 17:00/21:00GMT
More info later.
73's
Timothy kb8afs

649. Field Day Organizational Meetings - June 10 & 24 7 p.m., Radioroom

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-06-09 07:21:48 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 649 Message: 649

I'll be at the Open Radio Room on Wednesday, June 10 and 24 for settling questions about the Field Day operation. The Open Radio room is held at W8DC, at the Red Cross building, 1050 Fuller Ave NE (one block south of Leonard St.) in Grand Rapids.

As previously announced we have been invited to K8IHY's FB QTH, including his hanger/barn for FD 2009.

The address is 1840 BYRON RD, HUDSONVILLE, MI 49426, a few miles from Rivertown Mall in Grandville, and a few miles from Hudsonville.

I'm looking for "crew chiefs" for the SSB and CW stations - I've identified two likely suckers..... errr, candidates, but if you'd like to volunteer please contact me and/or be at the meeting on Wednesday.

Hope to see a good turnout on Wednesday, if not, I'll be twisting arms :)

73 de n8xx Hg

650. GRARA Yahoo Group will be down for maintenance on Thursday, June 11th. see below

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-06-10 02:39:15 UTC
From: mike_w8der
Topic: 650 Message: 650

This Thursday (June 11th, 2009) Yahoo! Groups will be undergoing maintenance. During this time 50% of groups will be unavailable for up to an hour. The outage is scheduled to begin some time between 2 and 3 pm PT (10-11 pm GMT).

While the maintenance is going on, all features of affected groups, including messages, photos, attachments, etc. will be completely unavailable. However, once the outage concludes, any messages that were posted to these groups via email during this downtime will be distributed.

This is Thursday only.

651. W8DC FD Site on ARRL Locator

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-06-11 20:11:11 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 651 Message: 651

Please check if the correct location is on the map of the W8DC field Day locator site at

http://www.arrl.org/contests/announcements/fd/locator.php

put in W8DC for the search term. It looks like it's in the general vicinity at least.

Please advise if I should "drag it" along Byron road.

73 de n8xx Hg

652. Field Day Organizational Meeting a Success!

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-06-11 20:23:25 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 652 Message: 652

We had quite a bit of interest in Field Day Wednesday Evening at the Open Radio Room. We also had a visitor from Monroe, WB8FBG, who was taking Red Cross courses at Calvin College, and decided that she would rather visit us than stare at the walls of a dorm room at the college!

She gave our web site a W8DC.org kudos - so we know it is effective in publicity.

I've put a "Field Day Check List, revision 0" in the files area of this reflector. Please review it and let me know your interest in helpng out, or advise what we are missing for the best possible Field Day.

73 de n8xx Hg

654. New file uploaded to GRARA

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-06-11 20:28:23 UTC
From: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 336 Message: 654

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the GRARA
group.

File : /FD2009plan.pdf
Uploaded by : n8xxham <n8xx@...>
Description : FD Planning document, revision 0

You can access this file at the URL:
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/GRARA/files/FD2009plan.pdf

To learn more about file sharing for your group, please visit:
http://help.yahoo.com/l/us/yahoo/groups/original/members/web/index.htmlfiles

Regards,

n8xxham <n8xx@...>

655. hello GARA

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-06-11 20:43:49 UTC
From: scubalargo
Topic: 655 Message: 655

Hello all,
I just wanted to say thankyou for alowing me to join the group. I am not a operator but have wanted to be for many years. I do own a ICOM w32a. I listin to various channels and rely on NOAA for weather. I would like to atend a meeting but I work 2 -10 every Friday. I was looking for my book to study for Amature but could not locate it. I may look into a app for my PC. Thanks again and hope to meet some of ya soon

Steven

656. 13 Colonies Special Event Main Page

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-06-15 05:59:12 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 656 Message: 656

For those who love to chase Special Events, here is a good one coming in July.

KD8DEG Tom

http://home.comcast.net:80/~dzabawa/ThirteenColonies.htm

657. RE: [GRARA] did you get my message from last night?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-06-16 14:07:18 UTC
From: Gary W8GL
Topic: 657 Message: 657

Hi Hank,
Just to let you know, Gary RX your message last night.
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658. Re: [GRARA] did you get my message from last night?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-06-16 14:37:10 UTC
From: Jack Kunnen
Topic: 657 Message: 658

I saw this recipe on a couple of sites

RECIPE FOR REMOVING SKUNK SMELL FROM YOUR DOG

You will want to use this formula for removing the skunk smell from your dog:This formula gets rid of the odor (it doesn't just mask it) and it changes the chemical properties of the skunk spray to break it down.

You will need the following from any local grocery or drug store:

* 1 QT. OF 3% HYDROGEN PEROXIDE

* 1/4 CUP OF BAKING SODA

* 1 TEASPOON OF A LIQUID SOAP (I recommend DAWN, it breaks down oil and grease well)

MIX AND IMMEDIATELY APPLY TO YOUR DOG. BE VERY CAREFUL NOT TO GET THE MIXTURE IN YOUR DOGS NOSE, EYES ,EARS OR MOUTH.

On Jun 16, 2009, at 10:07 AM, Gary W8GL wrote:

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659. RE: [GRARA] did you get my message from last night?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-06-16 14:58:00 UTC
From: Gary W8GL
Topic: 657 Message: 659

Jack,
Thanks for the quick response! I happen to have all three ingredients on hand! Thanks, I'll give you a report how well it works, Gary

To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
From: ab8nd@...
Date: Tue, 16 Jun 2009 10:37:10 -0400
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Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-06-16 15:20:03 UTC
From: Megan Heyl
Topic: 657 Message: 660

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661. VHF CW activity in West MI

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-06-16 19:23:25 UTC
From: Joe Veldhuis
Topic: 661 Message: 661

Speaking of CW...

There has been some discussion about starting up some CW activity on VHF in the area. Not FM-modulated code mind you, but actual "A1A" signals. I made a purely random QSO with an op in GR on 2m a few days ago, so there is some activity already.

I would propose that anyone interested begin making a proactive effort to monitor the FISTS frequencies of 50.058 and 144.058 whenever they're by the rig. These are probably the closest thing to a "calling frequency" on these bands for CW. I will personally try to monitor 6m in the evening hours, with the beam facing east from central Ottawa county, assuming I'm not working some other band/mode. If the band's open I may be running digital modes slightly above 50.290.

Note that you're not just confined to the local area with this. You can expect to get out about 200 miles on a typical summer day on 2m, and 6m opens up for 700-2000 mile paths nearly every day. Contacts from W8/VE3 to Europe have been reported on 6 CW the last few days.

On a simlar note, if you have some gain in your antenna system, listen very closely while you're calling. If you hear yourself with a ~2 second delay, you're working "Oscar Zero" and being heard over half the world!

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662. RE: [GRARA] VHF CW activity in West MI

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-06-16 22:45:44 UTC
From: Gary W8GL
Topic: 661 Message: 662

Joe, very good info I did not know. Thanks, I will try to comply, ASAP.
73,
W8GLgary

To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com; GRARA@yahoogroups.com
From: kd8atu@...
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663. RE: [GRARA] did you get my message from last night?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-06-16 22:48:30 UTC
From: Gary W8GL
Topic: 657 Message: 663

Meg,
Thanks for the heads up on the store bought stuff. I'll try to get some. I'm not going to let her outside at night off-leash again!
W8GLgary

To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
From: jester1380@...
Date: Tue, 16 Jun 2009 11:20:03 -0400
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664. RE: [GRARA] Skunked dog

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-06-16 23:38:11 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 657 Message: 664

----- Message from gary_lauff@... ---------

".....I'm not going to let her outside at night off-leash again!"

Gary,

I had the same think with dogs over the years, especially living out in the sticks. Any lingering odor will will dissipate with-in a week, it's bio-degradable. At least in my case, the dog never goes near a white stripped kitty again.

73 Jack NY8D

665. Re: [GRARA] did you get my message from last night?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-06-17 00:49:24 UTC
From: Megan Heyl
Topic: 657 Message: 665

You are welcome.
Our friends "baby" got sprayed also, and found that it worked... after spending $$ on tomato juice!
Have a good night... and hope your baby is doing better... poor thing!
Meg

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> naucious odor? I went online, and they said to use tomato juice. I
> didn't have any on hand, but I did have three cans of Cambell's
> Condensed Tomato Soup in the cupboard. I made a bathwater sollution,
> but it didn't entirely erradicate the putrid smell. She didn't like
> the acidity in the tomatoes burning her eyes, either. Would white or

> apple vinegar work? I'm desparate. The first time she got sprayed,
> the smell hung around for two weeks!
> Sorry about getting off ham subjects, but I wanted to call on your
> elder astute dog owner knowledge.
> W8GL Gary
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> To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
> From: n8xx@...
> Date: Thu, 11 Jun 2009 20:25:32 +0000
> Subject: [GRARA] did you get my message from last night?
>
>
>
> Hi, Mike
>
> I'm having trouble with my mail service, so I need to ask whether
> you received my message from last evening. I'm sending this from the
> yahoogroups web site, which I know works. I've had reports that my
> ISP is holding messages for periods of 3 hours to infinity.
>
> Nice job on the web site.
>
> 73 de n8xx Hg
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> Check it out.
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666. Things go better with a Coca Cola

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-06-17 11:35:49 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 666 Message: 666

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a-7toHrfL3c&feature=related

667. Field Day T-shirts

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-06-18 14:58:14 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 667 Message: 667

Order for T-Shirts has been received

Good news and bad news...

Good news first
6 of 10 Field Day T-Shirts have arrived.
Large, 2X-Large, 4X-Large

Bad news
X-Large are out of stock, and, what really irks me, is
NO Order has been placed to obtain new stock.

I checked the web site, and there are NO Field Day T-Shirts available.

I suspect there are many folks like me, who held off ordering so that more orders could come in. I figured that 2 weeks before field day would allow sufficient time for ordering. As it was, my order, placed on 12 June, was not actually put into the system until 15 June.

I've expressed my displeasure at this situation with our K8JE, our ARRL Director and with the appropriate people @ HQ.

I'll return money to folks whose order I couldn't fill, and deliver T-shirts to those I have.

I'll be at the Open Radio Room on June 24 for last minute Field Day planning, so please try to attend.

73 de n8xx Hg

668. sunspot cycle

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-06-21 23:33:31 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 668 Message: 668

This may be interesting to those of you that are interested in the sunspot cycle.

http://science.nasa.gov/headlines/y2009/17jun_jetstream.htm?list1283027

669. Fw: [HARC] Fwd: [cherrylandarc] 2009 National Cherry Festival

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-06-22 22:02:15 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 669 Message: 669

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----- Original Message -----
From: Megan Heyl
To: k8daa@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Monday, June 22, 2009 2:47 PM
Subject: [HARC] Fwd: [cherrylandarc] 2009 National Cherry Festival

Begin forwarded message:

> From: "Tom" <w8bnl@...>
> Date: June 20, 2009 10:10:27 PM EDT
> To: cherrylandarc@yahoogroups.com
> Subject: [cherrylandarc] 2009 National Cherry Festival
> Reply-To: cherrylandarc@yahoogroups.com
>
>
>
> Greetings from Tom Garrisi - W8BNL
>
> The first week in July here in Traverse City, we hold "The National
> Cherry Festival". I got my old volunteer position back as "Director
> of Communications" where I handle all the UHF Radios and cell phones
> during the 8 day festival. I will also this year be setting up a OCF
> Dipole from my Comm Trailer and will have my HF rig on-site (local
> repeaters too on 2M & 440).
>
> Anyway - - - I have applied for and received a "Special Event" call
> sign of N8C (never ate cherries?). I have the call sign for the
> entire week but will be only doing the "Special Event Transmitting"
> on Monday - July 6th. I plan to run the following schedule on that
> day (times are EDT).
>
> 0800-0930 3.980 MHz (+5 if occupied)
> 1100-1200 7.230 MHZ (SSTV of QSO card once every 10 minutes)
> 1500-1700 14.230 MHz (+5 of occupied)
> 1800-1900 7.230 MHZ (SSTV of QSO card once every 10 minutes)
> 2000-2200 3.980 MHz (+5 if occupied)
>
> So far - I am the single "OP" for this event, any volunteers??!?
> Perhaps next year we could also set up a CW station.
>
> Please let some of your friends out there know about this event as I
> have not advertised it via QST or any publications. Maybe next year
> - I can get a little better organized to ask for help with some of
> the time slots. I have posted in the "Photos" a preliminary view of
> the SSTV QSO Card I will be transmitting. If you do not have
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> "Digital Mode" capability either email me or try to catch one of the
> scheduled times and during our QSO you can request an emailed copy
> of the QSO Card without the "watermark".
>
> Oh yea - I will make sure to check into our Net on the '86 that
> evening to let all of you know how it went.
>
> In the mean time - dah dit dah dit dah dah dit dah 73 and best
> wishes from Tom W8BNL!!
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[Non-text portions of this message have been removed]

670. Joe Phillips, K8QOE, Ohio S

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-06-23 21:19:42 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 670 Message: 670

Joe was a long time friend and colleague. He will be missed.

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671. Re: [GRARA] Joe Phillips, K8QOE, Ohio S

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-06-23 21:43:47 UTC
From: wd8usa@aol.com
Topic: 670 Message: 671

I had the pleasure of knowing Joe and his trade mark red blazer jacket?- A joy and good natured man who will be missed- I am glad to have known him- DE WD8USA?? ...-.-

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From: Hank Greeb <n8xx@...>
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672. HARC Code Classes

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-06-24 02:23:00 UTC
From: Charles Rich
Topic: 672 Message: 672

Our code classes will be on vacation 'til the fall theory class sessions start in September. We've had some great classes and a lot of fun learning and laughing. Proficiency certificates have been awarded
up to 13 WPM. Class goals are 20 WPM.

Plan, now to learn or improve your ability to copy code in a fun, non-threatening environment.

You DO NOT have to be a HARC member to attend these classes, and there is NO CHARGE...!!!

WATCH FOR DATES AND INFORMATION..

Have a great summer.....

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673. Field Day organizational Meeting, tonight at W8DC

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-06-24 13:06:29 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 673 Message: 673

I'll be at the Open Radio Room tonight, Wednesday, June 24 for the final Field Day organizational meeting The Open Radio room is held at W8DC, at the Red Cross building, 1050 Fuller Ave NE (one block south of Leonard St.) in Grand Rapids.

I have Field Day T-Shirts for those who have reserved them, except that no "XL" sizes were available. I'll have money for those who paid for an "XL" size.

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KA5S is the crew chief for CW, N8DGD for Phone.

CU tonight!

73 de n8xx Hg

674. Re: [GRARA] Field Day organizational Meeting, tonight at W8DC

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-06-24 13:14:09 UTC
From: Jack Kunnen
Topic: 673 Message: 674

This is an important meeting to make sure all bases, or better put stations, are covered for Saturday. We will be having a bit of friendly competition with the Holland club so let's make FD a big and Fun GRARA event.

Along with the FD Meeting, we will try to run coax to the GAP Vertical. COme early if you can help out.

Jack, AB8ND

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675. Field Day News

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-06-25 01:16:20 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 675 Message: 675

We have a "reasonable" setup for 2A + VHF

KD8HNF will bring a 3 burner gas stove for cooking. I'll provide breakfast on Sunday for whoever stays up and/or operates during the night or wants to cover the very early shif on Sunday morning.

The menu will be sausage and eggs, orange juice, coffee (?) of sorts, toast, etc.

If you'd like to bring food for cooking the stove will be available.

We will be going to dinner at the Rainbow Grill in Hudsonville at 5 p.m. Reservations are for 10, but can be shrunk or expanded because the restaurant doesn't expect to be crowded at that time.

Anyway, we'll start setting up about 10 a.m. Saturday, and hope to be ready to operate by the 2 p.m. start time.

Come on out! 1840 byron Road, Hudsonville.

73 de n8xx Hg

676. Field Day final Information

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-06-26 13:06:48 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 676 Message: 676

For those who missed the final organizational meeting - and it was a good one - here are the final instructions for all those interested

1. show up (any time after 9 a.m. or so on Saturday but before 2 p.m. Sunday)

2. Help set up (if you arrive before 2 p.m. Saturday)

3. Operate

4. Enjoy!

Note that, if we need to tell you where to do, you may see
http://tinyurl.com/pvtauv

And, please review the "to do" list before the event, in case you can contribute to our needs. it is at http://www.w8dc.org/grr_images/FD2009plan.pdf

The main object is to "have fun" and make some contacts. There's a "secret" challenge between the Holland ARC and GRARA - all in good fun, so this should be "an interesting weekend."

73 de n8xx Hg

677. Governor's Proclamation?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-06-26 22:22:53 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 677 Message: 677

I read in the ARRL letter that Governor Grandholm signed a "Field Day" or similar proclamation for the weekend (maybe for the week?).

Does anyone have a copy of it?

73 de n8xx Hg

678. Governor Graholm's Amateur Radio Awareness week.

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-06-26 23:02:58 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 678 Message: 678

From:http://www.arrl-mi.org/?q=node/149

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679. Field Day Wrap up

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-06-28 17:21:31 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 679 Message: 679

Field Day is all but over.

We had a "very interesting" time @ K8IHY's this year.

N8DGD set up a nice SSB Station, KF8QL brought his VHF setup, and KA5S & I set up in the "east 40" with a CW station.

Six Metres was open, and a bunch of stations were worked on six and 2.

The SSB station worked flawlessly on 40/20/15 metres.

The "very interesting" part was with the CW station. It, literally, 'blew down" about 3 a.m., when a BIG WIND came through. We tried to guy it down with extra guy ropes, but the wind was too strong. We finally decided that it was fruitless, and "let it go", but tried to hold on enough so it wouldn't "literally" fly away. But, it got tangled in one of the guy ropes for the antenna, and the antenna and mast collapsed! Too bad it didn't happen during daylight, or Jack, AB8ND, or official photographere, could have had a "great photo opportunity."

We didn't check the windspeed at K8IHY's airfield, but it must have been rather high, because the dining canopy has withstood 30+ MPH winds in the past.

Anyway, we probably didn't meet the goal of 4000 QSO's and 12000 points, but we had fun!

We'll try to have a full report at the August meeting.

73 de n8xx Hg

680. RE: [GRARA] Governor Graholm's Amateur Radio Awareness week.

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-06-30 15:41:57 UTC
From: Gary W8GL
Topic: 678 Message: 680

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W8GLgary.

To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
From: n8xx@...
Date: Fri, 26 Jun 2009 23:02:58 +0000
Subject: [GRARA] Governor Graholm's Amateur Radio Awareness week.

From:http://www.arrl-mi.org/?q=node/149

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Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-06-30 16:08:47 UTC
From: wd8usa@aol.com
Topic: 678 Message: 681

Right on Gary! Couldn't have said it better! DE WD8USA ...-.-

-----Original Message-----
From: Gary W8GL <gary_lauff@...>
To: grara@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Tue, Jun 30, 2009 11:41 am
Subject: RE: [GRARA] Governor Graholm's Amateur Radio Awareness week.

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682. EME

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-07-01 06:41:28 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 682 Message: 682

A Ham Radio Weekend for Talking to the Moon

http://www.nytimes. com/2009/ 06/27/technology /27moon.html? _r=1&ref=business

683. John's morning helicopter flight

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-07-01 10:44:03 UTC
From: Jack Kunnen
Topic: 683 Message: 683

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7Wi_fShca64

John taking a morning helicopter flight, warming up the afternoon
antenna "helio Vertical" flight. The antenna flight to be posted later

Jack, AB8ND

684. Short Field Day Video

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-07-01 12:59:48 UTC
From: Jack Kunnen
Topic: 684 Message: 684

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vaoP7ZXfYRw

A short video from Field Day with GRARA

Jack, AB8ND

685. No Meeting Notice

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-07-01 18:57:10 UTC
From: Jack Kunnen
Topic: 685 Message: 685

Happy 4th of July All

A reminder that there will NOT be a GRARA meeting this Friday, 3 July.
There will be VE exams as usual next week

Jack, AB8ND

686. GRARA Field Day Photos

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-07-01 20:35:32 UTC
From: Jack Kunnen
Topic: 686 Message: 686

Field Day photos from the GRARA site are posted

http://www.jhkunnenphoto.com/fieldday09

Jack, ab8nd

687. Tower Collapse in Illinois

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-07-02 15:32:45 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 687 Message: 687

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http://www.heraldpalladium.com/articles/2009/06/29/local_news/621345.txt

688. Re: [GRARA] Tower Collapse in Illinois

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-07-02 17:30:00 UTC
From: Charles Rich
Topic: 687 Message: 688

This IS a sad situation.

Do I detect, though that the news paper writer was trying to describe Field Day, and that this was possibly a temporary installation?? Just curious.

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Sent: Thursday, July 2, 2009 11:32:45 AM
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http://www.heraldpalladium.com/articles/2009/06/29/local_news/621345.txt

689. Helicopter Vertical Antenna

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-07-02 19:36:56 UTC
From: Jack Kunnen
Topic: 689 Message: 689

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=utNq-kVGWGQ

Video of antenna flight

Jack, ab8nd

690. Antenna Test, July 4, 20 metres from DR1A

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-07-03 15:06:14 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 690 Message: 690

In case you're around your shack tomorrow, this might be an interesting exercise around 2100Z

73 de n8xx Hg

-------- Original Message --------
Subject: DR1A Antenna Test July 4 - more info
Date: Wed, 1 Jul 2009 23:42:55 +0200
From: Bernd Och <bo@...>

Hi all,

I have created a quick and dirty webpage with more information on our upcoming antenna test this Saturday from 21:00 ☐ 21:10z on 20 meters. If you are preferably located in North America, and have time in this timeframe, please have a look to the webpage and join us for the test.

http://www.dr1a.com/20m-antenna-test.html

(Of course we are also happy about reports from other continents, but antenna direction and propagation will favor North America)

Please feel free to spread this information.

Thank you,

73 Ben
DL6FBL

691. Stuart Makes His First Contact @ Field Day

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-07-04 15:23:44 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 691 Message: 691

Here's a link to an excellent article about a first time would-be ham who makes his first contact via ham radio during field day - and at 22+ WPM CW at that! WOW!

If we'd get a few more youngsters like Stuart interested in hamming we might start a trend and lower the average age of hams from old fogey's to middle age. :)

http://kb6nu.com/field-day-2009-stuart-makes-his-first-contact/

692. Fw: [TowerTalk] For Sale: Rotators , tower parts and antenna parts

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-07-05 03:21:34 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 692 Message: 692

FYI

KD8DEG Tom

----- Original Message -----
From: r young
To: towertalk@...
Sent: Saturday, July 04, 2009 1:10 PM
Subject: [TowerTalk] For Sale: Rotators , tower parts and antenna parts

Have the following for sale for a friend :

T2X $295
Ham IV $245
T2X rebuilt with stainless $325
Yaesu 450 $125

all with control boxes

Also have tower mast mounts:
for:
Tailtwister $35
Ham IV $25
Ham $20

For KLM many parts for rebuilding:

boom to mast insulators blocks and clamps
spreaders
misc aluminum for 6, 15,20 and 40
everything for $150

All prices plus shipping from NY.

Tks ,

Gerry

ryoung158@...

TowerTalk mailing list
TowerTalk@...
http://lists.contesting.com/mailman/listinfo/towertalk

693. RE: [GRARA] Helicopter Vertical Antenna

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-07-05 14:52:50 UTC
From: Gary W8GL
Topic: 689 Message: 693

Jack,

Cool video! Wow, you're all up and running on youTube! What camcorder did you shot that on, not the Mino?

Gary

To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
From: ab8nd@...
Date: Thu, 2 Jul 2009 15:36:56 -0400
Subject: [GRARA] Helicopter Vertical Antenna

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=utNq-kVGWGQ

Video of antenna flight

Jack, ab8nd

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Windows Live™ SkyDrive™: Get 25 GB of free online storage.
http://windowslive.com/online/skydrive?ocid=TXT_TAGLM_WL_SD_25GB_062009

694. Re: [GRARA] Helicopter Vertical Antenna

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-07-05 15:02:52 UTC
From: Jack Kunnen
Topic: 689 Message: 694

Gary,

I bought (well actually Mr Mastercard bought) a Canon HF100 it is HD, writes to a SD memory card. Wish they had used a bright red or something highly visible for the antenna wire so it would show better in the video)

Jack

On Jul 5, 2009, at 10:52 AM, Gary W8GL wrote:

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> Jack,
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> camcorder did you shot that on, not the Mino?
> Gary
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> To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
> From: ab8nd@...
> Date: Thu, 2 Jul 2009 15:36:56 -0400
> Subject: [GRARA] Helicopter Vertical Antenna
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> Video of antenna flight
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> Jack, ab8nd
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> Windows Live™ SkyDrive™: Get 25 GB of free online storage. Get it on
> your BlackBerry or iPhone.
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695. Re: [GRARA] Helicopter Vertical Antenna

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-07-05 15:31:15 UTC
From: Cortland Richmond
Topic: 689 Message: 695

So did we!, It was hard to keep the wire off the ground when John couldn't see it.

Cortland

----- Original Message -----
From: Jack Kunnen
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: 7/5/2009 11:03:09 AM
Subject: Re: [GRARA] Helicopter Vertical Antenna

Gary,

I bought (well actually Mr Mastercard bought) a Canon HF100 it is HD, writes to a SD memory card. Wish they had used a bright red or something highly visible for the antenna wire so it would show better in the video)

Jack.

696. Re: Tower Collapse in Illinois

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-07-05 18:20:15 UTC
From: W8GL
Topic: 687 Message: 696

I found an updated article on qrz about SK Larry Prelog / KE4PM age 57 , born 1952 Extra that fell from a tower he climbed on Field Day. The tower was only 30 ft tall--not 60 as the first article stated. It was field day related, but Chuck, it was not a temporary FD tower-- it was a permanent tower. It buckled at the BASE! How unlikely. And his son was present at the time and saw the whole thing happen--horifying! Go to:
http://www.southbendtribune.com/apps...WS01/907010368, for more info.
W8GLguitarGARY
--- In GRARA@yahoogroups.com, Charles Rich <chucksvideo@...> wrote:
>
> This IS a sad situation.
>
> Do I detect, though that the news paper writer was trying to describe Field Day, and that this was possibly a temporary installation?? Just curious.
>
> Chuck, W8GCW
> WE ARE ONE OF WEST MICHIGAN'S PIONEER WEDDING VIDEOGRAPHERS, IN BUSINESS SINCE 1992. WE ALSO SERVE CORPORATE, COMMERCIAL AND GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES WITH CUSTOM VIDEO PRODUCTION.
>
>
> VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT www.chuckrich.net
>
>
> Be sure to check out my Ham Radio Page. Licensed by the FCC since 1950
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> _____
> From: Hank Greeb <n8xx@...>
> To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
> Sent: Thursday, July 2, 2009 11:32:45 AM
> Subject: [GRARA] Tower Collapse in Illinois
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> It's always best to be absitively sure that a tower is in good shape before scaling it. The fellow in the story, with link below, was a professional climber....
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> http://www.heraldpalladium.com/articles/2009/06/29/local_news/621345.txt
>

697. Re: Tower Collapse in Illinois

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-07-05 18:28:47 UTC
From: W8GL
Topic: 687 Message: 697

Hank, The Tower Collapse happened in Watervliet--near Niles-- in good ol' Michigan, not Illinois. I guess we can't blame this one on Ron Bagoyavich!
W8GLguitarGARY

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> It's always best to be absitively sure that a tower is in good shape before scaling it. The fellow in the story, with link below, was a professional climber....
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698. Scheduled Maintenance on all Yahoo groups, Wednesday 4 to 6 PM.

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-07-06 19:34:08 UTC
From: mike_w8der
Topic: 698 Message: 698

Yahoo will be performing routine database maintenance on all Yahoo groups on Wednesday from 4:00 to 6:00 PM our time. All should be back up early in the evening -- W8DER

699. Fw: [HARC] NASA News

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-07-07 13:32:57 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 699 Message: 699

----- Original Message -----
From: Megan Heyl
To: k8daa@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2009 12:05 AM
Subject: [HARC] NASA News

NASA Science News for July 3, 2009
The International Space Station (ISS) is about to make a remarkable series of flybys over the United States. Beginning this 4th of July weekend, the station will appear once, twice, and sometimes three times a day for many days in a row.

FULL STORY at

http://science.nasa.gov/headlines/y2009/03jul_sightings.htm?list1092882

[Non-text portions of this message have been removed]

700. W8DC Field Day Participants 2009

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-07-09 14:55:01 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 700 Message: 700

Tom Hansen, N8DGD, Kept a list of operators and visitors to our Field Day. We hope it is complete, and beg forgiveness if it isn't.

The list we have is

John Meyer K8IHY FD Host
Lois Meyer KA8ONM FD Host
Codie Wheeler SWL
Bob Tiemersma SWL
Jim Leyes KD8CAN
Tom Hansen N8DGD
Ron Fredricks K8DMR
Bob MC Clymont K8DOG
Duane Birdsley N8FBI
Gary Lauff W8GL
Rob Robinson KD8HNF
Ray Larabee Jr. KB8ILD
John Huzinga WD8JMA
Ryan Hayes KD8LNN
Ray Larabee Sr. N8LRF
Nate Smith KD8NCS
Jack Kunnen AB8ND
Rich Douglas KC8NKA
Bob Moe WD8OZS
Dave DeVos KF8QL
John Streyle W8QZ
Cortland Richmond KA5S
Joseph Bell WD8USA
Dan Thompson N8WKM
Hank Greeb N8XX

Except for our Field Day Hosts (who are listed at the top because hosts are always "Top Dogs", and SWL's (non licensed visitors) who are very valuable resource as potential hams, the list is sorted by the last three letters of one's call.

Please review this list and advise if there are any additions or corrections needed.

73 de n8xx Hg

701. ATV antenna install

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-07-09 20:13:51 UTC
From: Jack Kunnen
Topic: 701 Message: 701

Video from Monday's install

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X1VV4dDXh-8

Jack

702. Fwd: MRAY Net (Michigan Radio Amateur Youth Net)

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-07-08 14:12:45 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 702 Message: 702

For a copy of the PDF flyer, please go to
http://sites.google.com/site/mraynetwork/flyer

For information on the W8HVG repeater systems, go to http://www.w8hvg.org/

Please pass this info along to any other clubs or Amateur Radio
organization to which you belong or of which you know.

-------- Original Message --------
Subject: MRAY Net
Date: Wed, 08 Jul 2009 09:18:09 -0400
From: <cbulock@...>
To: kd8boq@...

Fellow Ham,

I want to first thank you again for your time. When I last sent you
an email, I requested that you help me grow the MRAY (Michigan Radio
Amateur Youth) Net. Today, I'm asking for the same favor. We had a
good response after I last sent out the MRAY Flyer, but I need your help
again. The net is growing, but it needs to continue to grow. I can't
stress enough how much I appreciate your help! Your help in passing on
the MRAY Flyer and telling any hams you know that we are here helps get
the word around and get more young people on the net each week. It
might seem simple, but it is crucial. People tell me all the time, "The
Youth is the future of Ham Radio." I have to agree.

We all want this great hobby to grow, and that's what I'm here to
do. I want young people who get on the Net each week at 7:00 PM (on the
W8HVG linked repeater system) to feel comfortable on the air and hold
onto this great hobby to pass on to their families. So please, help me
accomplish this goal that I have. Send out the flyer again, post it to
your website, and slap it on the front of your fridge as a weekly
reminder. Thank you so very much! Feel free to contact me at ANY time
with questions or comments!

Thanks and 73,
Corey J. Bulock KD8BOQ
kd8boq@...
517-930-2372 (Cell)
tinyurl.com/mraynetwork

For the

703. Re: ATV antenna install

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-07-09 22:29:03 UTC
From: Jack
Topic: 701 Message: 703

Sorry I revised the video new address is

www.youtube.com/watch?v=gCTYzUZ1zaA

jack

--- In GRARA@yahoogroups.com, Jack Kunnen <ab8nd@...> wrote:
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> Video from Monday's install
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> http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X1VV4dDXh-8
>
> Jack
>

704. Google Today

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-07-10 14:43:01 UTC
From: k8tb@bosscher.org
Topic: 704 Message: 704

Make sure you go to Google today. They are celebrating the birthday of
a man who was the original ham.
Click on the Google logo to find out more..

73 de tom k8tb

705. For your reading enjoyment

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-07-14 14:15:52 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 705 Message: 705

From Montcalm ARES reflector:

SURRENDER YOUR RPTR FREQ TO ME OR BE JAMMED

Off the air" This is what Kevin W Bondy told a large mall operator in Ventura County Ca. When (licensed) mall operators refused, Bondy installed a pulse modulated JAMMING REPEATER on top of nearby Oak Mountain. The FCC located the repeater and while mall people were discussing the surrender of their repeater pair to Bondy, the FCC and Ventura County Sheriff caught him red handed. He has a GMRS license so the FCC demanded an inspection of his equipment to which he refused so he forfeits $24,000. Then the Ventura County cops hauled out of his house over 120 hand helds, 18 mobiles, 1000W FM transmitter and other broadcast equipment. It is believed that much of the Motorola equipment may be stolen. Cops value the gear at $1 million.

For your reading enjoyment... ..

http://earthsignals .com/add_ CGC/Oaks_ Mall_09-5771. pdf <http://earthsignals.com/add_CGC/Oaks_Mall_09-5771.pdf> (equip list)

http://www.fcc. gov/eb/FieldNoti ces/2003/ DOC-290813A1. html <http://www.fcc.gov/eb/FieldNotices/2003/DOC-290813A1.html> (FCC ACTION REPORT)

706. Michigander Bicycle Tour

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-07-14 21:23:03 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 706 Message: 706

If you're so inclined, there's a BIG bicycle tour coming through the area on Thursday and Friday. It's call the Michigander, and started in Edmore on Sunday, and will be wending its way from Reed City, down the White Pine Trail to Rockford on Thursday, and from Rockford back to Edmore on Friday for the finale.

CRAIG A MARTIN is N8VIP, Phone 313-799-0048 from Dearborn, is in charge of ham radio communications, and could use some more help. Give him a buzz in the late afternoon to early evening - he's riding with the group, but has a cell phone and will be happy to put you to work. They plan to use 147.26 MHz and/or 145.27 MHz while in the Rockford and Greenville areas. He can use several more hams at strategic points.

I've never partooken of this event, so don't know if there will be much traffic on these circuit, but I've volunteered to help on Friday morning. It might be like MSBike which was very uneventful (fortunately because of good weather), or it could be like the T?SRV (T?ur ?f the Sci?t? River Valley) when it rains or sn?ws and medical emergencies occur with regularity. Lettuce pray for good weather.

Repeat, call N8VIP, 313-799-0048 to volunteer. If you respond to this message I'll just reply that you should call that number.

73 de n8xx Hg

707. Michigan Awesome

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-07-14 22:26:25 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 707 Message: 707

A neat way to advertise Michigan is at

http://michiganawesome.myshopify.com/

I like the one which say "Bi Peninsular, and Proud!"

73 de n8xx Hg

p.s. I have no pecuniary interest in Michigan Awesome, just thought it was cute.

708. Re: Michigander Bicycle Tour

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-07-16 12:47:58 UTC
From: rockyroster
Topic: 706 Message: 708

they are now using the big rapids repeater then they will be changing to the lowell repeater as they get closer to rockford. it is a great cause and he can use the help. thanks paul

--- In GRARA@yahoogroups.com, Hank Greeb <n8xx@...> wrote:
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> 73 de n8xx Hg
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709. Fw: [montcalmcountyares] Fw: [WestMichiganHams] Central Illinois Balloon Launch, Saturday, 7/18 @ 8:50 am

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-07-17 10:10:35 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 709 Message: 709
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

----- Original Message -----
From: paul odem
To: Susan Hansen ; montcalmcountyares@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2009 11:22 AM
Subject: [montcalmcountyares] Fw: [WestMichiganHams] Central Illinois Balloon Launch, Saturday, 7/18 @ 8:50 am

--- On Thu, 7/16/09, Al Pepping <kv8x@...> wrote:

From: Al Pepping <kv8x@...>
Subject: [W8ZHO] Fw: [WestMichiganHams] Central Illinois Balloon Launch, Saturday, 7/18 @ 8:50 am
To: W8ZHO@yahoogroups.com
Date: Thursday, July 16, 2009, 9:24 AM

-------Original Message----- --

From: Mark Thompson
Date: 7/16/2009 2:18:37 AM
To: k9bar@yahoogroups. com; PeoriaARC@yahoogrou ps.com; NS9RC@yahoogroups. com; WeLCARS@yahoogroups .com; chicagoamateurradio @yahoogroups. com; nimrods@yahoogroups .com
Cc: IndyHamRadio@ yahoogroups. com; MadisonAmateurRadio @yahoogroups. com; westmichiganhams@ yahoogroups. com; CentralIndianaHams@ yahoogroups. com; APRS@yahoogroups. com
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Central Illinois Balloon Launch, Saturday, 7/18 @ 8:50 am

QSO Opportunity with High Altitude Balloon Flight Saturday, 18 July 2009

As part of SpaceJam-3(www.spacejamboree. com),
DePauw University(www.depauw.edu/ acad/physics/ base) will be flying a cross band repeater to allow the Scouts at the Jamboree to talk with ground stations from a large area of the central portion of the United States.

Launch will occur at 13:50 UT (8:50 am Central Daylight Time) from Rantoul, IL (40.29 N, 88.14 W) The target ascent rate will be 1000 feet/min.

APRS information will be sent over 144.39 MHz every minute under the call sign, W9YJ-11.

The helium filled balloon will reach a float altitude of 70000 feet (21.5km) about 15:00 UT and will attempt to float at this altitude for about three hours. During this time the balloon should travel slowly to the NW from about 40.0N & 87.8W to 40.1 N & 88.1 W. The descent

will begin about 18:00 UT on a slowly deflating balloon with landing about 19:30 UT.

The uplink frequency on the radio will be 144.36 MHz, and the downlink frequency will be 446.025 MHz.

The Scouts will be using the call sign WB9SA. If you have a chance to contact the station, the Scouts will be thrilled to make the contact! You may also attempt to use the repeater for a long distance Earth-Balloon- Earth contact with hams from larger distances.

Thanks to Howard Brooks, KC9QBN, Professor of Physics & Astronomy at DePauw University, W9YJ for making this happen!!!

If you are in the IL/IN area you might catch ATV from our first balloon going up (100,000 ft) at 8:20 AM CDT Saturday from Rantoul IL 430 Mhz, with a CW call "DE WB9SA"

A big thank you, to all the hams radio operators making www.spacejamboree. com the coolest Scout Technology event in the Central USA!!!!! THANK YOU Howard! Thank you VCARA, ARISS, ARRL Foundation Contributors, NASA, Richard Garriott, West Mountain Radio, PolyCom, 323.tv, Mike and Dave (our welders) and DePauw University.

73, and Make it a Tremendous Day,

Brian K Walker
K9BKW
WB9SA Trustee
Space Jam Technologist
Space Jam is a BSA Troop 17 / Crew 272 production

710. 6 and 2m activity this weekend

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-07-17 20:51:06 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 710 Message: 710

Relayed for kc9bqa, <sprinkies@...>

New poster KC9BQA here. I'm Todd, right across the lake in Sheboygan Co. WI. Big lover of V/UHF, and I want to share a fun ham activity this weekend of which you may not be aware.

Many of us in S WI and N ILL will be on 6m and 2m FM simplex, making contacts with anyone for this weekend's CQ VHF Contest. http://www.cqww-vhf.com/rules.htm

We're asking for your help because you're not that far away in W MI, especially with a water path between us. Many of you have surely heard distant repeaters "skip in". Well, this weekend we're looking for you W MI hams to make some noise on 6 and 2 meter FM simplex. Work each other, or maybe work some of the
stronger stations across the Lake. Listen carefully, with squelch low and with headphones, so you can hear the weak stations, because those are your best contacts in a contest.

We're going to focus in on two time periods for FM activity in this contest. 10pm-midnight on Sat. July 17th and 7-9am on Sun. July 18th. All times eastern. Those times were chosen to take advantage of the tendency to have better band conditions later at night and early in the morning.

The frequencies to use are 52.525 on 6 meter FM mode. On 2 meters, we're talking 146.550-146.580 primary, but be ready to spread out to 146.400-146.490 simplex as well, if it's busy.

There is no contesting on repeaters, nor on the 146.505-146.535 frequencies. This protects the 146.52 national call freq. on 2m FM.

You do not have to "be in the contest" to enjoy this. You can just hand out points on a casual basis. V/UHF contests are WAY more casual than HF ones. We also need new ops, so consider this a friendly invite. Have a new ham radio experience. Talk with some new hams. Hear what VHF can sound like when the bands are alive with activity. Any V/UHF contest is a great time to experience this.

Talk this concept up with your ham buddies and get on the air this weekend. It will generate a lot more contacts, if you share some enthusiasm with others. Nobody likes dead bands.

Thanks for your time, I'm done with the short version.

For those who enjoy more detail, there's a wealth of contesting info up on my website -- http://www.kc9bqa.com. I will let you know that I'm

very thorough, so you may want to visit when you have some time. I'd pay especially close attention to the posts I made on July 11 and 12th. That has everything you need to get up to speed with what's going on this weekend.

It will also get you thinking about reaching beyond the local repeater, improving your station's range, and expose you to another interesting aspect of ham radio -- weak-signal V/UHF work.

I am always willing to help anyone with a sincere interest, so if you have questions, email me.

73,
Todd KC9BQA EN63 (my grid square) 40 north of Milwaukee
http://www.kc9bqa.com For Frequent VHF/UHF Updates

711. KB2GSD

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-07-18 11:11:22 UTC
From: timothy courtier
Topic: 711 Message: 711

GOD bless.
You will be missed.
73's
Walter Cronkite kb2gsd sk

712. Greetings...

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-07-19 15:53:36 UTC
From: Michael Hopwood
Topic: 712 Message: 712

Hello to all,

My name is Michael Hopwood, KE5EUA. I would like to start out by introducing myself.

I spent 8 years in the Army at Fort Hood in Texas. After my first deployment I got my ticket and started to get involved into ham radio more and more. Upon my second deployment I got my YI9EUA call and did a little radio stuff over there. Now that I'm out I came home for a little bit, Louisiana, and now on my way to Grand Rapids where my wife is from.

I try to be as involved as I possible can be in the ham community. I enjoy special events where I can help as much as I can.

I have been to the West Michigan Privately Owned Repeater Network's website and programed my 900 MHz radio for the ones listed and my D710 for the others.

What repeaters are the best to monitor, talk on?

In Texas the club I belonged to, we had monthly breakfast where everyone would get together. Is there anything like that in Grand Rapids?

I know I have said a lot and asked very few but as I am coming to a new place I hope the ham community is as friendly as it was in Texas, unlike my current residence.

Thank you,
Michael Hopwood
KE5EUA (-15)

713. Re: [GRARA] Greetings...

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-07-19 16:06:08 UTC
From: Jack Kunnen
Topic: 712 Message: 713

Michael,

Welcome to the Grand Rapids area and to the GRARA forum. The Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association shack is at the AMerican Red Cross building on Fuller NE. We meet on the 1st Friday of the month and every Wednesday the club has an open radio room at the shack. The "Open Radio Room" evening is open to all, it is an opportunity to meet club members and friends, operate the clubs radios, work on projects, ask questions or just hang out.

Jack, AB8ND

On Jul 19, 2009, at 11:53 AM, Michael Hopwood wrote:

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> KE5EUA (-15)

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714. Ham Radio Deluxe - DX Cluster Analysis

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-07-19 16:42:36 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 714 Message: 714

For all you new and future DXer's, here is a great web site for finding those band openings.

KD8DEG Tom

http://dxcluster.ham-radio.ch:80/

715. RE: [GRARA] Greetings...

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-07-19 17:00:24 UTC
From: Cortland Richmond
Topic: 712 Message: 715

Hi, Michael

I'm Cortland, KA5S. Did 21+ years in the Army myself, upgraded to Extra in '79 while at Ft Hood, and last duty unit before retirement was 7thSig Bde, Germany, 1983.

Not only do I want to welcome you to Grand Rapids, but I would like to extend an invitation to Michigan Army MARS. http://www.miarmymars.com/

Will look forward to meeting you!

Cortland
KA5S/AAR5UT

----- Original Message -----
From: Michael Hopwood
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: 7/19/2009 11:54:19 AM
Subject: [GRARA] Greetings...

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716. Re: [GRARA] Greetings...

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-07-19 16:10:28 UTC
From: wd8usa@aol.com
Topic: 712 Message: 716

Boy! Would I love to talk to you about joining MI Army MARS! We have a very efficient group! Feel free to contact me about it fi interested! You will feel right at home! DE WD8USA / AAM5IMI MI Army MARS

-----Original Message-----
From: Michael Hopwood <crazym409@...>
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Sun, Jul 19, 2009 11:53 am
Subject: [GRARA] Greetings...

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717. Re: [GRARA] Greetings...

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-07-19 18:21:10 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 712 Message: 717

Hi, Michael:

First of all, Welcome to Grand Rapids. Hope you can join us for a Grand Rapdis ARA meeting - next one is August 7, 6;30 gathering 7:00 p.m. offishial meeting. I don't know what, if any, programme we'll be having, but keep your ears open for more details as we get closer to the date. You won't have the privilege of meeting me in person, because I'll be on vacation to Colourful Coloradio and western New Brass Key for a fambly rebellion.

As far as places to contact folks - naturally I MUST mention 147.26 MHz, the GRARA repeater, 94.8 CTSS tone for access. The tone isn't to make it private, just to keep distant repeaters from keying it up.

Another repeater is the W8HVG linked repeater system, local access is on 147.16 MHz, 94.8 CTSS tone. It is linked to numerous other repeaters, so you might find yourself chatting with someone across the state if you're on that repeater.

And, another "fairly active" repeater is the Lowell ARC repeater on 145.27 MHz, 94.8 CTSS tone. It has a couple of remote receivers, so it can dear widely, sometimes better than mobiles or handhelds can hear.

There's a monthly breakfast for the Downtown Amateur Packet Radio group at New Beginning's Restaurant, 1455 Michigan St NE, just a few blocks from the fuller avenue exit of I-196. They meet on the 2nd Saturday of each month, at 8:00 a.m.

And, the W8HVG crowd plus hangers on like me, meet at Schnitz South, 1529 Langley St SE, at noon or thereabouts every Friday.

The MICHIGAN AMATEUR RADIO ALLIANCE has weekly breakfasts on Saturady, but I've lost track of when and where they meet, you might send a message to w8usa@..., or look them up at http://www.w8usa.org.

If you're interesting in QRP and QRP cw, I'll be glad to bombard you with info on that subject, but this isn't the forum for it.

Again, welcome aboard!

73 de n8xx Hg

Michael Hopwood wrote:
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> <snip>

718. RE: [GRARA] KB2GSD

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-07-19 22:45:55 UTC
From: Gary W8GL
Topic: 711 Message: 718

Tim,

I looked up Cronkite's callsign on qrz, and it said he was still a Novice, yet he just renewed in summer/ 2008. I wonder when the last time he actually operated was, and in what modes? Looks like he never upgraded, could he use voice/phone or just CW with that old of a classification?

Just curious, incidentally "Kronk," in German, means: "sick," as in Kronkenhaus (hospital).

RIP, Walter, my Dad had great respect and admoration for him,

Gary W8GL

To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
From: pobox740@...
Date: Sat, 18 Jul 2009 11:11:22 +0000
Subject: [GRARA] KB2GSD

GOD bless.
You will be missed.
73's
Walter Cronkite kb2gsd sk

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Windows Live™ Hotmail®: Search, add, and share the web’s latest sports videos. Check it out.
http://www.windowslive.com/Online/Hotmail/Campaign/QuickAdd?ocid=TXT_TAGLM_WL_QA_HM_sports_videos_072009&cat=sports

719. RE: [GRARA] Greetings...

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-07-19 23:13:16 UTC
From: Gary W8GL
Topic: 712 Message: 719

Hi Mike,

Well, first may I say, thank you for your service to our country!

Just what we need, another "Michael" in the club! (lol, seems like everyone in the club is either named: Mike, Bob, or rhymes with my name, Gary.) Just kidding, we'd love to have you! Please stop on down, at your earliest convenience. If you drink coffee, and like to pig out on cookies, you'll fit right in!

If you can stop down to the open radio room on Wednesdays, after 7:15PM, as Jack / AB8ND suggested, that would be a great way to learn about the local ham radio scene. I will bring a brochure with the local freqs and tones for you to keep. Come in the front door of the Red Cross building, turn to the left, and walk down the stairway to the basement level. The radio room is the last door down the hallway, on your right. We're pretty friendly up here, for a bunch of "Damn Yankees." (lol)

73 and welcome to Grand Rapids,

Gary Lauff W8GL

Off-Air Director, GRARA

To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
From: crazym409@...
Date: Sun, 19 Jul 2009 15:53:36 +0000
Subject: [GRARA] Greetings...

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Windows Live™ Hotmail®: Celebrate the moment with your favorite sports pics. Check it out.
http://www.windowslive.com/Online/Hotmail/Campaign/QuickAdd?ocid=TXT_TAGLM_WL_QA_HM_sports_photos_072009&cat=sports

720. Re: Greetings...

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-07-20 02:04:29 UTC
From: Michael Hopwood
Topic: 712 Message: 720

Thank you all for your replies. I will try and stop by the 29th. I leave from Louisiana on Tuesday so wouldn't make it this week.

Looking forward to meeting you all.

Hope to hear you on the airways, I monitor 2M, 440, 10M when its open, and 900 MHz.

Michael
KE5EUA (-15)

721. new email

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-07-21 00:28:48 UTC
From: timothy courtier
Topic: 721 Message: 721

HI,
I now have a new email address.
rockford1001@...
pleas remove me from my old one.
pobox740@...
tnx
timothy kb8afs

722. Re: new email

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-07-21 11:48:51 UTC
From: mike_w8der
Topic: 721 Message: 722

Just a reminder, if you want to change any of your GRARA Yahoo Group membership items, like you email address or how often you wish to get emails, go to the site at

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/GRARA/

and click "Edit Membership" in the upper left corner of the page -- Just above the GRARA title. Then follow the instructions.

W8DER

--- In GRARA@yahoogroups.com, timothy courtier <pobox740@...> wrote:
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> HI,
> I now have a new email address.
> rockford1001@...
> pleas remove me from my old one.
> pobox740@...
> tnx
> timothy kb8afs
>

723. Is the Sun Missing Its Spots?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-07-21 13:15:54 UTC
From: Richard Brown
Topic: 723 Message: 723

http://www.nytimes.com/2009/07/21/science/space/21sunspot.html?_r=1&th&emc=th
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724. Re: [GRARA] Is the Sun Missing Its Spots?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-07-21 13:19:12 UTC
From: gatorsden@gmail.com
Topic: 723 Message: 724

No, but Jupiter has a hole in it.
-Gator
----- Original Message -----
From: Richard Brown
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Tuesday, July 21, 2009 9:15 AM
Subject: [GRARA] Is the Sun Missing Its Spots?

http://www.nytimes.com/2009/07/21/science/space/21sunspot.html?_r=1&th&emc=th
<http://www.nytimes.com/2009/07/21/science/space/21sunspot.html?_r=1&th&emc=th>

725. Lima Ohio Hamfest - August 14 & 15

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-07-21 17:05:18 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 725 Message: 725

If anyone wishes to make a "fairly long" trip to a hamfest, the Lima Hamfest has a "different twist" this year. It's a two day affair, held at Fair Radio Sales (which is a "very interesting place to visit" especially if you've not been there before.). Details are at

http://tinyurl.com/narq3x

73 de n8xx Hg

726. Re: [GRARA] Lima Ohio Hamfest - August 14 & 15

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-07-21 21:52:06 UTC
From: gatorsden@gmail.com
Topic: 725 Message: 726

I've never been to Peru, and feel Lima would be too far to go to a Hamfest.
-Just kidding.....-Gator
----- Original Message -----
From: Hank Greeb
To: grara@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Tuesday, July 21, 2009 1:05 PM
Subject: [GRARA] Lima Ohio Hamfest - August 14 & 15

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727. The Wonders of the Digital Age

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-07-24 21:12:33 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 727 Message: 727

As some of you may remember, the hard drive in my laptop computer cra$hed shortly after Field Day, before I had a chance to back it up. I lost all the data. The file system was so corrupt that when I tried using Windows repair diagnostics, the routines would "repair" damage but when I tried to restore the operating system it would detect even more damage.

Thanks to several folks, including N8DGD, KF8QL, and KA5S I received all the data for the 2nd time.

But! The folks @ DLI Computers, 10194 Northland Dr NE, Rockford, MI? - (616) 866-2518? were able to recover all the document files, and some other files for which I asked them to search, for a very nominal price.

So, if your computer cra$hes, you might check with them on whether they can recover the files. You might be surprised at their charges.

Note that I have no commercial interest in DLI computers, but was very impressed at their capabilities.

73 de n8xx Hg

728. Fwd: [qrp-l.org] EchoCell - the future of ham radio

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-07-24 22:02:54 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 728 Message: 728

A very interesting concept to augment the utility of Amateur Radio.
Comments are appreciated.

73 de n8xx Hg

-------- Original Message --------
Subject: [qrp-l.org] EchoCell - the future of ham radio
Date: Fri, 24 Jul 2009 09:23:09 +0100
rom: Steve, G4GXL <steve@...>

Take a look at EchoCell - http://www.kh2d.net/software/echocell/

This is the future - looking forward to reading the comments on this one ;-)

73
Steve, G4GXL
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QRP ARCI Webmaster - www.qrparci.org

729. Re: Fwd: [qrp-l.org] EchoCell - the future of ham radio

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-07-25 15:05:47 UTC
From: Michael Hopwood
Topic: 728 Message: 729

Greetings,

I know I'm new to the area but I would like to comment on this. I know Echolink, IRLP, and WIRES were introduced to bring new things to radio.

Being able to communicate across the world via VOIP on 2 meters, 440, and such is nice. But when you eliminate the radio at all I don't believe it is amateur radio.

I got into amateur radio to experience wonderful things via rf, not voip. Don't get me wrong, I use echolink, and it was wonderful when I was deployed this last time. But there was always a rf link between me and the node.

Just my two cents.

Michael
KE5EUA

730. Re: Fwd: [qrp-l.org] EchoCell - the future of ham radio

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-07-25 15:14:01 UTC
From: Michael Hopwood
Topic: 728 Message: 730

Sorry, forgot to add something before I clicked send.

Cute site, interesting concept though.

Michael
KE5EUA

731. Re: [GRARA] Re: Fwd: [qrp-l.org] EchoCell - the future of ham radio

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-07-25 15:35:13 UTC
From: Charles Rich
Topic: 728 Message: 731

One of the great things about IRLP and Echolink, is the availablity of amateur Radio for the newbie who can't afford a radio to get started. They get the experience without the investment. I, too use both. I am logged in all day, every day. The band is always open with DX. Hi Hi

Chuck, W8GCW
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From: Michael Hopwood <crazym409@...>
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Saturday, July 25, 2009 11:14:01 AM
Subject: [GRARA] Re: Fwd: [qrp-l.org] EchoCell - the future of ham radio

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Cute site, interesting concept though.

Michael
KE5EUA

732. Special Events?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-07-26 01:25:56 UTC
From: Michael Hopwood
Topic: 732 Message: 732

Hello all,

Two questions here..

1. How would I join the GRARA?

2. What kind of special events does the GRARA participate in, and are any coming up soon?

Thank you,

Michael
KE5EUA

733. Re: [GRARA] Special Events?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-07-26 01:49:29 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 732 Message: 733

Hi Michael:

To join this august (or Septober) group, just show up at the next meeting or the next meeting when you're available. We meet at the Red Cross Building at 1050 Fuller Ave NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503, which is less than a block south of Leonard street on the East side of Fuller. We start gathering about 6:30 p.m., and try to have some semblance of a business meeting at 7 p.m.. Occasionally we have some sort of programme. For details of the programme for August contact Gary, W8GL.

Next meeting is August 7. I'll be in New Brass Key @ a family rebellion, but there should be a few others to welcome you.

73 de n8xx Hg

p.s. Special events include - Field Day (which we'll be featuring at the September meeting, the Michigan QSO party, and one or two other contests. WD8USA schedules periodic communications drills with various modes/scenerios. We sponsor VE testing sessions each month - and from time to have have a licensing class. Come on out and see whatcha thimk.

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> KE5EUA
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734. Re: Special Events?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-07-26 02:28:26 UTC
From: Michael Hopwood
Topic: 732 Message: 734

Thank you,

Will have to make the next meeting..Just trying to get used to everything up here. Just made my first trip to Meijer's, interesting I must say.

The club I used to be in did stuff like airshows, runs, bike marathons, and parades. Thats what I was asking about. I would hope you participated in Field Day, hi hi..

Thanks again.
Michael
KE5EUA

735. Re: [GRARA] Re: Special Events?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-07-26 11:33:39 UTC
From: Jack Kunnen
Topic: 732 Message: 735

Michael

Welcome to Grand Rapids, in addition to the meeting on 7 August we
also have an "open Radio" room at the Red cross every Wednesday from
around 7 pm until everyone leaves.
We do work a couple of bike events, and help the ARES group with the
annual RIver Bank Run in April. The club also helps the Red Cross
Americorps with smoke detector installs in the fall as well as radio
installs in the Red Cross vehicles

Jack, AB8ND

On Jul 25, 2009, at 10:28 PM, Michael Hopwood wrote:

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> everything up here. Just made my first trip to Meijer's, interesting
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> Michael
> KE5EUA
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736. Meetings and Membership

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-07-27 19:59:21 UTC
From: scubalargo
Topic: 736 Message: 736

Hello all in GRARA,

I juat had a few quock questions. Can someone be a member of GRARA who does not have a Lic. And may I attend a meeting? I have reacntly moved and came across my handset and my passion to get Lic to operate it. I am in the hopes of joining GRARA to meet members and have theier support to become a TECH level Operator. Thank you all for your time

Steven Haueisen
Scubalargo@...

737. Re: [GRARA] Meetings and Membership

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-07-27 20:11:49 UTC
From: Jack Kunnen
Topic: 736 Message: 737

Steven,

Yes, you can be a member and attend meetings, which are held on the 1st Friday of the month. The club also has an 'open radio room' at the shack on Wednesday evenings from around 7 pm until everyone leaves. We try to play radio, work on projects or just bat the breeze. You are welcome to come down and ask all the questions you want, we will try to answer the best we can, you might get a few differing opinions, but we try. I'm sure you can get some study help if you want.

Jack, AB8ND

On Jul 27, 2009, at 3:59 PM, scubalargo wrote:

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> who does not have a Lic. And may I attend a meeting? I have reacntly
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> Steven Haueisen
> Scubalargo@...
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738. Re: [GRARA] Meetings and Membership

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-07-27 20:21:07 UTC
From: Charles Rich
Topic: 736 Message: 738

Hi Steven,
Welcome to ham radio. I am sure you will find plenty of support from the guys at GRARA..

When you get a chance, drop in at the Holland Club. and pay us a visit. Like GRARA, we offer classes including Morse Code Classes, although not a requirement of the FCC..

There's a lot to do thoughout the West Michigan area via Ham Radio.

Again -- Welcome.

Chuck, W8GCW
Pres: Holland Amateur Radio Club
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From: scubalargo <scubalargo@...>
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Monday, July 27, 2009 3:59:21 PM
Subject: [GRARA] Meetings and Membership

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Steven Haueisen
Scubalargo@yahoo. com

739. Re: Meetings and Membership

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-08-03 14:52:45 UTC
From: Michael Hopwood
Topic: 736 Message: 739

What is the membership fee?

Michael
KE5EUA-15

740. CODE CLASSES

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-08-04 14:54:08 UTC
From: Charles Rich
Topic: 740 Message: 740

Time to think ahead. The fall code classes will be starting up in a few weeks.Start from scratch or join in with the advanced class. CW will ALWAYS be with us. It cuts through the QRM, is great for DX contesting and field day, and shows who the real hams are.

The classes are fun, non-intimidating, and you WILL learn the code. The classes are free with a double your money back guarantee.

Classes meet in Holland at the Ken Groom ZR5AAD Memorial Technical & Training Center, 280 East Eighth Street.

You DO NOT have to be a member of HARC to join in

GR guys, ...form a car pool. We have one coming, now

Contact me.

Chuck, W8GCW

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741. Meeting this Tomorrow

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-08-06 12:54:20 UTC
From: Jack Kunnen
Topic: 741 Message: 741

Members and Friends,

The August meeting is tomorrow, 7 August, at the Red Cross on Fuller NE. eyeball QSO's and coffee (hopefully) at 6:30 meeting at 7 pm. We will be working on the Swap plans and discussing the great tie we had at Field Day.

Jack, AB8ND

742. Re: [GRARA] Meeting this Tomorrow

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-08-06 13:07:38 UTC
From: Jack Kunnen
Topic: 741 Message: 742

Sorry, should say 'great TIME we had ...."
No one that I know of was wearing a tie
>
> ..... the great tie we had .....
>

> Jack, AB8ND
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743. Cushcraft now MFJ

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-08-08 06:18:58 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 743 Message: 743

All,

Cushcraft bought by MFJ. Cushcraft's web site is gone as well.

KD8DEG Tom

744. Cushcraft now MFJ

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-08-08 06:21:47 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 743 Message: 744

Sorry!!! Here is the article.

KD8DEG Tom

http://www.arrl.org/?artid=9114

745. Fw: [HARC] HF Rig For Sale

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-08-10 16:22:51 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 745 Message: 745

----- Original Message -----
From: n8jmy
To: k8daa@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2009 8:42 AM
Subject: [HARC] HF Rig For Sale

I have a Kenwood TS-570SG for sale. This is a HF and 6 meter radio, puts out 100 watts, general coverage receive, built in antenna tuner, amd is all mode. Price is $675.00 and comes with box, manual, and mic. If interested either email n8jmy@... or phone 269-650-0016. Thanks Dave N8JMY

746. Fwd: Ohio QSO Party - Saturday, August 22

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-08-12 15:50:15 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 746 Message: 746

The Ohio QSO Party is great fun, even for out of state entries. Hope many of the GRARA folks can try it out. Best bet to work Ohio is 40 metres during daylight and 80/75 metres in late afternoon and into the evening!

73 de n8xx Hg

==== attached Message from K8MR ================
Hi all,

I'd appreciate it if you could pass along this information about the upcoming Ohio QSO Party to your local contest clubs and state qso party lists and reflectors.

As mentioned below, there has been some confusion arising from a local dispute up here, so we do want to get things cleared up to the outside world.

Thanks a lot!

73 - Jim K8MR

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I'd like to invite all of you to join us for the Ohio QSO Party, on Saturday, August 22. The OQP runs from 1600z to 0400z Sunday. 80 through 10 meters, phone and CW, with multipliers counting on both modes (for a total of 88x2 = 176 possible from outside Ohio).

Full info is available at http://www.ohqp.org. THIS IS A CHANGE FROM LAST YEAR.

We in the Mad River Radio Club, the sponsor of the OQP since 1999, for various reasons decided to move the administration of the OQP to this new site from the old one (www.oqp.us). The holder of old site has tried to take over the running of the OQP from this old site, which remains online. So please be sure to change any old bookmarks you may have had. We regret the confusion arising from this, please bear with us!

We in Ohio have likely supported your state's QSO party in the past - so we hope to have lots of your guys showing up in our logs on August 22 (and indeed in past years we have seen very good activity from many of you!)

See you on Saturday, August 22 !

73 - Jim Stahl K8MR

President, Mad River Radio Club

747. Announcing the 2009 ILQP - 18 October 2009

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-08-12 17:07:27 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 747 Message: 747

First announcement of the Illinois QSO Party

Another nice State QSO Party to put into your operating planz! Out of state entries are cordially invited!

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Subject: [ILQSO] Announcing the 2009 ILQP
Date: Wed, 12 Aug 2009 11:08:24 -0500
From: Arlyce and Mike Nowack <mnowack@...>

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748. Announcing the 2009 ILQP - 18 October 2009

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-08-12 17:07:55 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 747 Message: 748

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749. Hollands "The Fox and One Old Guy" Fox Hunt, Aug 25th, Tuesday Night

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-08-13 17:46:26 UTC
From: mike_w8der
Topic: 749 Message: 749

Hear ye, Hear ye...

The Holland ARC is announcing its next hidden transmitter hunt.

August 25, A Tuesday Night, at 7pm , a signal from an unknown
location will emanate on 145.53 MHz, for 30 seconds, every five minutes.

Your job, if you think you can handle it, is to find that source of that
ether filling RF.

The start location for the hunters will be at the Holland ARC club house
on 8th Avenue. Talk is on 147.060

You do not have to be a member of the Holland ARC group to participate.
However, if you are not, and you find the fox first, you have to buy
everyone late dinner.

Just kidding.

If anyone shows up with a doppler scanning antenna, they will be in a
separate category. If you do not have any equipment, please come on over
to the club house and see if you can ride with an equipped vehicle.

In addition, there is a new Yahoo group out for Fox Hunting in Michigan:

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/MichiganFoxHunter/

The messages are in the open, and you don't have to be a member to
read them.
To join this group, press the blue "Join This Group" button over on the
right hand side.

See you all August 25. Some sooner than others.

Sheila and Tom Bosscher K8AJ and K8TB

750. Spaghetti Dinner!

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-08-15 03:03:54 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 750 Message: 750
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Yes, its that time once again, when we're putting on the "Spaghetti Dinner". Enclosed is the new flyer for this year. Please pass it on and mark your calendars. It's easy to remember, one week after the Grara Super swap and the MDXA Train contest. They're on the 12fh of September, and our feast is on the 18th.
See you there.

Rich k8jx and the hungry cat

"Solve the problem yourself or accept a fate you may not like...from this perspective, the ethic of personal responsibility gains appeal."
Noel M. Tichy

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751. New file uploaded to GRARA

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-08-15 05:13:35 UTC
From: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 336 Message: 751

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the GRARA
group.

File : /MARASpagDin.pdf
Uploaded by : n8xxham <n8xx@...>
Description : Spagetti Dinner - MARA - Sept 18

You can access this file at the URL:
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/GRARA/files/MARASpagDin.pdf

To learn more about file sharing for your group, please visit:
http://help.yahoo.com/l/us/yahoo/groups/original/general.htmlfiles

Regards,

n8xxham <n8xx@...>

752. Re: Spaghetti Dinner! - sept 18

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-08-15 05:18:19 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 750 Message: 752

I've just uploaded a pdf version of the word document which has details of the MARA Spaghetti Dinner. Many folks have an aversion to opening a word document because of possibilities of infection by an unintended but malicious virus.

See the file named MaraSpagDin.pdf in the files area of this reflector. Hope to see you all on September 18

73 de n8xx Hg

753. "Tuesday Tuneup" for the Holland Fox Hunt -- Dust off those RDF skills.

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-08-16 12:51:43 UTC
From: Michel Hill
Topic: 753 Message: 753

"Tuesday Tune-up" for the Holland Fox Hunt -- Dust off those RDF skills.

Here's an opportunity to get out that old radio direction finding (RDF) antenna and check it out before the Fox Hunt coming up on August 25th. Please join us on Tuesday evening next to the McDonalds in Hudsonville (central location) for a checkout of your equipment and a practice hidden transmitter hunt. New to hidden transmitter hunting? Tom Bosscher and others will be there to answer any questions and to show you how before we start an easier, no pressure -- but lots of fun, collaborative practice hunt.

If you don't have RDF equipment to test, come anyway we will try real hard to get you a ride with other fox hunters. The practice fox hunt will be collaborative, which means that teams are free to travel in packs and exchange information on the fox hunt frequency of 145.530. Even Doppler antennas are allowed. Everybody wins!

There will be at least one or two extra "tape measure" antennas and attenuators.

Where? In the truck parking lot next to the McDonalds at I-196 exit 62 in Hudsonville. (That's 32nd street to the locals.) This is an easy location between Grand Rapids and Holland.

When? 7:00 PM until dark.

Talk-in will be on the Holland repeater of 147.060 Mhz, PL 94.8 Hz and the fox hunt frequency of 145.530 Mhz. BRING YOUR HT IF YOU HAVE ONE!

Questions, post them here or email Mike@... or K8TB@...

Tuesday, August 18th. -- that's just a couple of days from now.
Talk in on the Holland repeater or the fox hunt frequency of 145.530 Mhz.

"TUNE-UP TUESDAY", May 18th at 7:00 PM ----- Hudsonville McDonalds
"THE FOX AND ONE OLD GUY" Fox Hunt, May 25th at 7:00 PM ---- Holland ARC Clubhouse

754. Correct date typo, Holland Fox Hunt Invitation and tune-up night.

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-08-16 14:03:54 UTC
From: Michel Hill
Topic: 754 Message: 754

Sorry, somehow I typed "May" instead of "August" in notice for next Tuesday's "Tune-Up Tuesday" and the following week's "The Fox and One Old Guy" fox hunt.

Sorry, hope you come anyway. :-)

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755. Fw: [HARC] Minimaglite upgrade

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-08-18 20:14:10 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 755 Message: 755

----- Original Message -----
From: Peter Venlet
To: k8daa@...m
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2009 4:01 PM
Subject: RE: [HARC] Minimaglite upgrade

I did this to mine about a year to year and a half ago . great upgrade and
awesome battery life!

Peter C. Venlet

pvenlet@...

Hello HARC members...

After talking to Mike N8XPQ, and Rick N8GGO on the radio about an upgrade I
did to my minimag flashlight I offered to pass along the
info. I also got a couple calls from others who were listening, and wanted
info. I thought the easy way would be to just post it on the
club reflector, and everyone would have it. The upgrade increases the light
output by a factor of 8 and doubles the battery life. I will try
to remember to bring it along to the next open radio night. The upgrade is
19,95 + shipping, and there are discounts for larger orders.

John N8WVN

www.batteryjunction.com is the place, and
http://www.batteryjunction.com/tle-5k2.html is the link for the upgrade
item. If you have an old
minimag in the drawer somewhere this is a way to give it new life, and bring
it to almost tatical light levels.

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756. 92nd street clean-up

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-08-19 20:15:58 UTC
From: Jack Kunnen
Topic: 756 Message: 756

Grara Members and Friends,

Saturday at 9:00 AM there will be a clean up at the W8HVG 92nd street tower site.
This will be a good time to help out the IRA and give back for their generosity letting
GRARA use their tower and electricity to run our south equipment.
If you can help bring along a rake, loppers, clippers etc.

Jack, AB8ND

757. Owosso SWAP Saturday - August 22

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-08-20 16:40:13 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 757 Message: 757

For all members of clubs in Lower Michigan... a buck to get in or two if you want to sell. The lowest cost SWAP around. Runs 8:00 AM to noon and leaves you the afternoon to enjoy the area. Perhaps checking out the steam train museum, Curwood Castle, or just lunch and conversation with your ham friends.

The Owosso SWAP and Trunk Sale looks like it will be a near full house for Saturday. Debco, Dentronics and a couple of other vendors have reserved multiple tables, along with several that have single tables. There should be a few more for Saturday morning, but they are going fast.

Trunk sale space is a large lot, so we can accommodate who ever might want to sell something.

VE testing is available. Looks like there should be lots of activity for all to enjoy. So plan a trip and check us out. Oh, did I mention some nice door prizes?

The information is here on our Web site:
http://www.w8qqq.org/docs/sara_trunk_sale_full.pdf

Hoping to have a good number of buyers.

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W8QQQ Shiawassee County Amateur Radio Association
Don, WB8GUS
for more information, contact wb8gus@... <mailto:wb8gus@...>

758. Ohio QSO Party, August 22/23 (Saturday Local time)

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-08-21 00:11:21 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 758 Message: 758

The Ohio QSO Party will be held 1600Z August 22, 2009 to to 0359Z August 23, 2009 (Saturday local time). CW and SSB on 80, 40, 20, 15, and 10 meters. Stations may be worked once on each band & mode for points (and multipliers).

Michigan Station try to contact as many Ohio Stations in as many Ohio Counties as possible. Complete rules at http://www.ohqp.org/adminRules.htm

This is the ARRL?s ?Year of the State QSO Party?, and the organizers are hoping to generate the largest turnout ever!

Hope to see many Michigan Station on this event!

73 de n8xx Hg

759. Fox Hunt Tuesday Night. You are more than welcome!

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-08-23 18:29:57 UTC
From: mike@w8der.net
Topic: 759 Message: 759

Hey guys and gals,

Don't forget the "Fox and One Old Man" fox hunt at the Holland club on Tuesday night at 7:00. Everyone is welcome!

Just follow Chicago Drive to where it ends at 8th Street and you are there. A picture of the clubhouse is on their web site at http://www.HollandARC.org. (Between Russ's and the train station.)

We had a blast last week for "Tune-Up Tuesday" and we are READY. Everyone found the fox and nobody got lost.

I still remember last year when "Team Ottawa" came to the MARC Fox Hunt and took the victory home. It is time for a "Team Kent" to balance the scorecard! (Or maybe "Team North Ottawa" or "Team Allegan").

Mike, W8DER

760. Re: [GRARA] Fox Hunt Tuesday Night. You are more than welcome!

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-08-23 20:55:53 UTC
From: Charles Rich
Topic: 759 Message: 760

Remember, also -- The clubhouse is open for station operation, coffee & pop and just eyeballing QSO's, as well.

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From: "mike@..." <mike@...>
To: .Y WestMiHams <WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com>; .Y W8ZHO <W8ZHO@yahoogroups.com>; .Y W8CSO <W8CSO@yahoogroups.com>; ",Y MiFoxHunter" <MichiganFoxHunter@yahoogroups.com>; .Y GRARA <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 23, 2009 2:29:57 PM
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761. Fw: [HARC] Tower For Sale

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-08-24 00:03:12 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 761 Message: 761

----- Original Message -----
From: Tom VanderMel KB8VEE
To: Holland Group ; West Michigan Hams
Cc: W8CSO@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Sunday, August 23, 2009 8:36 AM
Subject: [HARC] Tower For Sale

FOR SALE

56 FT HDX Rohn Tower with

A ATB-34 Cushcraft 20-15-10 tribandrer beam 4 elements
A 13B2 2 meter 13 elements beam
A A449-11S 11 Element 70 centimeter 440 beam
A X 50 Diamond 2m/400 veracal at the top
A side mount disk cone antenna All band VHF-UHF on side mount
Ham 4 CDE Rotor and box
All mounted on a Good pipe 15 ft above the 56Ft HDX Tower
3 runs of 75 ohm hard-line and 2 runs of RG8 and 2 runs of RG8X

All for $500.00 You pay for the truck or people to take it down

Call Tom KB8VEE at 231 206-0422 or e mail kb8vee@...

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762. Are Sunspots Disappearing?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-08-24 22:04:32 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 762 Message: 762

Thanks to Jim Stahl, K8MR, of the Mad River Radio Club.

The full article, including the graph mentioned, was at
http://www.spaceweather.com a few days ago.

Select the Archives (upper right of home page) for August 22 for the
original article.

73 - Jim K8MR

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ARE SUNSPOTS DISAPPEARING? Sunspots are made of magnetism. The
"firmament" of a sunspot is not matter but rather a strong magnetic
field that appears dark because it blocks the upflow of heat from the
sun's fiery depths. Without magnetism, there would be no sunspots.
That's what makes the following graph (available on the web site) a
little troubling:

According to Bill Livingston and Matt Penn of the National Solar
observatory in Tucson, Arizona, sunspot magnetic fields are waning. The
two respected solar astronomers have been measuring solar magnetism
since 1992. Their technique is based on Zeeman splitting of infrared
spectral lines emitted by iron atoms in the vicinity of sunspots.
Extrapolating their data into the future suggests that sunspots could
completely disappear within decades. That would be a bummer for
Spaceweather.com.

Don't count out sunspots just yet, however. While the data of
Livingston and Penn are widely thought to be correct, far-reaching
extrapolations may be premature. This type of measurement is relatively
new, and the data reaches back less than 17 years. "Whether this is an
omen of long-term sunspot decline, analogous to the Maunder Minimum,
remains to be seen," they caution in a recent EOS article.

One thing is certain. Solar Minimum is a lot more interesting than it
sounds.

763. Fwd: Amateur Radio Extra Class Course

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-08-28 16:35:14 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 763 Message: 763

Question:

Is there any interest in an Extra Class Study course in Grand Rapids? If so, should/could GRARA sponsor one? This was forwarded from the LARC list, perhaps as a hint that LARC might consider such a course. Garden city is 2+ hours from Grand Rapids, so wouldn't be feasible for many local hams to attend.

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Lettuce think about this, and discuss at an upcoming meeting - probably NOT at the meeting just prior to the GRARA Hamfest.

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Registration Information

Class Name: Amateur Radio Extra Class Course

Day: Thursday

Time: 6:30-9:30PM

Cost: $25

Section #: AR3F

Location: Cambridge High School, Room 121
28901 Cambridge
Garden City, Michigan 48135
Phone: 734-762-8430
Fax: 734-762-8534

Make Checks Payable to: Garden City Public Schools and mail in to the above address

Include your full name, address and phone numbers and course registration information.

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764. Re: [GRARA] Fwd: Amateur Radio Extra Class Course

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-08-28 17:27:45 UTC
From: Charles Rich
Topic: 763 Message: 764

If all else fails, Holland may have an extra class in the winter. Contact Ed, KF8EV.

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From: Hank Greeb <n8xx@...>
To: grara@yahoogroups.com; w8dc@...; grara_members@...
Sent: Friday, August 28, 2009 12:35:14 PM
Subject: [GRARA] Fwd: Amateur Radio Extra Class Course

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765. Re: [GRARA] Fwd: Amateur Radio Extra Class Course

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-08-28 18:15:00 UTC
From: Kerryguy7
Topic: 763 Message: 765

I certainly would be very interested in attending an "Extra" Class Course. I would also like to suggest a CW course that could be held here in Grand Rapids as well. (Maybe for an additional "fee" and held at such a time that ir could dovetail the proposed "Extra" class?)
For too many of us the CW class held at Holland was unmanageable with our schedule(s).
Thanks also for all of your hard work both with the GRARA as well as with your maintaining this email list!!
Meant to say that a long time back!
'73!
Tom

Thomas K. Lane

Amateur Radio Operator
KC8TBY
Member ARRL/ Member : Michigan Area Radio Alliance
and, least I forget...
A+ Certified & Network+ Certified ComputerTechnician

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Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-08-29 18:03:12 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 766 Message: 766

Hi Tom:

I'd be willing to be a part of a team, even lead the team. This would be similar to the course we offered a couple years ago for the technician class - where each person of a team took a topic and presented it. This would mean that we'd need about 10 volunteers or so.

Are you volunteering to take one topic to teach?

Any other volunteers?

73 de n8xx Hg

Tom Hansen wrote:
> I think that would be great idea!
> I nominate Hank to start it up too!
> What say YOU!
>
> Tom N8DGD
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> From: Hank Greeb [mailto:n8xx@...]
> Sent: Friday, August 28, 2009 12:35 PM
> To: grara@yahoogroups.com; w8dc@...; grara_members@...
> Subject: Fwd: Amateur Radio Extra Class Course
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>
> Question:
>
> Is there any interest in an Extra Class Study course in Grand Rapids? If so, should/could GRARA sponsor one? This was forwarded from the LARC list, perhaps as a hint that LARC might consider such a course. Garden city is 2+ hours from Grand Rapids, so wouldn't be feasible for many local hams to attend.
>
> If we decided on a similar course, I suspect we could use Red Cross facilities as the venue, or get with a high school extension service such as is in place in the Rockford School District, and probably other school districts in the greater grand rapids area.
>
> Lettuce think about this, and discuss at an upcoming meeting - probably NOT at the meeting just prior to the GRARA Hamfest.
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> 73 de n8xx Hg

767. [TowerTalk] Glenn Martin

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-08-30 03:33:27 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 767 Message: 767

FYI. Read second paragraph.

KD8DEG Tom

----- Original Message -----
From: Roger (K8RI)
To: nf4l@...
Cc: towertalk reflector
Sent: Saturday, August 29, 2009 3:20 PM
Subject: Re: [TowerTalk] Glenn Martin

Although this would normally be OT it's quite pertinent at present as most of us on here visit many sites.
This is just a "heads up" and shouldn't really need discussing on the group. If some one has questions, just e-mail me.

As of yesterday the count was well over 50,000 commercial/reputable sites had been infected with a nasty little bugger that downloads a cocktail of mallware that visits other sites to download even more nasties to our computers, so just a word to the wise and practice "safe computing" by making sure all of your software is up-to-date and use the appropriate firewalls and blockers.

73

Roger (K8RI)

TowerTalk mailing list
TowerTalk@...
http://lists.contesting.com/mailman/listinfo/towertalk

768. September Meeting

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-09-02 14:49:52 UTC
From: Jack Kunnen
Topic: 768 Message: 768

Members and Friends,

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Jack, AB8ND

769. Re: [GRARA] September Meeting

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-09-02 19:12:54 UTC
From: gatorsden@gmail.com
Topic: 768 Message: 769

Please tell me when and where the swap will be.
Thanks!
----- Original Message -----
From: Jack Kunnen
To: GRARA Yahoo
Sent: Wednesday, September 02, 2009 10:49 AM
Subject: [GRARA] September Meeting

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770. Re: [GRARA] September Meeting

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-09-02 19:34:14 UTC
From: Jack Kunnen
Topic: 768 Message: 770

The Swap is 12 September at the Kent County Fairgrounds in Lowell
Michigan, from 8am until noonish

225 S. Hudson Street

Lowell, Michigan 49331

http://www.w8dc.org/grr_hamfest/Direction.html

Jack, AB8ND

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771. Re: [GRARA] September Meeting

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-09-02 19:41:22 UTC
From: gatorsden@gmail.com
Topic: 768 Message: 771

Many thanks! I'm not a ham operator, but have several antique short-wave receivers which I often listen to. I used to be a CBer, if that is a word, using amplification, if you know what I mean. I gave that up many years ago, shortly after a good CB friend "Bob Justice" (Hobo 1136) died of cancer. I still enjoy going to the hamfests, which I know Bob would still do if he was alive today.

-Gator
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772. Special Event Station in Muskegon, Sept 7

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-09-05 20:53:06 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 772 Message: 772

From Westmichiganhams@yahoogroups.com

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1. Special Event K4C

Posted by: "Jim KC8PCJ" kc8pcj@... kc8pcj_1
Date: Fri Sep 4, 2009 12:50 pm ((PDT))

Call K4C / W8ZHO / KC8PCJ
Monday, September 7th 2009 (Labor Day), W8ZHO will be working a special event station from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM Eastern Standard Time (14:00 to 19:00 UTC) at the Cars for Cancer car show.

The show willl be located at the Hackley Health at the Lakes, in Muskegon (Near the corner of Harvey and Pontaluna Rd). We will be using the special event call sign K4C (Kars 4 Cancer). Anyone wishing to operate or make a contact with the special event station are welcome.

We will be operating on or near 14.245 MHz SSB, 7.270 MHz SSB and the MAARC 146.940 MHz repeater in Muskegon, MI. The repeater has a PL tone of 94.8. This is a great car show. They are expecting over 400 cars again this year. QSL information is on the ARRL special event web site.

The event is sponsored by the Different Strokes Car Club and Knights of Columbus #13035.

All proceeds from this event go to the Hackley Cancer Center / The Johnson Family Center for Cancer.

If you are interested in operating at the show contact kc8pcj@... or just stop at the show. Even if you do not wish to operate this is a great car show for a great cause. come on out and enjoy.

773. MDXA Special Event "The RF EXpress"

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-09-07 23:38:43 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 773 Message: 773

SPECIAL EVENT

The Michigan DX Association’s Special Event.
This coming Saturday Sep 12, starting at - 11am (1500Z) to 8pm –(0000Z).

All aboard for the “The RF Express”.

Operating modes & frequencies, CW- 14.050, 7.050, & 3.550;

Phone - 14.240, 7.240, 3.940; also 146.52 FM simplex.

Talk-in on 146.550 simplex. Our call is “W8DXI”

Come to Downtown Coopersville’s Rail Yard. We will be operating from

inside the Red Caboose. Climb a board and make some contacts.

QSL, & Certificates. http://mdxa1.org/litesandspecials.html

KD8DEG Tom

774. FALL HAM PARTY

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-09-08 04:23:11 UTC
From: pobox740
Topic: 774 Message: 774

CQ CQ CQ,
This is to inform all of the first "Rockford area fall ham party."
All radio hams and there family are invited, bring a friend if you like.
Dogs and cow with some sides will be served, pleas bring a dish to pass.
NO BOZE/BEER PLEASE.
Bring a radio "thingamajig" to showoff.
Games, and other fun things too.
PLACE: Algoma Estates, on 13 mile rd N.E. between U.S. 131 and Northland Dr, just north of Rockford.
At the club house south of the enterance.
DATE: 10-17-09
TIME: 1700 loco untill ???
TALK IN: 146.500
Come on over and have fun befor the white stuff starts to fly.
73's
Timothy kb8afs
If any questions...
pobox740@...

775. Book Issue

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-09-08 17:54:46 UTC
From: scubalargo
Topic: 775 Message: 775

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Steven

776. Re: [GRARA] Book Issue

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-09-08 18:22:45 UTC
From: Charles Rich
Topic: 775 Message: 776

Go to QRZ.com and take the on line practice tests.

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From: scubalargo <scubalargo@...>
To: GRARA@...m
Sent: Tuesday, September 8, 2009 1:54:46 PM
Subject: [GRARA] Book Issue

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777. Re: [GRARA] Book Issue

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-09-08 18:26:22 UTC
From: k8tb@bosscher.org
Topic: 775 Message: 777

Steven,

If I may, you might make a choice between cramming for the next few days, or wait one more month. In the absence of a book locally, the Internet comes to your rescue. There are 35 question in the technician yest, from a question pool of some 500 or so. How to know what these quaestions are? Go to any number of on line study guides, such as:

http://www.eham.net/exams/
http://www.qrz.com/p/testing.pl
http://www.radioexam.org/
http://aa9pw.com/
http://www.hamtestonline.com/

I would recommend that you use at least two different sites, they do things a little differently at it. Once you find yourself at the 90% or above level, go for the test.

tom bosscjer K8TB

On Tue, 08 Sep 2009 17:54:46 -0000, "scubalargo" <scubalargo@...>
wrote:
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778. Re: [GRARA] Book Issue

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-09-08 19:42:20 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 775 Message: 778

Hi Steven:

As another person said, go on line and take the test. Take it several times because each time the robot draws a different set of 35 questions from the pool of questions. If you get 80 to 90% on each trial, you'll do fine.

As far as finding books, you might come down to the W8DC Radio Room @ American Red Cross Building, 1050 Fuller Ave NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 about 7:15 p.m. tomorrow evening and see if there's a study guide there (I don't recall.) And, you might put a plea here for someone to bring such a book - ARRL and others have good books for sale, but I don't know of a local outlet.

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Date: 2009-09-10 01:50:06 UTC
From: Charles Rich
Topic: 775 Message: 779

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780. Re: [GRARA] Book Issue

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-09-10 03:01:03 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 775 Message: 780

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781. Re: Book Issue, license fee $15 now, Test on Sat at Hamfest at Lowell Fairground

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-09-10 11:57:46 UTC
From: mike_w8der
Topic: 775 Message: 781

Steven, Please note that the cost to take the license test is $14. This fee goes to the ARRL. Also, the test will not be given on Friday this month because of the hamfest at the Lowell Fairgrounds. The test will be given at 10:00 am Saturday at the hamfest. Friday night, all members will be setting up for the gala.

Please see www.w8dc.org and welcome to ham radio!

Mike, W8DER
Mike@...

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782. Swap

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-09-10 12:31:30 UTC
From: Jack Kunnen
Topic: 782 Message: 782

Members and Friends,

For those of us who just can't get enough 'not good for you' food, we will be meeting for breakfast on Saturday at the McDonalds in Lowell at 6 am - or so. This will be very informal, just a come as you are and when you get there.
Remember that the gates open for set-up and talk-in at 6, if you are helping in one of these areas, let someone know we can get something go.

Reminder - NO Volunteer Exam (VE) testing Friday night - it will be help at the Swap. You do not need to purchase a swap ticket if you are only there to take a test.

Jack, AB8ND

783. Re: [GRARA] Book Issue

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-09-10 12:55:35 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 775 Message: 783

We pay $20 to $25 a year for our memberships to our clubs for starters.
How much is spent on a trip to Dayton. I am sure most spend
more than $20 a year on the local area swaps. This would not be an every year thing.
We can get the books from ARRL through the instructors discount for around $18 ea, maybe even better
if we explain to the ARRL our intentions.
Each club takes donations, and pools the money together. Donate them to the libraries under the clubs name's with info about each club on the inside cover. Now they know how and where to find us. Advertising for the clubs.
Makes you wonder how many people, young and old, went to the library to find a book
on Amateur Radio to see if they wanted to spend the time and money to get into the hobby, found nothing
and just dropped the whole idea at that point. Even if it was just 5 people, that went to the
library, we lost them and the one's they would have talked with about the hobby and may have sparked their interest.
We will never know.
My $1 worth. (Inflation)

KD8DEG Tom

----- Original Message -----
From: Hank Greeb
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Wednesday, September 09, 2009 11:01 PM
Subject: Re: [GRARA] Book Issue

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784. Re: [GRARA] Book Issue

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-09-10 13:32:14 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 775 Message: 784

A few years ago GRARA donated a complete set of ARRL publications to the Grand Rapids Public Library downtown. I'm sure the license manual(s) are outdated by now.

----- Message from n8xx@... ---------
    Date: Wed, 09 Sep 2009 23:01:03 -0400
    From: Hank Greeb <n8xx@...>
Reply-To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: Re: [GRARA] Book Issue
      To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com

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----- End message from n8xx@... -----

785. Re: [GRARA] Book Issue

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-09-10 14:55:51 UTC
From: Charles Rich
Topic: 775 Message: 785

That's a situation you would have to discuss - whether to have the books in a "central" library or, perhaps, only a couple, for convenience. Most libraries with branches let you order what you need from a central location and they will have it for you at thr branch of your choice. Try sometning for a year or two and track the usage.
Maybe ARRL can help with the cost, Club cost is around $ 18, perhaps ARRL has a library cost that is cheaper.
You could also chack if Gordon West has a plan for libraries.

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Sent: Wednesday, September 9, 2009 11:01:03 PM
Subject: Re: [GRARA] Book Issue

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786. Hints and Kinks for Using HFTA -- A Joint PVRC/NCCCWebinar Event

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-09-17 01:00:37 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 786 Message: 786

Date: Thursday, September 24, 2009 8 PM EDT (September 25 - 00:00 UTC)

Reserve your Webinar Seat Now at:
https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/765264739

A Joint PVRC/NCCC Event - Presenter Dean Straw, N6BV, will build on the introduction to HFTA in the PVRC Webinar on Aug 5, 2009, which was entitled "HF Antennas DX or Domestic, What's Your Pleasure?" Attendees to the Sep 24 Webinar may wish to review the Aug 5 presentation for background information and perspective. Go to http://www.pvrc.org and click on the "PVRC Webinars" button.

Arguably, the most difficult part to using HFTA is obtaining digital terrain data for the program to manipulate.
On Sep 24 Dean will ask for a volunteer to give the exact location of his/her tower, and then show how to gather the required terrain-profile data from three on-line sources. Once he generates the terrain profiles, he will analyze various antenna configurations using HFTA, discussing a number of practical "hints and kinks" determined from his experience analyzing lots of QTHs around the world.

Pass the word!

KD8DEG Tom

787. Spaghetti Dinner Tomorrow

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-09-17 18:22:41 UTC
From: Jack Kunnen
Topic: 787 Message: 787

Members and Friends,

Don't forget the MARA (Michigan Amateur Radio Alliance) Spaghetti dinner tomorrow.
Good time to visit with your fellow hams and have a good meal at the same time

Jack, AB8ND

Spaghetti with meat sauce Dinner

Menu will include Spaghetti with meat sauce, bread sticks, Salad and desserts.

Friday, September 18, 2009

Donation: $6.00
Children under 12: $4.00
Family limit $24.00

Time: 5:00 to 7:30 PM

At 5th St. Hall
Located on the Northwest Corner of
5th and Davis Sts.
Grand Rapids, MI 49504

788. Re: [GRARA] Spaghetti Dinner Tomorrow

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-09-17 19:22:16 UTC
From: Dave Ed
Topic: 787 Message: 788

Jack,
Where is 5th & Davis,
Dave
AC8AB

--- On Thu, 9/17/09, Jack Kunnen <ab8nd@...> wrote:

From: Jack Kunnen <ab8nd@...>
Subject: [GRARA] Spaghetti Dinner Tomorrow
To: "GRARA Yahoo" <GRARA@...m>
Date: Thursday, September 17, 2009, 2:22 PM

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789. Re: [GRARA] Spaghetti Dinner Tomorrow

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-09-17 19:24:44 UTC
From: Kendall Jung
Topic: 787 Message: 789

Jack,

See the following link:

http://maps.google.com/maps?f=q&source=s_q&hl=en&geocode=&q=5th+and+davis+nw,+grand+rapids,+mi&sll=37.0625,-95.677068&sspn=38.690438,58.798828&ie=UTF8&t=h&z=16&iwloc=A

-Kendall
N8XHB

On Thu, Sep 17, 2009 at 15:22, Dave Ed <jeff4tyme@...> wrote:

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Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-09-17 19:33:28 UTC
From: Jack Kunnen
Topic: 787 Message: 790

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Jack

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Date: 2009-09-17 20:29:40 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 787 Message: 791

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Date: 2009-09-17 21:59:05 UTC
From: Jack Kunnen
Topic: 787 Message: 792

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Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-09-17 22:07:30 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 787 Message: 793

http://tinyurl.com/lrewuj

794. Reminder, Tuesday night in Holland, hidden RF to appear

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-09-20 22:28:11 UTC
From: K8TB
Topic: 794 Message: 794

And yet once again, Laryn, "I lay low for RF" Lohman will be emanating from an undisclosed RF location on 145.53, starting at 6:45 PM.

If you think you can outfox this guy, please be at the Holland clubhouse by 6:30 pm, this Tuesday night, so we can take and fudge your odometer readings. Whichever car gets to find Laryn with whatever mileage you say it was, wins bragging rights.

If you don't have equipment to locate Laryn, come along for the ride. I have room for two on the roof of my car, hey, there are even roof racks for you to hold onto.

See You All Tuesday Night..

tom, I'll get him, bosscher K8TB

795. "Shake up Your Hamfest"

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-10-01 13:49:33 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 795 Message: 795

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Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-10-02 05:33:22 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 795 Message: 797

Hey Jack,

Look at the photograph section. That looks like what they are referring too. There web site is setup with just the main URL, with just internal type links to the different sections with in the site.

KD8DEG Tom

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Date: 2009-10-02 11:23:58 UTC
From: Jack Kunnen
Topic: 795 Message: 798

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Date: 2009-10-02 15:25:05 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 799 Message: 799

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I remember only a very few meetings where we had a formal presentation. Only the very dedicated of the membership will come out for a boring business meeting where we sit around a argue about mundane things like finances, lack of participation at events, et. nausea.

73 de n8xx Hg

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Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-10-05 17:20:25 UTC
From: Gary W8GL
Topic: 795 Message: 800

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Topic: 795 Message: 801

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Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-10-06 03:26:29 UTC
From: wd8usa@aol.com
Topic: 795 Message: 802

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Or maybe something a little more simple and mellow, like some solos or duets?

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Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-10-06 23:17:01 UTC
From: K8TB
Topic: 795 Message: 804

Hello GRARA.

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Would someone like to claim this for GRARA to use for their promotion?

Just let me know who :)

Tom Bosscher K8TB

Chairman, Holland ARC Super Swap

805. State QSO Parties, anyone?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-10-07 01:11:59 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 805 Message: 805

Anyone for a State QSO Party this weekend? There are two from which to choose.

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Pennsylvania QSO Party (CW/SSB/Digital)
Oct 10, 1600z to Oct 11, 0500z
Oct 11, 1300z to Oct 11, 2200z
Rules: http://www.nittany-arc.net/paqso.html
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Arizona QSO Party (CW/PH)
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It's possible to work both, if you use a general logging programme. Or it may be possible to up two "windows" of something like N1MM or W3KM software and switch between the two.

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806. Re: [GRARA] GRARA Table at the Holland Swap

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-10-07 10:55:36 UTC
From: Jack Kunnen
Topic: 795 Message: 806

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Tom,
Thanks so much! Thank is very kind of the Holland club. I will plan to be one of the folks manning the table, as I will have things to sell. Will it be located on an outter wall, so that we can display our GRARA banner on the wall?
Also, will there be any type of "road kill chilli" dinner on Friday night? I apologize, as I haven't been reading the HARA blogs.
W8GLguitarGARY

To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
From: k8tb@...
Date: Tue, 6 Oct 2009 19:17:01 -0400
Subject: [GRARA] GRARA Table at the Holland Swap

Hello GRARA.

As the chairman of the Holland Super Swap (Oct 17th), I have

set aside one complimentary table in GRARA's name.

Would someone like to claim this for GRARA to use for their promotion?

Just let me know who :)

Tom Bosscher K8TB

Chairman, Holland ARC Super Swap

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Hotmail: Free, trusted and rich email service.
http://clk.atdmt.com/GBL/go/171222984/direct/01/

808. KL50 CELEBRATES ALASKA DAY OCTOBER 18 -19

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-10-07 22:18:03 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 808 Message: 808

On the air, listen out on October 18th and 19th for the call KL5O. It will be on the air celebrating as a special events station in celebration of the 2009 Alaska Day. Operation will be on 160 through 10 meters, including the WARC bands using phone, CW and RTTY. Operation will be scheduled to facilitate working North American stations, though all stations worldwide are encouraged to participate. Also, Alaska state QSO credit for the ARRL Year of the QSO Party award starts with the KL5O special event. QSL's will be available via Logbook to the World and eQSL as well as traditional cards. More information is on the web at http://www.kl5o.com.

Note that multiple stations will be on simultaneously on various modes and bands, so the probability of catching this "station" will be enhanced.

73 de n8xx Hg

809. Lightning Research Project

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-10-08 22:59:52 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 809 Message: 809

http://www.lightningsafetyalliance.com/press.html

810. New York State QSO Party

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-10-10 07:40:46 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 810 Message: 810

-------- Original Message -------- Subject: [CQ-Contest] New York State QSO Party
Date: Sun, 4 Oct 2009 09:20:47 -0400
From: Rick Mintz <Rmintz@...>
To: CQ-Contest <cq-contest@contesting.com>

You've waited 25 years and now the time has arrived...

New York State QSO Party

Saturday, October 17 - 1800 UTC (2:00 PM Eastern) - 12 hours

(Third weekend in October)

Check out the NYQP web at www.NYQP.org for complete Rules, FAQ's, Software, Forum, County maps and Log submissions.

Review the Rules section for any "tweaks". All logs, in Cabrillo format, due by November 2, 2009 at 0600 UTC.

Over thirty plaques to be awarded. www.NYQP.org/sponsorship.php

Mobile operators are encouraged to post their travel routes to the NYQP Forum.

NY fixed stations send: <call sign>, signal report, County (3 letter abbreviation)

NY mobile stations send: <call sign>/M, signal report, County (3 letter abbreviation)

Outside NY send: <call sign>, signal report, State or Province

DX send: <call sign>, signal report, DX

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!!! CQ NYQP !!!

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CQ-Contest mailing list
CQ-Contest@...
http://lists.contesting.com/mailman/listinfo/cq-contest

811. Re: [GRARA] GRARA Table at the Holland Swap

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-10-10 23:49:57 UTC
From: K8TB
Topic: 795 Message: 811

Gary,, W8GL and Jack, AB8ND,

I will have an envelope waiting for you guys Saturday morning that
will have your table number , which happens to be # 35.

tom bosscher k8tb

812. Family of Amateur Radio Operator Killed during Antenna Raising

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-10-13 17:52:42 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 812 Message: 812

A sober reminder to NOT try installing an antenna near a HV power line.

http://www.timesoftheinternet.com/118678.html

The article is sketchy, more details will probably be forthcoming.

73 de n8xx Hg

813. THE 2009 AMATEUR RADIO PILLARS OF SOCIETY AWARD

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-10-14 05:33:59 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 813 Message: 813
Attachments: 5 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Have you submitted your nomination for this year's Amateur Radio Pillars Of Society Award?
You still have time to nominate the ham you believe to be most worthy!

2009 Amateur Radio Pillars Of Society Award

The Michigan DX Association is the home of the Amateur Radio Pillars Of Society Award.
This year will mark our 6th offering of this beautifully framed award. This award is offered
to all Hams in the Great Lakes Region! Officers of the MDXA are not eligible unless it is
for their work with "another" organization or community public service service.

If you know of [any] person you would like to nominate for the Amateur Radio Pillars Of
Society Award,please respond by contacting our Events Manager Dave Smith-KC8PCL
with the nominees Call-Name-QTH and a brief description as to why you are nominating them!

Again...this is for the Entire Great Lakes Region! You must know of someone who has
done a great service for our hobby! Nominations must be received by October 30th,2009

Submit your nomination by e-mailing Dave Smith-KC8PCL below!

kc8pcl@...

Requirements:

1.Must Live In The Great Lakes Region Of 8 States and Canada

2.Must be A Licensed Amateur

3.Past Winners Are Ineligible

You can view past winners below.
http://mdxa1.org/pillarsaward.html

W8VOM

Charles L. LeMar W8VOM

Webmaster/Secretary Michigan DX Association
Visit Our Home Page!http://www.mdxa1.org/
To sin by silence when they should protest makes cowards of men.....Abraham Lincoln

814. Reminder of the Holland ARC Super Swap this Saturday

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-10-14 22:56:56 UTC
From: K8TB
Topic: 814 Message: 814

Great reason to not mow the yard, instead make sure you go to the Holland ARC Super Swap this Saturday at 8am.

There are just a few tables left. If you want one, please contact me or go to

http://www.hollandarc.org/?page_id=22

Tom Bosscher K8TB

815. Fw: [HARC] Abe, W8HVG

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-10-15 07:29:01 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 815 Message: 815

Up date on Abe, W8HVG's, health.

KD8DEG Tom

----- Original Message -----
From: K8TB
To: k8daa@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Wednesday, October 14, 2009 7:54 PM
Subject: [HARC] Abe, W8HVG

Just last night at the club meeting I brought up the item about Abe, W8HVG not doing so well. I had an email waiting for me when I got home, and it stated that Abe was diagnosed with a brain tumor at the same site of his last stroke. He will be undergoing brain surgery Thursday to remove the tumor.

It is obvious that Abe will not be at the swap this Saturday, so let's all keep him in our thoughts and prayers.

tom k8tb

[Non-text portions of this message have been removed]

816. Re: Fw: [HARC] Abe, W8HVG

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-10-15 15:01:15 UTC
From: GuitarGARY
Topic: 815 Message: 816

Does anyone know what hospital Abe is having the brain tumor surgery at?

--- In GRARA@yahoogroups.com, "Wilson" <kd8deg@...> wrote:
>
> Up date on Abe, W8HVG's, health.
>
> KD8DEG Tom
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817. Re: [GRARA] Re: Fw: [HARC] Abe, W8HVG

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-10-15 15:14:04 UTC
From: k8tb@bosscher.org
Topic: 815 Message: 817

On Thu, 15 Oct 2009 15:01:15 -0000, "GuitarGARY" <gary_lauff@...>
wrote:
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>

818. Re: [GRARA] Re: Fw: [HARC] Abe, W8HVG

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-10-15 15:15:18 UTC
From: k8tb@bosscher.org
Topic: 815 Message: 818

On Thu, 15 Oct 2009 15:01:15 -0000, "GuitarGARY" <gary_lauff@...>
wrote:
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I was told Blodget. Does anyone know where we could get a 2 foot by 3
foot get well card? We could all then sign it at the Holland Swap.

tom K8TB

819. RADIO PARTY!!!

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-10-15 20:54:59 UTC
From: pobox740
Topic: 819 Message: 819

"You are hearby invited to the Rockford area fall radio party"
This saturday 10/17/09 @ 5:00 P.M.
Place: Algoma Estates Community Bulding, on 13 Mile Rd. between U.S. 131 and Northland Dr.
Just north of the city of Rockford.
Burgers and dogs, with other goodies will be served.
Pleas bring a dish to pass.
Radio related games start at 7:00 P.M.
Come and talk/show what you got at the Holland swap.
Talk-in on 146.410s
73's
Timothy kb8afs

820. Re: [GRARA] Re: Fw: [HARC] Abe, W8HVG

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-10-15 21:51:59 UTC
From: Megan Heyl
Topic: 815 Message: 820

Tom,
Nowhere in Holland has any.... I checked Party City, Dykstra Drugs, other local drug stores, Fris Hallmark, the Hallmark store at the outlet... nobody has seen any in town, but suggested a larger party store in Grand Rapids who might have a larger selection... and someone suggested Spencer gifts at Rivertown crossings Mall.
Sorry.. I tried!
Megan

On Oct 15, 2009, at 11:15 AM, <k8tb@...> <k8tb@...>
wrote:

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> >
> wrote:
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> tom K8TB
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>

821. Re: [GRARA] Re: Fw: [HARC] Abe, W8HVG

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-10-15 22:10:36 UTC
From: Charles Rich
Topic: 815 Message: 821

I have a friend that makes them from scratch.....in fact her husband is a former ham and FCC guy. BUT...she works and can''t do it on time.......
I tried,too....
Any artists available -- Go to Staples and get a piece of foam board, handful of markers, and go to it.

Chuck, W8GCW

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From: Megan Heyl <jester1380@...>
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Thursday, October 15, 2009 5:51:59 PM
Subject: Re: [GRARA] Re: Fw: [HARC] Abe, W8HVG

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822. Re: [GRARA] Re: Fw: [HARC] Abe, W8HVG

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-10-16 00:09:42 UTC
From: K8TB
Topic: 815 Message: 822

>
It's handled. Sheila found a great card that can be folded out into three sections, and she will glue that to a poster board that she picked up. I notified KC8WJA, Mike, that I have this and it will be at the IRA booth. Thank you to all who looked.

K8AJ also got 288 cans of pop for the club. This is from a company than can and will be named, Seven Up!

And we have never heard back from that other company about the water.

tom k8tb

823. [Fwd: abe update]

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-10-16 00:13:09 UTC
From: K8TB
Topic: 823 Message: 823

Good news folks. From Mike, KC8WJA:

Abe is thru the surgery -- all went well. 2 tumors were found and removed completely along with the blood clots from the stroke. He is awake, setting up and talking. Doing well

May be able to go home on Sunday

There will be a get well card attached to a larger poster board for people to sign at the Holland Swap. Please stop by the IRA booth.

Tom K8TB

824. FreeSeminarOnHDVideoTechnogyInGrandRapids

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-10-16 17:57:08 UTC
From: Gary W8GL
Topic: 824 Message: 824
Attachments: 2 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

All,
For anyone interested, there will be a free seminar, conducted by Tel Systems, out of Ann Arbor, this coming Wednesday, October 21, 2009, at the Comfort Inn, 4155 28th ST SE, GR, MI 49152. There are 10AM and 2PM starting times, for 4 separate subjects. Advance registration is required at: www.thalner.com, or call Chris Lindsay at: (800)686-7235, x530. Free snacks and beverages provided between morning and afternoon seminars.
Join me, to learn how my antiquated analog equipment is currently non-compatible and worthless with today's cutting edge technology.
See you there,
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http://clk.atdmt.com/GBL/go/171222986/direct/01/

825. RE: [GRARA] FreeSeminarOnHDVideoTechnogyInGrandRapids [2 Attachments]

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-10-16 23:51:53 UTC
From: Cortland Richmond
Topic: 825 Message: 825

The assertion "currently noncompatible and worthless"goes much too far; analog equipment with 6.25 KHz BW will according to 90.204(J)4 be compatible into the foreseeable future. It is definitely not "currently worthless" and will remain for many users a better deal than 12.5 and 25 KHz BW equipment which will in a relatively short time not be certified under Part 90.

Cortland
KA5S

----- Original Message -----
From: Gary W8GL
To: grara@yahoogroups.com;MikeIRA SmithIRA;YahooNewsgroup;chucksvideo@...;K8TBtom BosscherHARC;StevenProvost
Sent: 10/16/2009 2:22:31 PM
Subject: [GRARA] FreeSeminarOnHDVideoTechnogyInGrandRapids [2 Attachments]

[Attachment(s) from Gary W8GL included below]

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See you there,
W8GLguitarGARY

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826. RE: West Michigan Ham of the Year Award

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-10-17 04:10:15 UTC
From: rranta@sbcglobal.net
Topic: 826 Message: 826

yup. when the leaves change colors, and the temp drops, you know its time to think who you'd like to nominate for West Michigan Ham of the Year. To give you a better idea of how to determine if your person is a candidate, just go over to the Mara web site, www.w8usa.org and click on Ham of the year. At the very bottom is a link to the nomination page. That, along with the list of who already has received the award, should help you decide.

So far, we've had one nomination: Bruce WD8KPQ. Who just became a silent key.

The award will be presented at the New Ham's Dinner, some time in February 2010.

Also, do not forget the MDXA's "Pillars of Society Award". just visit the www.mdxa1.org and click on Pillars for more information. The dead line for their submissions is October 30th.

827. Seeking advice.

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-10-17 04:41:59 UTC
From: scubalargo
Topic: 827 Message: 827

Hello everyone,
I received my Call Sign today from the FCC. I was looking forward to being on the air. But I seem to be havening trouble keying up any local repeaters. I have a Icom,W32a with a rubberduck. Anyone have any advice? I will be investing in a new radio but at this time I just do not have the funds.

Thanks Steven
KD8MEY

828. Re: [GRARA] Seeking advice.

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-10-17 08:04:21 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 827 Message: 828

Hi Steve,

CONGRATULATIONS on receiving your license and welcome to Amateur radio.

Make sure you have the right PL tones set for the repeater you want to use, and make sure you have the off set frequency set right. Anything from 147.000 mHz and above is positive 600 kHz off set, and anything from 146.999 and below is negative 600 kHz off set. Hope that helps.
If you are still having problems and you are coming to the Holland swap bring your HT, stop by my tables and we can get things programmed for you. Just look for the old drug store tube tester and you have found me.

I have that same HT. Very good unit.

KD8DEG Tom

----- Original Message -----
From: scubalargo
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Saturday, October 17, 2009 12:41 AM
Subject: [GRARA] Seeking advice.

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829. Re: [GRARA] Seeking advice.

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-10-17 12:11:11 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 827 Message: 829

Hi Steven:

Congrats on your new call.

As Wilson said - be sure you have the offset and subaudible tone (PL) set correctly set. For example, when trying to access the GRARA repeater on 147.26 MHz, the transmit frequency should be 147.86 MHz and it should also transmit a 94.8 Hz tone. And, be sure you don't have PL set on the receiver, because many repeaters don't transmit the tone. I'm not sure about the W8DC GRARA repeaters.

The rigs can be a challenge to program correctly, so if you continue to have problems, seek help at the Holland Hamfest. For details on that gathering, see

http://www.hollandarc.org/?page_id=22

Good luck.

72/73 de n8xx Hg

p.s. Your call KD8MEY doesn't appear in the FCC Database. Make sure you read and type it correctly!

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830. Re: [GRARA] Seeking advice.

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-10-17 12:21:40 UTC
From: Steven Haueisen
Topic: 827 Message: 830

Thanks Hank,Just want to make sure I am not miss reading it but this is a link to my Call Sign http://wireless2.fcc.gov/UlsApp/UlsSearch/license.jsp?licKey=3139555
Thanks StevenKD8MEY

--- On Sat, 10/17/09, Hank Greeb <n8xx@...> wrote:

From: Hank Greeb <n8xx@...>
Subject: Re: [GRARA] Seeking advice.
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Date: Saturday, October 17, 2009, 8:11 AM

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831. Re: [GRARA] Seeking advice.

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-10-17 18:51:11 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 827 Message: 831

Thanks Steven:

I learned something - QRZ isn't always up today, nor is the lookup service on the ARRL web site.

Looking things up on the FCC database directly is somewhat of a challenge, but I guess I should learn!

73 de n8xx Hg

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832. RE: [GRARA] FreeSeminarOnHDVideoTechnogyInGrandRapids

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-10-20 15:04:01 UTC
From: Gary W8GL
Topic: 825 Message: 832

Cortland,
Thanks for trying to make me feel better about my sizeable investments in analog TV, but it's not working.
Gary

To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com; grara@yahoogroups.com; kc8wja@...; k8daa@yahoogroups.com; chucksvideo@...; k8tb@...; stprovost@...
From: ka5s@earthlink.net
Date: Fri, 16 Oct 2009 19:51:53 -0400
Subject: RE: [GRARA] FreeSeminarOnHDVideoTechnogyInGrandRapids

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833. Fw: [W8USA] It is with deep sadness we report the passing of WB8VOJ John Rittenhouse

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-10-26 03:51:13 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 833 Message: 833

West Michigan Amateur, WB8VOJ - John Rittenhouse. " SK"

KD8DEG Tom

----- Original Message -----
From: rranta@...
To: W8USA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Sunday, October 25, 2009 7:06 PM
Subject: [W8USA] It is with deep sadness we report the passing of WB8VOJ John Rittenhouse

Age 50, WB8VOJ - John Rittenhouse passed away on Friday, October 23, 2009 after a courageous battle with colon cancer. He is survived by his wife of 29 years, Silvia Rittenhouse; sons, David (Danielle) Rittenhouse, Andrejs (Tabitha) Rittenhouse; granddaughter, Breanne; his parents, Jerry (Jane) Rittenhouse; brother, Bruce (Carol) Rittenhouse; sister, Sara (Russ) Vreeland; mother-in-law, Zenta Karklins; sister-in-law, Inara (Jim) Zweedyk; many cousins and friends.

John will always be remembered for his investment with the I.R.A. system and his own 220 repeater.

834. Re: Fw: [W8USA] It is with deep sadness we report the passing of WB8VOJ John Rittenhouse

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-10-26 04:16:05 UTC
From: pobox740
Topic: 833 Message: 834

Any information on funeral?

--- In GRARA@yahoogroups.com, "Wilson" <kd8deg@...> wrote:
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> West Michigan Amateur, WB8VOJ - John Rittenhouse. " SK"
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> KD8DEG Tom
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> From: rranta@...
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835. Re: [GRARA] Re: Fw: [W8USA] It is with deep sadness we report the passing of WB8VOJ John Rittenhouse

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-10-26 04:43:34 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 833 Message: 835

Not yet. Still waiting for more info for Richie. Will post more as I receive it.

Check into the MDXA net, Lowell machine, 145.270 PL 94.8, this Tuesday night at 9pm, for a "SK" tribute to John.

Those who knew him can pay their own tribute to him on the net.

KD8DEG Tom

----- Original Message -----
From: pobox740
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Monday, October 26, 2009 12:16 AM
Subject: [GRARA] Re: Fw: [W8USA] It is with deep sadness we report the passing of WB8VOJ John Rittenhouse

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836. Fw: [W8USA] It is with deep sadness we report the passing of WB8VOJ John Rittenhouse

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-10-26 19:05:06 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 833 Message: 836

For those wishing to attend the memorial service.

KD8DEG Tom

RITTENHOUSE - John Robert Rittenhouse "WB8VOJ", aged 50, passed away on Friday, October 23, 2009 after a courageous battle with colon cancer. He is survived by his wife of 29 years, Silvia Rittenhouse; sons, David (Danielle) Rittenhouse, Andrejs (Tabitha) Rittenhouse; granddaughter, Breanne; his parents, Jerry (Jane) Rittenhouse; brother, Bruce (Carol) Rittenhouse; sister, Sara (Russ) Vreeland; mother-in-law, Zenta Karklins; sister-in-law, Inara (Jim) Zweedyk; many cousins and friends. He will be missed by his furry buddies who kept him comfortable Rudy, Ahi, and Billy. John was vice president of the family business Electronic Automation Inc. for 26 years. He loved trees, being outdoors, traveling up north, and amateur radio. A Memorial Service will be held on Thursday, October 29, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church, 1100 Lake Dr. SE. The family will greet friends one hour prior to the service. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Trinity United Methodist Church or Faith Hospice. Arrangements by: Memorial Alternatives 2432 Fuller NE, 363-3700 www.memorialalternatives.com

837. BLUE TOOTH COMES TO HAM RADIO! click on link for details. Cheep too!

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-10-29 04:26:39 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 837 Message: 837

Defiantly going to try this out.

http://www.k7sfn.com/projects/bluetooth.html

KD8DEG Tom

838. Radio unites perfect for the selective radio operator

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-10-29 18:00:27 UTC
From: D
Topic: 838 Message: 838

Pictures and information available about each. These units have been used and well cared for by a fellow amateur radio operator and emergency services personnel.

1. Radio Shack HTX-10 10 Meter Mobile Transceiver & Palomar Classic, Class AB Bi-Linear Amplifier
EBAY Item number:220501593207
2. Regency Model H256B , 16 channel 25 watt FM transceiver
Frequency coverage ☐ 150-175 mhz, 25 watt output.
This radio has been modified to be field programmable with a switch installed at the back of the unit.** Good radio for emergency personnel ☐ fire, police, volunteer service.
EBAY Item number:220501584162
3. Bendix King Speaker Microphone as new. EBAY Item number:220501607858

Private sale : not on Ebay
Uniden President HR-2510 , 10 meter Amateur Mobile Transceiver
Unit is in very good condition, comes with box, instruction manual and paperwork.
Unit has had the 11 meter modification and frequency range of 26.000 mhz ☐ 29.999 mhz.
Transceiver output : 15 watts - AM, FM, CW 25 watts ☐ sideband

839. Fw: We Have a Michigan PRB-1 Bill! HB # 5556

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-11-06 04:59:11 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 839 Message: 839
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

----- Original Message -----
From: Len Todd
To: N8AGS@...
Sent: Thursday, November 05, 2009 12:21 PM
Subject: We Have a Michigan PRB-1 Bill! HB # 5556

House Bill # 5556, the "Michigan Zoning Enabling Act," was recently forwarded to House Committee. If passed, this Bill will help codify the aspects of PRB-1 into Michigan zoning laws.

The Bill also includes a "height clause" (i.e. if we stay below the specified height, local governments are not allowed to challenge us except in unusual circumstances, etc.). For more information and a link to the Bill, please take a moment to review the attached MI PRB-1 Project Status Report.

There is a snag, with a Senate version of the Bill. We may need your help getting this Bill sponsored in the Senate.

Now is the time to contact your Representatives to ask them to Co-Sponsor the Bill. Their contact information and a sample Contact Letter template can be found at http://www.prb1michigan.org/index.htm.

If you wish to be removed from the Project's mailing list, please send me an email stating such, and I will remove you from the list. Thanks.

Len Todd, N8AGS

MI PRB-1 Project Manager

840. Fw: [TowerTalk] New strange sunspot

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-11-06 05:29:26 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 840 Message: 840

Looks like we may have a new sunspot being born for this cycle.

One thing wrong, however, this one looks like it might suck radio waves from earth instead of propagate them.

Time to get out your wave keepers from your storage closet or you may loose it all.

http://www.solarcycle24.com/
"A new sunspot may be trying to form in the northern hemisphere of the sun. The magnetogram shows it has reverse magnetic polarity
compared to what a Cycle 24 normally would have."

Bob AD5VJ

841. RE: Ok, so who got elected at the last meeting?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-11-14 16:05:23 UTC
From: rranta@sbcglobal.net
Topic: 841 Message: 841

Just wondering.

842. Re: [GRARA] RE: Ok, so who got elected at the last meeting?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-11-14 20:41:32 UTC
From: Jack Kunnen
Topic: 841 Message: 842

Provisional, small meeting

Rich Douglas, KC8NKA Treasurer
Tom Hansen, N8DGD Secretary
Mike Bowen, N8ILU, VP
Me, AB8ND Pres

Jack

On Nov 14, 2009, at 11:05 AM, rranta@... wrote:

> Just wondering.
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>

843. Re: Ok, so who got elected at the last meeting?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-11-16 21:22:58 UTC
From: rranta@sbcglobal.net
Topic: 841 Message: 843

Yeah, meetings do seem to be getting smaller and smaller. Glad you've got such a talented group of leaders.
hope you have great year.
Rich k8jx

844. Ham in a Day - Muskegon

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-11-18 14:52:42 UTC
From: n8xxham
Topic: 844 Message: 844

Forwarded from the West Michigan Hams reflector

Ham in a day!

Get your Amateur Radio License in just one day!

Sponsored by the:

Muskegon County Emergency Communication Services, Inc., and Muskegon Community College Criminal Justice Programs

No Techno-Babble needed, this class is for anyone who wants their Technician Class amateur radio license

Since 2006 more than 360 people have taken this type of class and passed!

Date: Saturday, December 12, 2009

Cost: $45.00 Includes license test fee

Location: Muskegon Community College, Room 1118. 221 S Quarterline Rd, Muskegon, MI.

Pre-Registration is required to reserve a spot in the class

Time: 8:00AM ☐ 3:00 PM

Testing will start at 2:00 PM

To register jimk8cop@...

Questions: jimk8cop@... <mailto:jimk8cop@...> or call (231) 638-7010

Under 16 must be accompanied by an adult!

Bring either drivers license or 2 pieces of identification

Dress comfortably!

Small Print: This class uses memory retention, everyone learns differently. Class is not a guarantee to getting your amateur license.

845. ARRL Sweepstakes Phone - Saturday/Sunday Oct 21/22

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-11-18 14:59:08 UTC
From: n8xxham
Topic: 845 Message: 845

The Phone ARRL Sweepstakes will be held:

Third full weekend in November (November 21-23, 2009).
Contest Period: Begins 2100 UTC (4 p.m. EST) Saturday,
ends 0300 UTC Monday (10 p.m. Sunday).
Operate no more than 24 of the 30 hours

We had a great time last year @ W8DC. Anyone for activating the club station this year?

Please advise

73 de n8xx Hg

846. Re: ARRL Sweepstakes Phone - Saturday/Sunday Nov 21/22

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-11-18 15:00:33 UTC
From: n8xxham
Topic: 845 Message: 846

OOPPSS, title of previous message should be Nov 21/22 Freudian slip. :)

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> 73 de n8xx Hg
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847. [kq2h_repeater] Any Boat Anchor Collectors Here? Selling my Collins S-Line.....

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-11-19 00:48:06 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 847 Message: 847

----- Original Message -----
From: w2wp_dx
To: kq2h_repeater@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Wednesday, November 18, 2009 11:33 AM
Subject: [kq2h_repeater] Any Boat Anchor Collectors Here? Selling my Collins S-Line.....

I purchased this to help out a fellow Ham who was down on his luck last year. Will be selling the 30L-1 Amp RE (Look Brand New!), 75S-3B Receiver RE, 32S-3B Transmitter RE (SOLD), 32S-1 Transmitter WE, 312B-3 Speaker RE, 516F-2 Power Supply RE. These are all in above average condition and NOT eBay pieces. (RE=Round Emblem WE=Winged Emblem)

To get a quick look just look me up on QRZ.com or MyHamShack.com or e-mail me for High Rez photos.

73,
Mark / W2WP

848. W8DC operating the Sweeps

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-11-19 20:16:46 UTC
From: Jack Kunnen
Topic: 848 Message: 848

The club station will again be activated for the ARRL November Phone Sweepstakes.
Starting at 4:00 pm and for as long as operators want the W8DC will be on the air for the contest.
No matter what your license class come on down we will find a place at the Mic for you to operate.
If you wold prefer to log we can always use help there too. If I could remember last year score I's say we should
try to beat it, but can't remember so let's just make it w fun week end.
Of the door to the Red Cross is locked we will have the repeater on or just come down and bang on the back door.

Jack, AB8ND

849. W8DC Sweeps

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-11-19 20:21:43 UTC
From: Jack Kunnen
Topic: 849 Message: 849

Should have put in 4 pm this Saturday, 21 November

Jack, AB8ND

850. December Meeting Party

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-11-20 18:58:06 UTC
From: Jack Kunnen
Topic: 850 Message: 850

The December meeting of GRARA will be a party meeting all, family and friends, are invited.
4 December, 6:30 pm set-up 7:00 official start time :)

Rather having a full blown meal this will be a "bring a dessert or munchie" potluck.
The club will provide coffee, sodas and all utensils. We will try to get some Christmas music playing.
If anyone has or had access to a good Christmas/Radio video maybe we could run it during the party

More later if anything changes

Jack, AB8ND

851. Pictures or video clips

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-11-21 14:04:48 UTC
From: Jack Kunnen
Topic: 851 Message: 851

I'd like to put a DVD together of club activities from this past year
to run during the Christmas meeting/party.
If anyone has pictures or video clips that they would like to include
please let me know.

Jack, AB8ND

852. Phone Sweepstakes today @ W8DC

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-11-21 14:44:23 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 852 Message: 852

You are cordially invited to take part in the annual ARRL Phone Sweepstakes this weekend.

We will be activating W8DC, which is at Red Cross, 1050 Fuller Ave NE (one block south of Leonard St.) in Grand Rap;ids.

Sweepstakes starts at 4 p.m. EST, and we'll operating "until we drop".

There will be several licensed amateurs present at all times, so anyone may operate, and are encouraged to "give it a try."

The door will be locked for security purposes, so give a call on the 147.26 MHz repeater, or call 616 456 8088 to alert us. If you arrive and don't have a rig or a cell phone, there's a "back door" at the basement level, bang on it until someone hears you!

The more the merrier!

73 de n8xx Hg

853. Fw: [montcalmcountyares] Fw: [RACES] ICOM 706-NO MORE?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-11-29 18:12:58 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 853 Message: 853

FYI

IC-706 MIIG No more

KD8DEG Tom

----- Original Message -----
From: paul odem
To: montcalmcountyares@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Sunday, November 29, 2009 12:36

http://www.southgat earc.org/ news/november200 9/icom_ic706. htm

73'

Bob
WB3DYE

854. Re: [GRARA] Fw: [montcalmcountyares] Fw: [RACES] ICOM 706-NO MORE?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-11-29 22:04:30 UTC
From: Dave S
Topic: 853 Message: 854

Hi Tom,
    Well that figures, One of Icom's best radio's and they are going to discontinue it, Why don't they lower the price and keep in in their line? 73 for now my friend.

Dave

Capitalism creates greed, Greed is the problem with our country.

--- On Sun, 11/29/09, Wilson <kd8deg@...> wrote:

From: Wilson <kd8deg@...>
Subject: [GRARA] Fw: [montcalmcountyares] Fw: [RACES] ICOM 706-NO MORE?
To: "MichFoxHunter @Yahoogroups" <MichiganFoxHunter@yahoogroups.com>, "MARA @Yahoogroups W8USA" <W8USA@yahoogroups.com>, k8daa@yahoogroups.com, GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Date: Sunday, November 29, 2009, 1:12 PM

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KD8DEG
Tom

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To: montcalmcountyares@ yahoogroups. com

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Bob
WB3DYE

855. Re: ICOM 706-NO MORE

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-11-29 22:22:13 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 853 Message: 855

The Icom 706 was an "OK" rig for a single operator, single transmitter setup. But, NEVER, no NEVER try to operate in a multi-multi operation with a '706 within a 100 feet or less of another rig. They're wideband RF generator on any amateur radio band in which they operate.

Besides, the '706 was originally offered in 1994 or earlier, so technology probably caught up with it.

73 de n8xx Hg

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> Bob
> WB3DYE

856. RE: [GRARA] Re: ICOM 706-NO MORE

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-11-29 22:31:09 UTC
From: Cortland Richmond
Topic: 853 Message: 856

ICOM probably can't get a lot of the *parts* any more.

Cortland
KA5S

----- Original Message -----
From: Hank Greeb
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: 11/29/2009 5:24:21 PM
Subject: [GRARA] Re: ICOM 706-NO MORE

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857. Self-Healing Antennas - Forbes.com

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-12-05 02:58:42 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 857 Message: 857

http://www.forbes.com:80/2009/12/03/wireless-sensors-engineering-technology-breakthroughs-antenna.html?partner=yahoofpapp

858. NO open radio room

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-12-09 15:39:06 UTC
From: Jack Kunnen
Topic: 858 Message: 858

There will be NO Open Radio Room at the Red Cross this evening.
I'm a wimp and don't feel like driving in the snow to open the doors.

Jack, AB8ND

859. Re: [GRARA] NO open radio room

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-12-09 15:48:13 UTC
From: Dave Ed
Topic: 858 Message: 859

Jack,
Too bad about tonight. I was thinking about driving over.
Dave
 AC8AB

--- On Wed, 12/9/09, Jack Kunnen <ab8nd@...> wrote:

From: Jack Kunnen <ab8nd@...>
Subject: [GRARA] NO open radio room
To: "GRARA Yahoo" <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Date: Wednesday, December 9, 2009, 10:39 AM

There will be NO Open Radio Room at the Red Cross this evening.

I'm a wimp and don't feel like driving in the snow to open the doors.

Jack, AB8ND

860. Re: [GRARA] NO open radio room

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-12-09 15:53:09 UTC
From: Jack Kunnen
Topic: 858 Message: 860

Wet sloppy mess now, but prediction is for blizzard conditions - wish
you where here Dave :)

Jack

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861. Amateur Radio to the Rescue

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-12-10 21:02:47 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 861 Message: 861

Seems like Amateur Radio can come through when cell phones won't work.

See:

http://mailman.qth.net/mailman/listinfo/qrp-l

862. Amateur Radio to the Rescue

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-12-10 21:04:31 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 861 Message: 862

OOPPSS. I didn't copy the correct url. SRI, chalk it up to early onset of Alzheimer's or something similar.

Seems like Amateur Radio can come through when cell phones won't work.

See:

http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2009/12/07/11235/?nc=1

That should be the right article!

863. Anyone for a QRP CW Contest?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-12-11 21:29:19 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 863 Message: 863

See: http://www.cqc.org/contests/snow2009.htm

There's even a special category for the hardy folks who go outside during the Colorado QRP Club and operate portable. Sorta like the FYBO (F)reeze Y)our B)... O)ff) contest which is held in February.

Tomorrow would be a GRRRR8 time to set up a portable station!!!! But, for the people who aren't headed for the funny farm, there is a category for those who operate from home. :-) ;-) 8-)

73 de n8xx Hg

864. And, if not QRP CW, how about 10 metres?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-12-11 22:17:00 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 864 Message: 864

If 10 metres (both phone and CW) strikes you as a better choice, the ARRL 10 metre contest may be your cup of tea. It runs from 0000Z Saturday (that's 7 p.m. EST tonight) through 2359Z Sunday (that's 7 p.m. EST Sunday) evening.

One may operate 24 hours out of the 36 hour contest period. Stations may be worked once on CW, once on Phone. For more details see

http://www.arrl.org/contests/rules/2009/10-meters.html

I'm gonna try tuning up on 28.05 or so and try some QRP 10 metre stuff. Hope to see some of the locals.

73 de n8xx Hg

865. SANTA NET December 24th 8 PM

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-12-12 09:15:52 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 865 Message: 865

Gather your children & grandchildren into your Ham Shack on DECEMBER 24th starting 8 PM for the Lowell Amateur Radio Club’s 4th annual:

“SANTA CLAUS NET”

On the W8LRC Lowell repeater, Freq 145.270 with a PL of 94.8. Also on the IRLP Node: 4635 and EchoLink Node: 87878

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de KD8DEG Tom

866. W8DC at the Mi QSO Party

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-12-12 13:42:33 UTC
From: Jack Kunnen
Topic: 866 Message: 866

W8DC activated for the Michigan QSO party finished 3d place in the Emergency Operations Center Class with 14,707 points

Quote from the MI QSO web page

"The third place EOC station came from W8DC, the Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association in Kent county, also activating their EOC for the first time in MiQP. Like W8OAK, they got off to a slow start with only 8 QSOs after the first three hours, but then they got rolling. Most of their QSOs were on phone, save for a single 10M CW QSO with one of their Kent county neighbors. Their big band was 75M phone (59%). They ran low power and put 40 different MI counties and 77 unique multipliers into their log in 8:18 of operating time."

Jack, AB8ND

867. January Meeting date?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-12-12 14:34:57 UTC
From: Michel
Topic: 867 Message: 867

What are the dates of the January membership meeting and VE Testing? I have noted that the first Friday of January comes out as New Years Day.

Just want to get it right on the web site.

Mike, W8DER

868. Re: [GRARA] January Meeting date?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-12-12 14:38:34 UTC
From: Jack Kunnen
Topic: 867 Message: 868

Mike,

The January meeting is canceled because of the date.
VE testing will the the next week as usual

Jack

On Dec 12, 2009, at 9:34 AM, Michel wrote:

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> Mike, W8DER
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869. Fw: [TowerTalk] touchscreen antenna switch

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-12-13 21:30:47 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 869 Message: 869

Touch screen technology here for the hams.

KD8DEG Tom

----- Original Message -----
From: Tom Osborne
To: Towertalk
Sent: Sunday, December 13, 2009 11:52 AM
Subject: Re: [TowerTalk] touchscreen antenna switch

Hi daniel

You might check this site:
http://www.hamation.com/TouchScreen.htm

73 and Merry Christmas to you.
Tom W7WHY

870. Re: [GRARA] Fw: [TowerTalk] touchscreen antenna switch

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-12-13 22:48:18 UTC
From: Dave S
Topic: 869 Message: 870

Hi Tom,
   It was bound to happen sooner or later, Nice setup.73 my friend.
                                                        Dave :)

--- On Sun, 12/13/09, Wilson <kd8deg@...> wrote:

From: Wilson <kd8deg@centurytel.net>
Subject: [GRARA] Fw: [TowerTalk] touchscreen antenna switch
To: "Montcalm Yahoo group" <montcalmcountyares@yahoogroups.com>, "MichFoxHunter
@Yahoogroups" <MichiganFoxHunter@yahoogroups.com>, "MARA @Yahoogroups W8USA"
<W8USA@yahoogroups.com>, k8daa@yahoogroups.com, GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Date: Sunday, December 13, 2009, 4:30 PM

Touch screen technology here
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KD8DEG
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871. ARRL 10 N8XX SO CW QRP

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-12-14 01:50:53 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 871 Message: 871

ARRL 10-Meter Contest

Call: N8XX
Operator(s): N8XX
Station: N8XX

Class: SO CW QRP
QTH: MI
Operating Time (hrs): 1.5

Summary:
Band QSOs Mults

CW: 21 6
SSB:

Total: 21 6 Total Score = 504

Club: Mad River Radio Club

Comments: Wow! On Sunday afternoon a "pipeline" opened up to Texas, with the vast majority of the contacts being from Texas. Did make one contact in Oklahoma, and heard Louisiana once, but he must have been doing S&P because I never heard him again.

I'm sure I missed a few openings. I'd go up to the shack for a few minutes, if I heard zilch I'd fold and go back to other activities. People on the Minnesota Wireless Association reflector were commenting about "runs" they made with 120 per hour, etc., of course on High Power. I never heard 120 different stations on at one time.

I entered just to see if my tuner would tune out the reactance on 10 metres - which it did, and then if I could make at least one contact. And, the "Magic Antenna Converter" worked fine, converted the 1/2 wave antenna for 40 metres into two full waves in phase for 10 metres. I forget where I found that "Magic Antenna Converter" but it really works nice. If I could remember the source, perhaps I could corner it, and make several millions.

Heard a PY1 from Brazil with a good signal for several minutes on Sunday afternoon, but he was either an alligator or conditions were not good enough for him to hear me.

Lettuce hope that we get a few more sunspots, so 10 metres is really open most of the time!

872. Santa Net

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-12-18 04:06:25 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 872 Message: 872

Gather your children & grandchildren into your Ham Shack on DECEMBER 24th starting 8 PM for the Lowell Amateur Radio Club’s annual:

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873. RAC Winter N8XX SO Mixed QRP

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-12-21 00:39:32 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 873 Message: 873

RAC Winter Contest

Call: N8XX
Operator(s): N8XX
Station: N8XX

Class: SO Mixed QRP
QTH: MICHIGAN
Operating Time (hrs): 5

Summary:
Band CW Qs Ph Qs CW Mults Ph Mults

80: 9 0 2 0
40: 22 1 4 1

Total: 31 1 6 1 Total Score = 1,414

Club: Mad River Radio Club

Comments:

Was stuck on 80 and 40 - forgot to figure out why my impedance matching device can't change whatever impedance it sees at the antenna feeders into anything near 50 + j0 on 20 metres. Heard lots of new multipliers on 20, but alas!

874. The weeks Open Radio Room

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-12-21 19:31:40 UTC
From: Jack Kunnen
Topic: 874 Message: 874

Members and Friends,

This week's Open Radio Room is for now still on, that is if there is any interest from others. There is plenty of coffee, with a bit of ice for the sodas left from the meeting we could make it a bit of a party.

If you plan on coming down please let me know, if only one or two are coming we might be better going to a chow house instead of opening the building up.

Jack, AB8ND

875. Re: [GRARA] The weeks Open Radio Room

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-12-21 22:39:33 UTC
From: timothy courtier
Topic: 874 Message: 875

I will be there, mite have something (food) to bring.
Timothy kb8afs

From: Jack Kunnen <ab8nd@...>
To: GRARA Yahoo <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Mon, December 21, 2009 2:31:40 PM
Subject: [GRARA] The weeks Open Radio Room

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This week's Open Radio Room is for now still on, that is if there is any interest from others. There is plenty of coffee, with a bit of ice for the sodas left from the meeting we could make it a bit of a party.

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Jack, AB8ND

876. I think we need a club car....

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-12-22 01:27:15 UTC
From: K8TB
Topic: 876 Message: 876

Ok, the bar has been set.

Could we have this ready for Dayton, '10?

http://jalopnik.com/5428829/ham-cramwich-25000-of-communications-gear-in-a-500-car

Please let the page load and look at the pictures carefully.

and vy 73, de tom K8TB

877. Marshall Hamfest Anyone?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-12-24 20:08:02 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 877 Message: 877

For anyone going to the Marshall (Michigan) hamfest? It's @ a new site in 2010, still in Marshall, still on the third Saturday of March, March 20, 2010

See http://www.w8df.com/hamfest.html for more details.

73 de n8xx Hg

878. Re: [GRARA] Marshall Hamfest Anyone?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-12-25 00:57:23 UTC
From: R. Mark Barnett
Topic: 877 Message: 878

It doesn't look like a bad facility.... http://marshallactivitycenter.com/conf.html I TRY to make it every year, but who knows where I'll be or what I'll be doing by then....

Mark Barnett N8PGV
Save the life of a child, become a bone marrow donor. Go to www.marrow.org
MYTH:All bone marrow donations involve surgery. FACT: The majority of donations do not involve surgery. The doctor most commonly requests a peripheral blood stem cell (PBSC) donation, which is non-surgical and outpatient.

From: Hank Greeb <n8xx@...>
To: grara@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Thu, December 24, 2009 3:08:02 PM
Subject: [GRARA] Marshall Hamfest Anyone?

For anyone going to the Marshall (Michigan) hamfest? It's @ a new site in 2010, still in Marshall, still on the third Saturday of March, March 20, 2010

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73 de n8xx Hg

879. No meeting this week

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-12-28 20:38:25 UTC
From: Jack Kunnen
Topic: 879 Message: 879

Due to the Holiday there will be NO meeting this Friday 1 January.

There will be VE testing at the regular time next week, 8 January 2010 (Elvis' Birthday)

Open radio room will be on this Wednesday as usual, come one come all, let's practice for the New Years Eve Straight Key night, or even use phone. Last week we had a nice group, thank you Timothy for bringing the barbecue weiners.

Have a Happy and Safe New Year

Jack, AB8ND

880. Code Classes

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-12-28 23:53:05 UTC
From: Charles Rich
Topic: 880 Message: 880

Once, again I will be offering classes in Morse Code. Advanced and Beginner classes available, depending on interest. All classes at the Holland Amateur Radio Club on Mondays and/or Tuesdays at 7PM.

Contact Chuck, W8GCW
chucksvideo@...
or   616 396-2294

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881. i'm looking for a low cost ht

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-12-29 00:13:05 UTC
From: Richard Brown
Topic: 880 Message: 881

i recently had my van die..thought i could put my radioshack ht202 in my newer car..found they all had problems ..looking for something inexpensive to hook up to my mag mount and speaker mike
thx
Dick
KC8FMT

882. Interesting EBay item

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-12-31 17:07:54 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 882 Message: 882

http://cgi.ebay.com/Russian-USSR-Military-SPY-Direction-Radio-Receiver_W0QQitemZ130355680856QQcmdZViewItemQQptZLH_DefaultDomain_0?hash=item1e59cdd658

This was strapped to a soldier's body and he'd walk around with antenna looking for a transmitter.

More instructive is that the seller is hardly motivated but has drawn a line in the grassy dirt on price. Sad, is that many starving people have subsisted on just such a diet.

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883. A Very Happy New Years"

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-12-31 19:51:38 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 883 Message: 883

"HAPPY NEW YEAR"!!!!!!!

de KD8DEG Tom

884. cq100 sweepstakes invitation!

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2009-12-31 19:54:59 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 884 Message: 884

Trippy, ac8s here.
I too, love contesting, and as an avid contester for 32 years, know a great contest when I see great participation in it!

Well, here's an opportunity for you to be in another contest. It's called the cq100 SweepStakes, which operates on a new mode, called cq100.

See the contest announcement below, and I sure hope to work you in SweepStakes, the first weekend in January.

Also, please forward this to every contester you know.

take care,

Sincerely,

Trippy, ac8s

the first annual cq100 sweepstakes

sponsored by: Trippy Brown, ac8s

If you've never participated in sweepstakes, you're missing out on some serious fun!

The wonderful thing is, in the cq100 sweepstakes, you won't have splatter from neighboring stations, because of digital tuning.

The goal of the cq100 sweepstakes is to make as many contacts as you can, work all 50 US states, all Canadian provinces, and all dx countries.

However, you don't have to do that. Just get on, and have some fun, working stations for an hour, a couple hours, or, whatever amount of time you want to work the contest.

Don't sit this contest out, even if you never have been in a contest before. Come on in, get your feet wet, the water is fine, so, get on the air and have some fun! If you send in your log, great, if not, great too!

starts 2300z or 6PM EST, Friday, January 1, 2010

ends 0500z, or 12 midnight EST, Sunday, January 3, 2010

classes: single op single station

modes: CW, phone, or mixed.

bands: the cq100 bands of 80, 75, 40, 20, 15, and 10 meters

NOTE--Please do not use the following calling frequencies:

14.200, the general calling frequency

14.140, the Canadian calling frequency

14.058, the cw calling frequency

3.699, the Finnish calling frequency

and 3.780, the Swiss calling frequency

exchange: qso number, beginning with 001, and when you get to 10, you can type in just 2 digits all the way on up. precedent, (the only precedent will be d for digital), your call sign, the check, that is the last 2 digits of the year you were first licensed, and your section (US stations, give your state. Canadian stations, give your province. dx stations your country.

NOTE--the section must only be the 2 letter abbreviation of your state, province, or dx country. Example, Mi for Michigan, On for Ontario, and Au for Australia.

work stations once per mode per band.

to read about cq100, and to download the software, go to

http://www.qsonet.com

qso points: 1 point per qso, for example, 50 qsos equals 50 points.

multipliers: there will be no multipliers.

scoring: total number of qsos equals total qso points, for example, 500 qsos equals 500 points, we want this scoring easy for people to figure out.

log format: can be in cabrillo, must be in plain text, or you may do your own log, using Word, or WordPad not excel. You also can use logging programs, such as n3fjp, or n1mm software.

Here's an example of what must be included in each log.

1. your email address, so if you win, I can contact you.

2. your state, Canadian province, or dx country

3. the call sign you used during the contest

4. Anytime you switch bands, you must indicate that in your log.

5. If you switch modes, from phone to cw, or, from cw to phone, you must include that.

The reason for this is, you don't want dupes, (meaning duplicate stations worked on the same band or on the same mode on a particular band.

7. Here's what each log entry needs to show:

A. the qso number you sent, from 1 through 9 it would be 001, etc., then from 10 up, just number 10, 11, 100, 1000, etc.

B. the call sign of the station you worked

C. your precedence you sent, and it's always d, because it's digital, no amount of watts.

D. the check you sent, which is the last 2 digits of the year you were first licensed as a ham.

E. your US state, Canadian province, or your dx country you sent.

An example of a log entry follows

55 w3lpl

d

60

Pa.

8. at the end of the log, put the total number of qsos you worked

So, it would say something like, total number of qsos is 5432

9. your full name, your mailing address, and phone number with area code, so I can contact you if I can't get through via email, to tell you if you won the contest, and give you your choice of what kind of an award you want, or, if you didn't win, to tell you where you placed in the contest.

deadline date for submitting logs: February 1, 2010.

email address to send logs to: wd8oep2464(at)sbcglobal(dot)net

Will print logs be accepted? Yes, but only done on a printer, not hand written.

The reason I'm being very specific about logs is, I'm blind and can only read plain text files, or files printed out on a printer through my scanner.

address for sending print logs to: Harry Brown

2631 Krafft Rd

Apt 211

Port Huron, Mi. 48060

The top winner will receive his/her choice of a very nice cq100 Sweepstakes first place trophy, metal, banner, plaque, coffee mug, pendant, patch, key chain, pin, or certificate!

885. AT&T Tower on Ebay

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-01-05 16:38:04 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 885 Message: 885

There is a former AT&T tower on Ebay:
http://cgi.ebay.com/Communications-Tower-Cell-phone-Tower-Microwave_W0QQitemZ180449580075QQcmdZViewItemQQptZLH_DefaultDomain_0?hash=item2a03a2142b

886. [HARC] Interesting ARRL article

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-01-08 02:14:43 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 886 Message: 886

----- Original Message -----
From: Megan Heyl
To: k8daa@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Thursday, January 07, 2010 5:36 PM
Subject: [HARC] Interesting ARRL article

Members,
Found this interesting, and thought I would share with those who need to know this when contesting.
Megan

+ Now You Know!: 4U1 Call Signs
By ARRL News Editor S. Khrystyne Keane, K1SFA

This past weekend when I was working the ARRL RTTY Round-Up, I came across a call sign that I had never seen before. But that's not what confused me (as I become more active on the air, I run across all sorts of interesting call signs, such as 3V8ST). No, what confused me was that the supercheck database and my logging program told me that the call sign was located in the US. We all know that AA-AL, K, N and W are all US prefixes. Then why was 4U1WB showing up as being located in the US, too?

I'm looking forward to getting one of these in my mailbox soon!

Upon assurances I was not going crazy -- and more importantly that the supercheck database and my logger were not broken -- I found out that4U1WB is a United Nations call sign assigned to the World Bank Amateur Radio Club at the World Bank in Washington, DC. There are four 4U1 call signs around the globe: 4U1WB;4U1UN, assigned to the United Nations; 4U1ITU, assigned to the International Amateur Radio Club at the International Telecommunication Union, and 4U1VIC, assigned to the Vienna International Radio Club at the Vienna International Centre.

In the past, the United Nations has issued 4U call signs to various entities, allowing its use in areas where the UN has had peacekeeping forces. In 1995, an operation from Western Sahara used 4U/KC0PA, while Burundi used 4U9U in 1994.

World Bank headquarters in Washington, DC.

While 4U1UN and 4U1ITU count for credit toward the ARRL's DXCC award, 4U1WB and 4U1VIC do not. The DXCC rules define 4U1WB and 4U1VIC as "ineligible areas." These areas are classified as "extraterritorial legal entit[ies] of any nature, including, but not limited to, embassies, consulates, monuments, offices of the United Nations agencies or related organizations, other inter-governmental

organizations or diplomatic missions." This rule also clarifies that these two stations are considered part of their "host entity" for DXCC purposes. This makes 4U1WB part of the US and 4U1VIC part of Austria for DXCC purposes.

For more on 4U1UN, be sure to check out the February issue of QST. So now when you see or hear a call sign come across the ether to your radio with a 4U1 prefix, don't be alarmed when you find out that the call sign is based in the United States. Now you know!

[Non-text portions of this message have been removed]

887. Fw: [WestMichiganHams] HARC - General License Class Offered

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-01-10 03:02:46 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 887 Message: 887

----- Original Message -----
From: Megan Heyl
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Saturday, January 09, 2010 9:57 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] HARC - General License Class Offered

ATTENTION ALL TECH LICENSED HAMS:

The Holland Amateur Radio Club is offering a General Licensing Class and have a few seats available.

The class begins January 18 and will run for about eight weeks. It meets at the Ken Groom Technical/Training Center, 280 E. 8th St at 7:00 pm.

The class fee is $20 and a book if you need it is another $20.

For more information contact Ed, KF8EV at:

616-772-4811
kf8ev@...

888. Annual Columbia Space Shuttle Special Event Station

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-01-15 00:01:02 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 888 Message: 888

For anyone that like's Special Events. Here is a good one.

KD8DEG Tom

----- Original Message -----
From: Allen
To: ham-mag_en@...
Sent: Thursday, January 14, 2010 8:58 AM
Subject: [ham-mag_en] Annual Columbia Special Event Station

On Jan 13, 2010, at 10:55 PM, Rusty Sanders wrote:

Due to circumstances beyond our control, we were unable to get information posted in the QST magazine in time to let everyone know about the annual Columbia Special Event Station remembering the shuttle event and the many ham operators that came together to assist in the recovery effort.

Please pass along the attached information to your members.

Thanks, 73, KD5GEN, Rusty Sanders

GramofHope.com

<Shuttle Columbia Special Event Station.doc>

Shuttle Columbia Special Event Station

The Nacogdoches Amateur Radio Club will again hold a special event station in remembrance of the shuttle disaster on Feb. 1, 2003. The event will occur on Saturday, Feb. 6, 2010. Ham operators from other areas are welcome to attend the event. If you cannot come to Nacogdoches, we would like to hear from you on 20 or 40 meters. Operation will begin at 0800 CST (1400 UTC) and end at 1500 CST (2100 UTC).

The station will be set up at the McMichael Middle School located at 4330 SE Stallings Drive in Nacogdoches. This is on Loop 224 between Hwy 21 east and FM 2259. The event commemorates how the ham radio operators from the local area went into action immediately after the shuttle crash to provide emergency communications and relay traffic necessary to the coordination of the event. Within hours, ham operators from across the state of Texas and other states as well also became involved. Many ham radio clubs sent members to assist in providing communications for the varied search teams. Other clubs provided towers and repeater equipment necessary to relay vital information.

In honor of the work performed by Amateur Radio, the Nacogdoches Amateur Radio Club has a special event station on the first Saturday in February of each year. The special event station allows ham radio operators to meet together in person to discuss the events of the fateful day in February 2003. Local club members operate radios set up at the school to make contacts across the country via various frequencies. We plan to operate on 7200 and 14270, plus or minus QRM. The local vhf repeater of 146.84, negative offset, 141.3 PL will

be monitored as a talk-in channel.

For additional information, please contact Rusty Sanders, kd5gen@....

889. Anyone for the North American QSO Party Saturday?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-01-15 00:05:06 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 889 Message: 889

This would be another good test for the W8DC station. It's a "medium grade contest" with lots of activity, but usually not a "knock down, drag out" high powered contest.

Anyone for the SSB version of the North American QSO Party on Saturday, January 16? It starts at 1 p.m. (1800z) Saturday and ends at 1 a.m. (0600Z) Sunday. All bands, 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 meters, 100 watts maximum power, so we wouldn't be fighting the KW+ crowd. For details see http://www.ncjweb.com/naqprules.pdf

I can't do this one. I have a conference in Battle Creek that day. However, NAQP is fun. I did about 160 Q's in about 7 hours running QRP during the CW version.

Tnx es 73 de n8xx Hg

890. (no subject)

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-01-16 00:56:17 UTC
From: Charles Rich
Topic: 890 Message: 890

MORSE CODE CLASSES (if interest) WILL START ON THE WEEK OF JANUARY 25TH. MONDAY AND /OR TUESDAY-- EXACT NIGHT WILL BE DETERMINED BY INTEREST.

WE MEET AT THE HARC CLUB HOUSE , 280 EAST 8TH STREET IN HOLLAND FROM 7 - 9.

IF INTERESTED, PLEASE ADVISE ASAP.

BEGINNER CLASS IS FOR THOSE WITH LIMITED OR NO KNOWLEGE OF THE CODE. ADVANCED IS FOR THOSE WHO KNOW THE CODE BUT NEED TO INCREASE THEIR SPEED.

THERE IS NO CHARGE FOR THESE CLASSES

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891. CW classes - information update

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-01-18 16:21:53 UTC
From: Megan Heyl
Topic: 891 Message: 891

ATTENTION all potential c w operators:

The Holland Amateur Radio Club will offer a class if you are interested in learning or increasing your c w speed. Our instructor, Chuck, W8GCW, has had much success teaching the code with the method he uses. The start date depends on the number of students and the level of c w experience.

Interested persons can contact Ed, KF8EV or Chuck, W8GCW via this reflector.

73,

Ed, KF8EV
Education Chairman

892. Fwd: Haiti Traffic

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-01-19 14:04:29 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 892 Message: 892

I haven't listened to 14300 nor 14330 yet, but be aware of this, and
please leave these frequencies clear for Haiti Relief Traffic.

73 de n8xx Hg

-------- Original Message --------
Subject: Haiti Traffic
Date: Tue, 19 Jan 2010 08:08:01 -0500
From: Gibson, Steve <SMGibson@...>
To:

Andrews Global Command is now running on 14.300 soon to move to 14.330.
They took over the frequency at about 7:00 am local this morning.
Interesting traffic into Haiti.

N8DNG 73

893. The Locust QSO Party... Funny!

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-01-20 04:03:21 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 893 Message: 893

Anyone participating in this contest? It's tomorrow night and only 53 minutes long. Awards are subscriptions (or extension) to the National Contest Journal. It uses your NAQP contest configuration for logging. A reading of the rules might be in order... they're long, thorough, funny, and present the ultimate in a "level contesting field" for everyone to enjoy.

http://www.k6vva.com/lqp/

Tnx to the Minnesota Wireless Association Reflector

73 de n8xx Hg

894. CODE CLASSES

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-01-20 19:28:08 UTC
From: Charles Rich
Topic: 894 Message: 894

Just an update on the code class in Holland.

There has not been a lot of interest expressed for a Morse Code class, this year. None from the Holland group.

I don't want to stretch this out, but -- I really like a class of 4 - 6. It's easier to teach, builds team work and stimulates competition.

As of today, if we don't get more participation - I am going to hold off til spring. since those inquiries come from people who have to travel.

Soooo.....Any more takers???

Next opportunity Mid March!!

Contact Chuck, W8GCW
chucksvideo@...
616 396-2294
616 805-2200
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895. Monitor Public Safety

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-01-26 00:00:25 UTC
From: Charles Rich
Topic: 895 Message: 895

Perhaps you have heard of this site. I just found out about it. Great for those without scanners.. Some areas even have amateur freq's. Check it out.

Chuck, W8GCW

www.radioreference.com
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896. Fw: [WestMichiganHams] FM 2 Meter Simplex Contest Feb 7 & 10

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-01-30 21:32:06 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 896 Message: 896

----- Original Message -----
From: NA8M
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Saturday, January 30, 2010 1:38 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] FM 2 Meter Simplex Contest Feb 7 & 10

Let's Have Some Fun on the Radio!

On February 7 and 10 the club is offering you an opportunity to have some fun on two meters. This is a contest but is might better be described as a QSO party or a great way to enjoy two meters. The rules are easy and the fun is mandatory. Every ham has two meters available. Fire up that rig and make some contacts with your friends. Limber up your privileges and you will find lots of folks on the band. We're all having tons of fun!

The rules are simple:

FM Simplex Contest
Sponsored by the
Muskegon Area Amateur Radio Council
Sunday, February 7, 2010
&
Wednesday, February 10, 2010
The purpose of this contest is to encourage amateurs to learn the basics of contesting, simplex operations, and expand the scope of their VHF operating techniques beyond those needed for repeater operation. This is a fun event that everyone will enjoy. This would be a stepping-stone toward earning your "Worked All MAARC Members" certificate.
1. This event is a sprint, lasting one hour, from 2:00 pm until 3:00 pm eastern local time Sunday, February 7, 2010. The event also runs the following Wednesday, February 10, 2010 between 8:00 pm and 9:00 pm. Participants are encouraged to work both hours of the contest. Contacts are limited to FM simplex on the two-meter band, only.
2. Contest frequencies: Contest frequencies correspond to those recommended in the ARRL band plan. Recommended two-meter frequencies: Primary 146.550, 146.565, 146.580, and 146.595 mHz, Secondary 147.540, 147.555, 147.570, and 147.585 mHz. This is a two-meter band contest. No other bands.
A. During the contest no contacts are to be logged on the 146.52 calling frequency, or the guard channels 15 kHz above and below 146.52. Any entry from a station heard making QSO's on 146.52 mHz will be disqualified. Limit contest activity to the primary and secondary frequencies, above, only.
B. Soliciting simplex contacts using repeaters, but not 146.52, is permitted.
C. This is a fun contest. Relax, enjoy, cooperate, and communicate.
3. Exchange - Call Sign, township or municipality transmitting from, and whether a member of the Muskegon Area Amateur Radio Council, MAARC.
4. Scoring:
A. Each QSO is worth one point. Only one QSO with a unique contest exchange is allowed for this event, regardless of the date logged.
B. A base station or HT can be worked only once. A mobile station could be worked more than

once after it moves to a different township or municipality. If the contest exchange changes then the station can be worked once for each QSO. For example, the mobile works you from Laketon Township. The mobile moves to Muskegon City. You can work her from the new municipality. The exchange has changed from Laketon Township to Muskegon City.
C. Each township or municipality can be used once as a multiplier. Each member of the MAARC can be used once as a multiplier.
D. Score would be calculated by multiplying total QSOs by total multipliers.
E. Technicians would multiply their final score by 1.5 for a bonus.
F. Bonus of 10 points added to final score for working club station W8ZHO once.
5. There will be Three entry classifications:
A. BASE - less than 150 watts. (ARRL classification of low power for V-UHF contests using common solid-state amplifiers.)
B. MOBILE- must work from a minimum of two townships or municipalities and power levels same as those specified for the base station classification. If you enter as a mobile then all your operating in this contest must be as a mobile. You may not combine both mobile and base classifications.
C. HTs- (not mobile units run at reduced power) - non-amplified, using any type of antenna, mobile or fixed operation (to encourage innovation and creativity).
6. Awards (Second and third place awards are at the committee's discretion)
A. First in each of the three entry classifications. (A minimum of three possible awards)
B. Awards to be presented at the April MAARC club meeting.
C. Actual awards are to be at the discretion of the contest's organizers.
7. All entries will include a copy of the station's written contest log showing the following data for each QSO: "Date - Frequency - Local time - Call sign of station worked - Township or Municipality - Status of membership in MAARC". You must declare your classification (whether Base, Mobile, or HT) together with your call sign in your log submission. An Excel spreadsheet may be created (by the contest's organizers) to facilitate scoring and log submission. Stand by for more details.
8. You need to get your log into the MAARC so we can judge the event, prepare the prizes, and announce the winners and participants. Please submit your log right after the end of the contest, February 10. Paper and electronic logs are permitted. Send your log to the easily determined addresses for the MAARC, W8ZHO. Again, we may provide you a means of logging and reporting your entry.
9. You are encouraged to swap QSL cards for the contacts in your log. These QSL cards would help you earn the prestigious "Worked All MAARC Members" award. That is a nice award for your shack.

Date Freq Local Time Call Sign Twp/City Member?
Sun 146.550 2:01 KC8TBX Dayton Y

897. 10-Meter Radio AMPLIFER for sale

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-02-03 06:16:42 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 897 Message: 897

10-Meter Radio AMPLIFIER(!) For Sale, 3cx3000a7 eimac tube amp

http://cgi.ebay.com/ws/eBayISAPI.dll?ViewItem&item=140375395395

898. Re: [GRARA] 10-Meter Radio AMPLIFER for sale

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-02-03 14:27:24 UTC
From: Dave S
Topic: 897 Message: 898

Wow,
     I bet we could reach out and touch someone with this amp. LOL
                                                                Dave

--- On Wed, 2/3/10, Wilson <kd8deg@centurytel.net> wrote:

From: Wilson <kd8deg@...>
Subject: [GRARA] 10-Meter Radio AMPLIFER for sale
To: "Montcalm Yahoo group" <montcalmcountyares@yahoogroups.com>, "MichFoxHunter
@Yahoogroups" <MichiganFoxHunter@yahoogroups.com>, "MARA @Yahoogroups W8USA"
<W8USA@yahoogroups.com>, k8daa@yahoogroups.com, GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Date: Wednesday, February 3, 2010, 1:16 AM

10-Meter Radio AMPLIFIER(!) For
Sale, 3cx3000a7 eimac tube amp

http://cgi.ebay. com/ws/eBayISAPI .dll?ViewItem& item=14037539539 5

899. Meeting tonite!

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-02-05 15:00:22 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 899 Message: 899

I see we have a meeting tonight - Friday, February 5, 2009.

I haven't heard what's on the schedule, but come on down and learn all the latest and greatest about GRARA, and have an eyeball chat with your fellow ham.

Gathering starts at 6:30 p.m., at , 1050 Fuller Ave NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503. That's near Leonard. For details instructions and a map see

http://w8dc.org/grr_common/RedCrossDirections.htm

Hope to see you there.

73 de n8xx Hg

900. Vertical antenna parts

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-02-09 02:32:47 UTC
From: Dave Ed
Topic: 900 Message: 900

Iam looking for a vertical antenna base that someone might have that they no longer need.
If you have one let me know.
Dave Ed
AC8AB

901. Re: [GRARA] Vertical antenna parts

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-02-09 12:13:51 UTC
From: Jack Kunnen
Topic: 900 Message: 901

Dave,

I'll ask around.

Jack ab8nd

On Feb 8, 2010, at 9:32 PM, Dave Ed wrote:

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> they no longer need.
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> AC8AB
>
>
>

902. Re: [GRARA] Vertical antenna parts

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-02-09 17:10:39 UTC
From: Charles Rich
Topic: 900 Message: 902

I am somewhat confused as to what, exactly, you need. Is this a part of the antenna itself, or something to mount the antenna on.

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From: Jack Kunnen <ab8nd@sbcglobal.net>
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Tue, February 9, 2010 7:13:51 AM
Subject: Re: [GRARA] Vertical antenna parts

Dave,

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Jack ab8nd

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>AC8AB
>
>

903. Re: [GRARA] Vertical antenna parts

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-02-10 01:21:03 UTC
From: Dave Ed
Topic: 900 Message: 903

Chuck,
It is the base part of the antenna that mounts on a pipe or what ever.
Thanks,
 Dave
AC8AB
--- On Tue, 2/9/10, Charles Rich <chucksvideo@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

From: Charles Rich <chucksvideo@...>
Subject: Re: [GRARA] Vertical antenna parts
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Date: Tuesday, February 9, 2010, 12:10 PM

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Dave Ed
AC8AB

904. Re: [GRARA] Vertical antenna parts

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-02-10 01:30:02 UTC
From: Dave Ed
Topic: 900 Message: 904

JACK,
Thanks,
Dave

--- On Tue, 2/9/10, Jack Kunnen <ab8nd@...> wrote:

From: Jack Kunnen <ab8nd@...>
Subject: Re: [GRARA] Vertical antenna parts
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Date: Tuesday, February 9, 2010, 7:13 AM

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905. Fw: [HARC] Article from Homeland Security News Wire

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-02-20 03:37:00 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 905 Message: 905

----- Original Message -----
From: Steve Vanderhill
To: Holland Club K8DAA ; North Ottawa Amateur Radio Club W8CSO
Sent: Thursday, February 18, 2010 2:25 PM
Subject: [HARC] Article from Homeland Security News Wire

Subject: Article from Homeland Security News Wire

Home-made poisons pose risks for first responders Published 17 February 2010 A 23-year old St. Petersburg, Florida resident committed suicide by filling his car with gas which was a custom-made combination of pesticides and cleaning products; he learned about the deadly concoction from the Internet As St. Petersburg firefighters and paramedics approached the car in a residential area over the weekend in response to a suicide call, they caught a whiff of some strange-smelling gas and noticed the car was filled with smoke. What really got their attention were the five signs on the windows. "Stay Away." "Contact Haz-Mat." Tampa Bay Online's Keith Morelli reports that it did not take long for them to figure out this was more than a carbon monoxide poisoning. They backed off and donned full protective clothing and self-contained breathing devices. They pulled a 23-year-old man from inside the car, but were not able to revive him.
A police officer who helped drew a lungful of the concoction near the car and felt lightheaded. He was taken to a nearby hospital where he was treated and later released.
Morelli writes that "the incident illustrates a new problem first responders are facing these days. Diving into unknown situations to help people may endanger their own lives."
It turns out the gas in the car was a custom-made combination of pesticides and cleaning products that the man in the car learned about from the Internet.
Japanese media recently has reported on a rash of suicides of young people there in which common cleaning products are mixed together to create a quick-acting poisonous gas. St. Petersburg officials say this is the first case of this kind in the city. Fire & Rescue Lt. Joel Granata said another agency forwarded an e-mail to St. Petersburg firefighters on 27 January telling them of this new method of suicide, which can injure and maybe even kill first responders who go in unprotected.
"This whole thing transpired in Japan where they had 3,000 suicides last year," he said. Japanese officials say that about 500 of that total used this type of lethal brew. "They call it detergent suicides," Granata said. A combination of bath beads or dish detergent along with some sort of acid can emit a toxic gas, he said. Once mixed, he said, the person passes out and the heart stops within minutes.

"You can just mix it up in a bucket right there in the car," Granata said.
In Japan, suicide victims have placed signs on windows of their cars warning first responders, he said. In the weekend incident, the victim put five placards around the car to warn first responders, Granata said.
"We knew when we saw the signs that this was unusual," he said.
Information on such trends gets to departments around the world through several first responder organizations, said Tampa Fire Rescue Capt. Bill Wade. Suicide victims typically have left warning signs for first responders, he said. "We wonder when the first time will be when they don't put up a sign or when someone will intentionally not put that note up just to harm first responders," Wade said.

[Non-text portions of this message have been removed]

906. Michigan's Proposed Tower Law - PRB-1 - A Call For Your Action

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-02-21 20:56:38 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 906 Message: 906
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Fellow Michigan Hams:

Here's a message from Len Todd, N8AGS, MPTL Project Manager. N8AGS@...

I'll add my endorsement to Len's for you to please send your letter of support for this bill.

73 de n8xx Hg
Assistant Director, Great Lakes Division, ARRL

First off, I personally thank all of you who have already contacted your legislative repsresentatives!

Current Status of HB # 5556

The Michigan Proposed Tower Law (previously referred to as the Michigan Emergency Communications Preservation Act – PRB-1) is currently in Michigan's House of Representatives' Committee on Intergovernmental and Regional Affairs (http://www.legislature.mi.gov/%28S%28ojqmvramz0ufl155ezq4uy45%29%29/mileg.aspx?page=CommitteeBillRecordSearch&mySession=2009-2010&CommitteeName=Intergovernmental%20and%20Regional%20Affairs&chamber=house). Representative Lindberg, the Bill's original Sponsor, is asking the Committee Chairperson to move on the Bill. This is the normal practice to get the Committee to function on a bill. Once a bill is accepted or modified and accepted by the Committee, it moves to the House Floor for discussion and/or vote. The Bill can also be rejected by the Committee. Once on the House Floor, if there are enough supporting Representatives, the bill passes the floor vote.

Now is the time to write, call and/or personally contact the members of the Michigan Intergovernmental and Regional Affairs Committee.

Here are the quick & dirty steps to contact our Committee Members:

Step 1: Review the below linked draft Bill.

Step 2: Open a new email window.

Step 3: Cut and paste the below e-mail address list into the To: address line.

Step 4: Fill in Subject: Line with: "Please Support and Act on HB # 5556".

Step 5: Cut and paste the below message text to the message box. Tailor the letter to your words as you see fit.

Step 6: Send the e-mail.

A copy of the Draft Bill can be found at http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?2009-HB-5556

The below is an email address list of Intergovernmental and Regional Affairs Committee Members. It can be cut and pasted into an e-mail's TO: addressing line.

MarieDonigan@...; VickiBarnett@...;TimBledsoe@...;HaroldHaugh@...;RobertJones@...; DebKennedy@...;ColemanAYoungII@...; PeteLund@...;CindyDenby@...; ArlanBMeekhof@...; WayneSchmidt@...;

The below is sample text for an E-Mail to our Committee Members. It can be cut and pasted to your new email and edited as you desire. Please add you signature, name & address and phone # where indicated in the Red font, below.

… Start of sample text

To: Members of the Committee on Intergovernmental& Regional Affairs

As you know HB #5556 has been referred to your Committee. I urge each of you to give this legislation the attention it deserves. Amateur Radio Operators provide invaluable assis-tance to the citizens of the State of Michigan and Emergency Preparedness Organizations we serve.

It is important that you take steps to move House Bill # 5556 through Committee and assure a vote on the House Floor on a timely basis. I solicit your support and action on this Bill.

Warmest regards,

Add your Signature here

Add your Name

Add your Address here

Add your Telephone number here

… End of sample text.

It is critical that you now take the time to contact our Intergovernmental and Regional Affairs Committee Members and ask them to support House Bill # 5556!

Thanks for taking your time to do this!.

Len Todd, N8AGS

MPTL Project Manager

N8AGS@...

907. 2010 IRA Hamfest Brochure link

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-02-22 23:01:53 UTC
From: Michel
Topic: 907 Message: 907

Here is a link to the IRA Repeater Assoc Hamfest brochure

http://www.w8dc.org/grr_images/2010IraHamfest_300DPI.pdf

It also referenced at http://www.MichiganFoxHunter.com

Mike@...

908. Radio Equipment For Sale

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-02-28 13:44:41 UTC
From: Mark Hoonhorst
Topic: 908 Message: 908

I have a Cobra 148 GTL D for sale, this is a nice looking clean radio that works well, $65. I also have a yaesu g1000 dxa rotor with control box and 150' of cable, these items work well, make me an offer. I have a 150' of RG 256 up for sale as well.

909. This week at the Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-03-01 04:07:11 UTC
From: Michel
Topic: 909 Message: 909

Be sure to check the w8dc.org web site for information about this week's meeting, the MARA dinner fundraiser before the meeting and a "fresh from the printer" flyer on the IRA Hamfest coming up the first Saturday in June.

910. J37K - Grenada on the air

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-03-01 17:10:07 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 910 Message: 910

Grenada isn't a rare country, but you might be interested in this info.

-------- Original Message --------
Subject: Fwd: GRENADA info
Date: Mon, 01 Mar 2010 11:36:06 -0500
From: Gail <sgcapper@...>
To:

-----Original Message-----
From: Harry or Marge Flasher <hflasher@...>
To: Gail <sgcapper@...>
Sent: Mon, Mar 1, 2010 10:53 am
Subject: GRENADA info

*Gail my server refused message going to mailing list. Would you please send this on to all on club list.

73 Harry

Wed. night I should be flying from Miami to Grenada. J37K should be on around mid to late morning Thursday until late afternoon. Most of the time I will be beaming EU when open and back across USA as paths to EU drop off. Thur. ops will end around 4pm EST. Pretty much same schedule on Friday to a dinner break and starting at 7pm all ops will be toward USA/Canada in the ARRL DX contest. During the first few hours of contest (Friday night) I will mostly op on 40,80 and 160.

Starting mid AM on Sat. and Sun. I will be beaming USA on 10,15 or 20 meters as conditions permit as the contest is to USA/Canada from rest of World. .

During the contest, I plan to op on the highest band open (10 meters being highest). Before the contest same plan will apply except add 12 & 17 meters.

Return home will be early Monday AM with a real long layover in Miami arriving back home early Tuesday AM.

Best 73 to all - Harry AC8G
*

911. GRARA Meeting - Friday, March 5, 7 p.m.

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-03-03 21:14:32 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 911 Message: 911

Ever wonder why hams are sometimes equated with those in the local funny farm? Well, consider the following topic, which will be presented at the upcoming meeting of the Grand Rapids ARA
:*
Contesting in the snow* - Hank, N8XX will give a short summary of "Contesting the the snow", otherwise known as "Freeze Your B.... Off", in which four hearty souls participated on February 6 at a farm south of Saranac. KD8CWP, KD8HNF, KA5S and N8XX operated 2 transmitters in the cold - it was 16?F when we arrived, never got above freezing... Why do ham do such strange things? Come to the meeting and see. Hank will finish with a short description of the ARRL SSB DX contests which starts at the same time as our meeting, and which we'll fire up W8DC for anyone and everyone who wishes to try his/her hand at some DX contesting. Be sure that this will NOT be a knock down, drag out contest effort - any and all are cordially invited to operate.

Meetings are held at the Red Cross building, 1050 Fuller Ave NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 which is just south of Leonard Street. Time is 6:30 gathering for coffee and snacks, 7:00 p.m. for meeting and, this time, approximately 8 p.m. for QSY to W8DC radio room across the hall to partake of the ARRL Phone DX contest.

All are welcome - pleas pass the word.

73 de n8xx Hg

912. Burger or Fishwich, anyone?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-03-03 21:20:51 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 912 Message: 912

Support our fellow hams.... On the way to our March meeting, _March 5th_, let's stop by the MARA Fund Raiser Dinner for a quick sandwich and ham talk.

Michigan Amateur Radio Alliance
PRESENTS
Build your Burger or Fishwich
Menu will include Burger or fishwich, chips, coleslaw, desert, coffee or juice.
Friday, March 5, 2010, 5:00 to 8:00 PM
Donation: $5.00
Children under 12: $3.00
At 5th St. Hall. Located on the Northwest Corner of 5th and Davis Sts.
Grand Rapids, MI 49504

for more info see details at http://www.w8usa.org/club_events.htm

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913. Rockford EXPO

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-03-05 05:10:14 UTC
From: pobox740
Topic: 913 Message: 913

Hello, all
I will be at the Rockford Expo on Sat 3/20/2010 at the Rockford High School on Kroes St. South of the city of Rockford.
My company (Michigan Emergency Mitigation Services) will be at booth # 142, in the Cafeteria.
Stop by and say hi.
73s
Timothy kb8afs

914. "A Big Thank You-GRARA"

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-03-06 15:40:31 UTC
From: Richard
Topic: 914 Message: 914

I wanted to make this time to thank you guys for doing all you could to promote Mara's "Build Your Burger" night. It worked! Thanks to your effort we had more people than we would have otherwise.
A special thank you to Hank, N8XX. you helped keep us on our toes.
Thank you Hank!

I hope we can recipeate.

Thank you all again!

Rich K8JX
President Mara 2010

915. RG-8/U

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-03-08 17:32:28 UTC
From: Mark Hoonhorst
Topic: 915 Message: 915

Approx. 150' of JSC Wire and Cable RG-8/U thick black base coax for sale $75. 3 section american made tower w/ tilt bottm 20' mast, and rotor attatched (I do not know if it works) $200 obo.

916. Moonraker 4 Antenna

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-03-09 16:24:09 UTC
From: Mark Hoonhorst
Topic: 916 Message: 916

I have an AV-140 4 element beam for sale. It's in good shape. $50.

918. Antenna for sale

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-03-09 17:54:02 UTC
From: Robert
Topic: 918 Message: 918

For any interested, I have a Buddipole antenna for sale up on eBay. I am pretty sure it's the only one...

http://www.buddipole.com

If a local buys it, delivery is free :)

I am selling it to fund the purchase of an FT-817nd. I run portable more than anything, and I find the 857, it's power supply, and the buddipole to be a bit bulky for airline carry on. I still have a Buddistick which is MUCH more portable.

I wonder if there is an award for Worked all States FROM all States :)

73
N8TYZ

Robert Former

919. Six Meter Beacon On the Air....

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-03-14 00:49:52 UTC
From: K8TB
Topic: 919 Message: 919

The former K8EB six meter beacon is back on the air, with a few small changes.

It's now located just north of Holland, still on 50.065 MHz.

The call sign changes a bit, from K8EB to K8TB

Pictures at: http://www.bosscher.org/k8tb%20beacon.htm

tom K8TB

920. 2010 Tulip Time Parades

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-03-15 19:09:18 UTC
From: w8jrm
Topic: 920 Message: 920

Hello, it might not feel like Spring is just around the corner but it will be here very soon, with Spring's arrival comes the 2010 Tulip Time Festival.

As in the past the Amateur Radio Operators and the American Red Cross will be providing support along the parade routes during the three Tulip Time parades.

The first parade (Volksparade) is scheduled for Wednesday, May 6, which we will need twelve Amateur Radio Operators to work as a Team with two American Red Cross First Aid Responders in covering a one block section of the parade route. Along with two Net Control Operators, we will need a total of fourteen Amateur Radio Operators, during the time frame of approximately 1:00pm until 3:30pm.

The second parade (Kinderparade) is scheduled for Thursday, May 8, which we will need the same number of Amateur Radio Operators as the Wednesday parade, during the same approximate time frame. The rain date for this parade will be Friday, May 9.

The third, the largest, and the longest parade (Muziekparade) is schedule for Saturday, May 10, which we will need twenty-four Amateur Radio Operators to cover a one-block section of the expanded parade route, along with two-three Net Control Operators. Also during this parade we need packet radio stations setup and operating at the American Red Cross Tulip Time Headquarters, Holland High School, and at Net Control.

Also for the Saturday parade, Amateur Radio Operators are needed to assist with parade lineup. This group will be working within their own net, and on a different frequency than the parade route Teams. We need approximately ten operators, six assigned to specific Division Parade Marshals, one to work with the floats, one to assist the TV Crew with their coverage, one to work with the cars, one to work directly with the Grand Marshal, and two Net Control Operators. Adding up the various activities on Saturday, we need approximately forty Amateur Radio Operators just to cover what we currently know needs to be covered.

As one can see, this is large operation in which one Club or Group cannot handle on their own. Please we need your help in getting the word out to all area Amateur Radio Operators of this need. Many have done this festival for years and have their favorite spots to serve. If you are willing to serve, and have a favorite spot, please let me know I will to my best to assign you to that specific position. For those that are new to the hobby or those that have sat on the sidelines in the past years, please consider giving it a try. It is fun, and is a great way to brush up on your net operating procedures while providing a highly visible community service.

If you're interested in volunteering, please provide me with you full name, call sign, physical limitations or special needs, contact phone number, email address, and any special assignments you would like to cover.

Please email Dave Lamer WA8RSA directly at wa8rsa@... if you're interested in working the parade line-up on Saturday.

Thank you in advance!

Jim Miller W8JRM

921. Amateur Radio License Testing Opportunity

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-03-18 14:07:24 UTC
From: Carpoolqueen
Topic: 921 Message: 921

The Holland Amateur Radio Club will be offering an opportunity for anyone interested in acquiring their Technician, General, or Extra Class Licenses.

The testing will take place on Monday, March 29, 2010
The time of the testing will begin at 7:00pm
The place to be is at the Kollen Park Fire Station - 279 Kollen Park Drive, Holland, Mi 49423
The cost is $15.00 and you will need 2 pieces of identification, one with a photo.

If you have any questions, please email our VE Coordinator Rick at N8GGO@...

922. Fw: [WestMichiganHams] Fw: Cool Tool

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-03-21 02:29:55 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 922 Message: 922

----- Original Message -----
From: k8mhz@...
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Saturday, March 20, 2010 12:46
Subject: Cool Tool

Check out this frequency allocation 'dashboard' the FCC just got on the Internet.

http://reboot.fcc.gov/spectrumdashboard/searchSpectrum.seam

923. Looking for an older hf transceiver

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-03-21 16:13:12 UTC
From: penmaker1@att.net
Topic: 923 Message: 923

I'm just getting set up after 50+ years...looking for an older radio for the base station. Something like an Icom 726 or Kenwood TS450s. I'm deaf and will be depending on digital display, packet and decoded cw so the radio should be compatible with Ham Radio Direct or similar software. If you have something that might work for me, in good shape (I'm no techie for repairs), contact me here or at penmaker1@...

Thanks & 73

Dave Brace
W8RUZ

924. DoD Cross band test - data for May 2010

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-03-25 04:01:00 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 924 Message: 924
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

From: Wilson, Russ <Russ@...>
Subject: DoD Cross band test - data for May 2010
Date: Wednesday, March 24, 2010, 10:45 AM

Just in case anyone in the club(s) would like to participate... (They give out some interesting QSL cards.)
Please witness the attached...
I stripped out the headings and a few phone #'s otherwise, this data is as-is, & straight from the source(s).
Although it will be re-published via other means (QST & various amateur related websites etc), this data is apt to be more accurate and without regard to available column space.
Pls excuse the formatting; tis a simple copy & paste.

Tks es 73,
de Russ
W8KI

925. CF3NAVY this summer

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-03-28 20:55:36 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 925 Message: 925

This looks like a special event station to work this summer.

http://www.qrz.com/callsign.html'?callsign=CF3NAVY

926. Meeting this Friday

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-03-31 11:42:17 UTC
From: Jack Kunnen
Topic: 611 Message: 926

Members and Friends

The monthly meeting for the Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association is this Friday 2 April, 7pm. Dayton shopping list, Swap site and more will be under discussion at the meeting.

Don't forget the ARGYL swap on Saturday 3 April

Jack, AB8ND

927. About Grid Squares

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-04-04 01:28:47 UTC
From: K8TB
Topic: 927 Message: 927

I have received emails from two people who expressed puzzlement when I gave the grid square of my six meter beacon as EN62wu. They both knew that the grid square for the Holland area is EN62, but they didn't know what the two additional elements were for.

Around this area of the world, a 4 digit grid square is around 100 miles wide and 70 miles tall. The EN62 grid square, which contains Holland, MI, also contains South Haven, Benton Harbor, and it jumps across Lake Michigan and includes the NE area of Chicago, Racine, Wisconsin and the SE area of Milwaukee. This is a large area.

If you go to the ARRL web site on grid squares, this is explained rather well:
http://www.arrl.org/locate/gridinfo.html

When the Maidenhead system was designed, a 4 digit grid square is to be 1 degree of latitude and 2 degrees of longitude. The Maidenhead people then added the two digits to define a smaller area. The area is now 2.5 minutes worth of latitude tall and 5 minutes worth of longitude wide. This neatly divides a four digit grid square into tiny slices 1/24th as wide and tall, meaning the resolution is 576 times greater.

But by adding the two additional letters, we can now identify an area that is only 3 miles tall by 4 miles wide, such as EN62wu.

If you are interested in what your six digit grid square is, QRZ offers a good guess. Most of the time, it is very accurate, but be careful as the QRZ program can be faked out by local road addresses.

If you would really like to find your six digit grid square, use an online resource that ties into Google Maps:

Go to:

http://www.dxzone.com/cgi-bin/dir/jump2.cgi?ID=13877

Click on the line just below the top:

"** Full-screen version with gridsquare limits here <fullScreen.php> -*"

* This takes you to a page that shows the Google map. Click on and drag the map over to your area, and zoom in. Then double click on your house address, and the program will give you the six digit grid square. Zoom out, and you can see the limits of this 6 digit grid square.
As an example, the Holland HARC clubhouse is EN62ws and the GRARA Red Cross locations is EN72ex.

Many of the logging programs can use the six digit grid squares to show the azimuth between the two points, for a much superior antenna pointing accuracy.

tom bosscher k8tb "EN72bv" !

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928. Michigan QSO Party, 17 April 2010, anyone?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-04-05 19:42:02 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 928 Message: 928

Membere/Officers:

Was the Michigan QSO Party discussed @ the GRARA Meeting on April 2? Sorry I couldn't make the meeting - we were visiting relatives in Indiana that day.

Anyway, the Michigan QSO Party runs from noon to midnight EDT, Saturday, April 17, 2010, or 1600Z April 17, to 0400Z April 18 for those who think in Greenwich Mean Time. For the past couple years we've put W8DC on the air with one or two transmitters, and have made a "reasonable" number of contacts.

Do we have a logging program for the radio room? We logged with a paper log for the ARRL DX contest, and it was difficult to figure out band changes, etc., so a computer logging program would seem essential.

Please advise if you plan to make it for this event.

Tnx es 73 de n8xx Hg

929. Fw: Tornado Week - Tornado Simulator

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-04-05 22:03:23 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 929 Message: 929
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

----- Original Message -----
From: Chuck LeMar
To: undisclosed-recipients
Sent: Monday, April 05, 2010 12:37 PM
Subject: Tornado Week - Tornado Simulator

Tornado Week April 4-10

Click below to see a great Tornado Simulator.When you get to the site simply download the player...it only takes a few seconds.

http://intothetornado.com/

Please share this link with your friends.

Chuck W8VOM

930. 6 meters has aurora

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-04-06 22:10:42 UTC
From: K8TB
Topic: 930 Message: 930

Since the storm from ol Sol arrived here on earth, there is
moderate aurora propagation going on 6 meters.

Point the beam north and enjoy..

tom k8tb

931. TOWAIR Determination

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-04-06 22:36:52 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 931 Message: 931

If you live near an airport, and you plan on putting up a tower, this FAA site will help in your tower height decisions.

KD8DEG Tom

http://wireless2.fcc.gov/UlsApp/AsrSearch/towairSearch.jsp

932. NWS Lightning Safety

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-04-06 22:54:13 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 932 Message: 932

With the last 24 hrs of storms we have had, it is time to be thinking about Lightning Safety.

KD8DEG Tom

http://www.lightningsafety.noaa.gov/

933. Re: [GRARA] 6 meters has aurora

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-04-07 00:29:15 UTC
From: R. Mark Barnett
Topic: 930 Message: 933

Hummmm.... do you think is it time to get that 10 meter rig fixed yet??? I have a new antenna for it....

This sunspot cycle has been like waiting for Godot..... maybe we won't be waiting too much longer for some great propagation.... I've been watching the sun here http://sohowww.nascom.nasa.gov/home.html ....

Mark N8PGV

From: K8TB <k8tb@...>
To: k8daa@yahoogroups.com; GRARA@yahoogroups.com; WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Tue, April 6, 2010 6:10:42 PM
Subject: [GRARA] 6 meters has aurora

Since the storm from ol Sol arrived here on earth, there is
moderate aurora propagation going on 6 meters.

Point the beam north and enjoy..

tom k8tb

934. Re: [GRARA] 6 meters has aurora

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-04-07 14:37:01 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 930 Message: 934

During the recent ARRL DX Contest (April 6-8) 10 metres was "sorta open" to some parts of the world. Much of the problem is that everyone is listening and few are transmitting in normal times. Guess we need to pray to the gods of the ionosphere for a few more spots on the sun. :)

15 metres, and even 12 metres, has had more activity than in previous months.

73 de n8xx Hg

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Mark N8PGV

From: K8TB
To: k8daa@yahoogroups.com; GRARA@yahoogroups.com; WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Tue, April 6, 2010 6:10:42 PM
Subject: [GRARA] 6 meters has aurora

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moderate aurora propagation going on 6 meters.

Point the beam north and enjoy..

tom k8tb

935. Neat NPR piece on ham radio!

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-04-08 22:13:16 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 935 Message: 935

http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=125586086&ft=1&f=1019

936. Highway clean up

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-04-12 18:21:04 UTC
From: Jack Kunnen
Topic: 936 Message: 936

Members and Friends

Please don't forget the highway clean up tomorrow

ROAD SIDE PICKUP

LOTS OF HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK!

Section of Hwy M-57 / 14 Mile Rd east of US-131 from Ritchie Ave to Myers Lake Ave.
Tuesday, April 13. Meet at 6PM at the Mobil Gas Station NE corner of M-57 and Northland Dr. Talk-In 147.26+(94.8Hz).

At conclusion of pick-up, meet for Beer & Bull at the Crazy Horse Saloon on the north side of M-57 between US-131 and Northland Dr.

Rain date Thursday April 15.

Contact Tom N8DGD for more info.

Jack, AB8ND

937. Re: [GRARA] Highway clean up - Tuesday (tomorrow) Apr 13

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-04-12 18:36:52 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 936 Message: 937

I'm planning to show up. Hope there's plenty of help, which makes
things go very rapidly.

Note - the "work" is light, even for an olde f**t like me, so don't
hesitate to join the group!

73 de n8xx Hg

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>
> Jack, AB8ND

938. Communication help needed

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-04-12 20:59:01 UTC
From: Jack Kunnen
Topic: 938 Message: 938

Members and Friends,

We've been asked again to help provide communications for the Yankee Springs Time Trial, a mountain bike race at the Deep Lake Campground in the Yankee Springs Recreation Area. It is this Sunday 18 April from 9 am until mid afternoon. Handhelds on simplex is all that is needed for equipment.
If you can help please let me know

Jack, AB8ND

939. N8Q NEWAygo is a go for MIQP 2010

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-04-13 16:09:22 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 939 Message: 939

Just received authorization to use N8Q from the ARRL 1X1 VEC, for April 16 thru April 19, so look for me from the Croton Township Dr. M. K. Conklin Park in NEWAygo County. Unless something strange happens, I'll be operating during the Michigan QSO Party this coming Saturday, QRP from a deep cycle battery, running with paper logging, propane powered light when it gets dark.

There are a bunch of naturally occurring antenna masts, estimated to be >50 feet tall, so I hope to get a dipole up at "reasonable height".

Please look for a pip-squeak signal during the event - 5 watts won't generate very many microvolts into your receiver!

73 de n8xx Hg
Operating N8Q NEWAygo County during MiQP 2010

940. [HARC] Spring 2010 Skywarn Training Schedule

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-04-13 20:56:20 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 940 Message: 940
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

----- Original Message -----
From: Steve Vanderhill
To: Holland Club K8DAA
Sent: Tuesday, April 13, 2010 12:33 PM
Subject: [HARC] Spring 2010 Skywarn Training Schedule

The attached PDF file is a copy of the remaining NWS SkyWarn training opportunities within in Southwest Lower Michigan

941. Help with HRD

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-04-15 12:15:52 UTC
From: penmaker1@att.net
Topic: 941 Message: 941

Anyone running Ham Radio Deluxe with a Yaesu rig? I can't get DM780 to "open" after connecting my 857d to BRD...Any suggestions? I'm using a Signalink usb to connect the rig to the computer, Hamscope works (sort of-lots of garbage and can't get it into psk mode), Thanks
73
Dave W8RUZ

942. Tally Ho! Fox Hunting Season is in Sight!

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-04-15 13:52:07 UTC
From: Michel
Topic: 942 Message: 942

Please join us at the Holland amateur Radio clubhouse for the:

The Spring Kickoff Foxhunt - 2010.

Get the cobwebs off your RDF Gear and tune it up for the season.

This Tuesday, April 20th, 7:00 PM

All hams are welcome and encouraged to attend!

The starting location for the hunters will be at the Holland ARC Clubhouse on 8th Avenue (near the train station). Talk-in will be on the HARC repeater, 147.060. (see map link below) Please be there plenty early to finalize teams and record your odometer reading. The winner of this foxhunt will be in the car that finds the fox within the two hour limit and has the lowest odometer/trip reading. The prize is the "praise and admiration of your peers" and the first option to be the fox for the next HARC hunt. There is no entrance fee.

The fox team for this hunt will be "Team Kent", comprised of James, K8JHR, and Chuck, AJ8W. Yes, Team Kent won the last fox hunt! We hope you will come, everyone is welcome. We are hoping to have a "Team Allegan" or "Team Kazoo" this year.

Being the first hunt of the season, this will be a basic level hunt with no Doppler antennas allowed. New to fox hunting? Come on out and learn the fun way --- by doing it! We will show you how. It's great fun.

Full rules are on the MichiganFoxHunter.com site and HollandARC.org site. Hope to see you there.

Questions, please contact Mike@... <mailto:Mike@...> or ask on the MichiganFoxHunter Yahoo group.

More information at:

MichiganFoxHunter.Com <http://www.michiganfoxhunter.com/>

MichiganFoxHunter Yahoo Group
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/MichiganFoxHunter/>

HollandARC.org <http://www.hollandarc.org/>

Map to Holland Clubhouse <http://tinyurl.com/Holland-ARC-Clubhouse>

943. Anyone going to activate W8DC for MiQP this Saturday?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-04-15 19:21:12 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 943 Message: 943

I note that no one has jumped in to the Michigan QSO Party Reflector (miqp-mail@...) to say they'll be operating from KENT county for the event.

To refresh people's memories, the Michigan QSO party is being held this coming Saturday, April 17 between noon and midnight EDT or Sat, Apr 17, 1600Z to Sun Apr 18, 0400Z. Operation on 80, 40, 20, 15, & 10 metres, SSB and CW. Rules, etc, at http://www.miqp.org We had a good exercise last year @ W8DC, I haven't had any confirmation that anyone is planning to be @ the station this year.

I could deposit my itty bitty computer @ the radio room with n3fjp logging software, and will do so if I get confirmation from anyone that W8DC will be activated. Please advise.

Regardless of whether W8DC operates, please look me up during the contest. I'll be operating QRP from Croton Township, NEWAygo County, on both phone and CW. I'll start checking 75/80 metres after about 2100Z, 5 p.m. EDT.

72/73 de n8xx Hg

944. Re: [GRARA] Help with HRD

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-04-15 22:26:28 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 941 Message: 944

Hi Dave,

Go to this HRD Yahoo group below. Hours of info here. I have it connected to my Icom 7000 using the Signalink USB. When you get everything set right you are going to have fun.

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ham-radio-deluxe/?yguid=318146872

73

de KD8DEG Tom

----- Original Message -----
From: penmaker1@...
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Thursday, April 15, 2010 8:15 AM
Subject: [GRARA] Help with HRD

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Dave W8RUZ

945. microphone

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-04-16 22:21:31 UTC
From: f_hartgers
Topic: 945 Message: 945

Hello, I have recently acquired a used FT-990, however it came without a microphone. Now my question is: does it matter what brand of microphone I get with it? or will any 8 pin mic do. Any advice on this would be appreciated.

Frits Hartgers

946. Re: [GRARA] microphone

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-04-16 23:25:20 UTC
From: Charles Rich
Topic: 945 Message: 946

Not all eight pin mics are wired alike, although they may be the same connector. Beware. The mic may be fine but be sure the pin connection is right.

Chuck, W8GCW
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From: f_hartgers <fritsbeton@...>
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Fri, April 16, 2010 6:21:31 PM
Subject: [GRARA] microphone

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Frits Hartgers

947. Re: [GRARA] microphone

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-04-16 23:44:41 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 945 Message: 947

Frits:

Congrats on your "new" rig.

If it isn't designed specifically for a rig, it's best to look at the wiring diagram of the rig, and the wiring diagram of the microphone you think might work, and make sure the connection are identical. "probably" any Yaesu microphone with the same number of pins would work - but it's still worth checking out before screwing up the rig or microphone or both with an incompatible microphone. A microphone doesn't have to cost much - look on the internet to see what kind of compatible units are available, or wait until the next hamfest (Cadillac is coming up soon, and Hudsonville in June) to find one.

Who knows, someone here on the list or on the West Michigan Hams reflector, might have a compatible unit. Try the yahoo group westmichiganhams@yahoogroups.com

Or, you can do like I usually do, hook up a J-38 key to the "Key" jack, and send CW! That's usually a fool proof modulation system. :)

73 de n8xx Hg

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> Frits Hartgers
>

948. Re: [GRARA] microphone

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-04-17 01:13:50 UTC
From: David Brace
Topic: 945 Message: 948

Hank Greeb wrote:
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> > Frits Hartgers
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>
Fritz I have a mic for the 857d that I am not using. The price is
right (Free)... if this will work contact me at penmaker1@... or 940
4103..

73

Dave
W8RUZ

949. MiQP N8Q(N8XX) Single Op QRP

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-04-18 23:33:30 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 949 Message: 949

Michigan QSO Party

Call: N8Q
Operator(s): N8XX
Station: N8XX

Class: Single Op QRP
QTH: NEWAygo
Operating Time (hrs): 8

Summary:
Band CW Qs Ph Qs

80: 52 63
40: 13 3
20: 7 6
15: 0 0
10: 0 0

Total: 82 72 CW Mults = 45 Ph Mults = 46 Total Score = 21,476

Club: Mad River Radio Club

Comments:

Total operating time about 8 hours - started a bit after 1 p.m. - ended at a bit after 9 p.m. with a couple breaks to get some coffee at the local gas station and to do a bit of sight seeing along the Kalamazoo river - with two Hydroelectric dams!

Cold, windy, but nice park. Found that there WAS a 110 VAC outlet, so things worked out easier than I figured. Temperature was cool when I started setting up, got colder during the day, with winds reported over 30 MPH. I stayed inside my van for operating, it was warm and out of the wind, though the wind shook things from time to time.

Rig was my trusty Drake TR-5, cranked down to <5 Watts, using a Heath QRP wattmeter as the judge.

Antenna was a 80 metre dipole, sorta an inverted V, up 40 feet in the middle fed with 450 ohm ladder line, tuned with a 1960's era Johnson Matchbox.

When I fired up the computer to run CW, the thing barfed when I plugged in the USB to COM port adapter - don't understand this but it must mean I didn't use it for contesting since a hard drive cra$hed. Without internet connection I couldn't find the driver, so had to use a trusty

olde Vibroplex bug for sending. Apologies to the newbies who have trouble reading my "Lake Erie Swing." :)

80/75 was the workhorse, for a while I could "run" on 40 or 20 CW, but bands were kinda rotten for QRP. I "ran" on both 80 and 75 - very surprising to me for QRP to command responses on phone. 75 phone beat out 80 CW for the first time for my effort. For a while it was "wall to wall" almost, from about 3780 to >3850 KHz with stations operating MiQP.

KD8HNF came up to operate at the same spot mobile/fixed, so I got one NEWAygo county contact and a phone multiplier.

Don't think the N8Q call was a help - especially with QRP - many folks asked for "fills" on the "Q" station - so N8XX probably would have had similar results. However, using a 1X1 is fun to this casual contester

950. Re: [GRARA] Help with HRD

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-04-18 23:46:38 UTC
From: James%20%20Ewer
Topic: 941 Message: 950
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

If you are using version 4 try opening DM780 from the windows program menu. Expand HRD and it will be there. I cant get ver 4 to open inside HRD control either. It works on beta ver 5 but I am having other issues with that on Win 7.
Jim AC8AZ

-----Original Message-----
From: "penmaker1@..." [penmaker1@...]
Date: 04/15/2010 08:16 AM
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: Re: [GRARA] Help with HRD

Note: Original message sent as attachment

951. Re: [GRARA] MiQP N8Q(N8XX) Single Op QRP

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-04-19 11:22:40 UTC
From: Jack Kunnen
Topic: 949 Message: 951

Good job Hank

Jack, ab8nd

On Apr 18, 2010, at 7:33 PM, Hank Greeb wrote:

> Michigan QSO Party
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> Operator(s): N8XX
> Station: N8XX
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> Class: Single Op QRP
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> Band CW Qs Ph Qs
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> 40: 13 3
> 20: 7 6
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952. Re: [GRARA] MiQP N8Q(N8XX) Single Op QRP - Errata

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-04-19 11:38:04 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 949 Message: 952

Jack:

Thanks for the note. I screwed up on on thing in the report - it's the MUSKEGON river, NOT the Kalamazoo river which runs through NEWAygo county. Guess I was suffering a hangover from the event! In any event, the dams along the river have made a GREAT recreation are - much camping, boating, fishing, etc.

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953. Looking for a used cw paddle

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-04-19 13:45:44 UTC
From: penmaker1@att.net
Topic: 953 Message: 953

I'm getting the urge to at least half way do cw the old fashion way. For those who don't know me I'm deaf and use HRD for both PSK an CW (now that I finally got it running right). I am not the world's best typist and want to get back to sending by hand while reading the I'm not looking for cheap cheap, but don't want to spend 150 bucks if I
don't have to. Anything out there?
73 de W8RUZ
Dave

954. Fw: [W8USA] Fwd: COUPONS FOR THE WEEK!

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-04-19 19:53:41 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 954 Message: 954
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

----- Original Message -----
From: Richards
To: ab8ug@...
Cc: CHARLES J NOWAK ; Chuck Whitfield ; Hank Greeb ; Jim Leys ; Michel Hill ; Mike Smith ; Paul VanOveren ; Ray Abraczinskas ; Richards ; andrews_don@... ; jgoeldel@... ; Joe WD8USA ; Ken Simpson, W8EK ; 'Marc T Gergen' ; Marc W0WCH ; Mike Smith ; n8qmd@... ; Paul VanOveren ; Rob or Bob ; Sam, Elaine - Sheehan, Simpson & Katz ; Tom Bosscher ; w8mel@... ; W8USA@yahoogroups.com ; Wolfgang Baumgärtel
Sent: Sunday, April 18, 2010 6:45 PM
Subject: [W8USA] Fwd: COUPONS FOR THE WEEK!

See ya Friday Guys !

////////// James -K8JHR //////////

955. [Fwd: FT-950 grand prize]

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-04-19 21:54:56 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 955 Message: 955

Be sure to register for a prize from this guy. It's different from the hamvention prizes.

-------- Original Message --------

Subject:

FT-950 grand prize

Date:

Mon, 19 Apr 2010 16:49:47 -0500

From:

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To:

wa5kub.video2

We are less than one month away from our live streaming broadcast of the Dayton Hamvention. This is our 8th year to broadcast and we have viewers in over 150 countries.

In addition to the video, there is a chat room where hams around the world can chat with us and each other.

We have tons of prizes. We have a GRAND PRIZE this year. It is the Yaesu FT-950 HF/6mtr transceiver. And if you are logged into the chat room when we announce the grand winner you will receive a BONUS prize of a Yaesu VX-170 handheld. We have numerous other prizes such as comet antenna, diawa wattmeters, Heil Mics and boomsets, $500 gift certificates towards Alpha Amps, to just mention a few prizes. We will be giving these prizes out when our trip starts at 1300 UTC on Wednesday May 12 and continue until we get back home on Sunday May 16th . You can start entering TODAY for the grand prize at http://w5kub.com (http://w5kub.com/)

Come on over and visit our site today and start chatting with hams around the world.

Thanks,

Tom W5KUB

http://w5kub.com (http://w5kub.com/)

956. ☐ THE OFFICIAL RESULTS ☐ The Holland Spring Kickoff Foxhunt ☐ 2010

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-04-21 14:19:25 UTC
From: Michel
Topic: 956 Message: 956

What a fantastic fox hunt for a spring kickoff!

The Holland "Spring Kickoff Foxhunt ☐ 2010" was highlighted Tuesday night ☐ not by who won, but by the outstanding job done by the fox team. Challenged to make the hunt fairly easy for the newcomers and somewhat challenging for the old timers, the fox team accomplished both. Our hats are off to James, K8JHR, and Chuck, AJ8W of "Team Kent" (County) for a fun evening. Everyone found the fox and had funny stories to tell afterwards at the Burger King.

Normally for a kickoff hunt, the fox will park his van in some out-of-the-way park or down a lonely road and taunt hunters with periodic transmissions. Team Kent added three twists that made the hunt interesting, but not overly difficult.

For the first twist, they went portable leaving their car behind and walking to their chosen site on foot. K8JHR carried the radio and antenna and AJ8W lugged the portable "car starter" battery and a book to read to the hunters during transmissions.

The second twist was a rather unique site in a viewing section of the Kollen Park Boardwalk on Lake Macatawa. While the hunters were racing around town and getting frustrated by a train that kept blocking the way, James and Chuck were watching the sunset over the lake and feeding the ducks. They also took some time to explain ham radio to passing onlookers. (Good PR.)

The third twist did post a slight problem. It sent most hunting teams to the other side of Lake Macatowa to Dutton Park where they found nothing but walking paths and and a strong signal coming from back across the lake. The fox team used a three element yagi antenna for their transmissions. The antenna was pointed directly toward a steel boat storage building across the lake causing hunters to be temporarily distracted.

All hunters arrived at the park and boardwalk at about the same time, about an hour and a half into the hunt. The sun had already set over the lake. Each team made the long walk down the boardwalk and around a bend to the viewing deck only to find the foxes lounging and waiting with "we gotch-ya" looks on their faces. It was a great hunt!

Winner of the hunt was the team of Tom and Sheila Bosscher, K8TB and K8AJ. Second place went to the team of Jim, KD8CAN, Bob, KD8HNF, and Robert, KC8USP. The next two teams of K8EMU, KB8QAP, and K8TVU finished within two-tenths of a mile behind the second place team. The team team that came the furthest to the hunt was Mike, KB8ZGL, a MSU student from Greenville and his father, KB8ZGK from Byron Center.

This was fun. Let's do it again!

957. WQ8RP for QRP To the Field, Saturday, April 23

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-04-23 15:23:16 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 957 Message: 957

KA5S and I will be activating WQ8RP, the Michigan QRP club call, during the upcoming QRP-TTF this Saturday, April 24, 2010.

We'll try to be on by 1600Z (Noon EDT) and operate until about 2100Z (5 p.m.) We'll start on 20 metres 14060? KHz, then move to 40 7030? KHz when things get slow there, and be on 3535? KHz and 3560? KHz by about 2000Z (4 p.m.) (Note, 3535 is the MiQRP Net Frequency, but we'll hit 3560 KHz also. We hope to work many GRARA Members during this event. If you want to join us, we'll be listening on 145.27 MHz, the Lowell repeater.

We'll be operating from Fallasburg Park, near Lowell, Michigan. This park was originally built during the 1930's as a WPA project. Several of the buildings contain unmistakable traces of WPA construction.

Details & Rules of the QRP-TTF is at
http://www.zianet.com/qrp/QRPTTF/ttf.html

Pass the word along.

72/73 de n8xx Hg
for the WQ8RP operation during QRPTTF 2010

958. Congratulations To Sheila and Tom Bosscher, K8AJ and K8TB

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-04-26 18:25:33 UTC
From: Michel
Topic: 958 Message: 958

Congratulations are in order to Sheila and Tom Bosscher, K8AJ and K8TB of the Holland Amateur Radio Club.

Long time promoters of Fox Hunting in Western Michigan Sheila and Tom are quoted in CQ Magazine as they called for hunters in a recent fox hunt. The quotes are used By Author Joe Moell, K0OV, ARRL ARDF Coordinator, as he introduces his article for the May issue of CQ Magazine "The Thirteenth Annual CQ WW Foxhunting Weekend."

It is good to see local hams and a local club being quoted in a national magazine. To Tom and Sheila -- Keep up the good work promoting foxhunting in Michigan!

Ref: May, 2010 CQ Magazine, Page 34.

959. CQ Magazine Article Quoting Tom and Sheila Bosscher

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-04-27 01:21:28 UTC
From: Michel
Topic: 959 Message: 959

Gang, For those who don't get CQ Magazine, here is a scan of the first page of the article mentioning HARC and Tom and Sheila. Would have posted more, but each page is 3 megabytes.

If necessary, cut and paste this link into your browser.

http://www.michiganfoxhunter.com/MichiganFoxHunter/May2010CQArticle.pdf

960. Re: [GRARA] CQ Magazine Article Quoting Tom and Sheila Bosscher

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-04-28 07:32:08 UTC
From: Kerryguy7
Topic: 959 Message: 960

Thomas K. Lane

Amateur Radio Operator
KC8TBY
Member ARRL/ Member : Michigan Area Radio Alliance
and, least I forget...
A+ Certified & Network+ Certified ComputerTechnician

From: Michel <mike@...>
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Mon, April 26, 2010 9:21:28 PM
Subject: [GRARA] CQ Magazine Article Quoting Tom and Sheila Bosscher

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http://www.michigan foxhunter. com/MichiganFoxH unter/May2010CQA rticle.pdf

961. Cadillac Hamfest, Anyone?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-04-29 18:42:11 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 961 Message: 961

Bob, KD8HNF, and I are driving to the Cadillac Hamfest Saturday, leaving Rockford (US-131 @ 14 mile Rd - M57) @ 6:30 a.m.

I have room for one more person in my car, two if you're small.

Anyone want a ride?

Alternatively, if anyone is going alone and would like company of two hams, one certified crazy, the other one questionable, please let me know and I'm sure we'd love to pay the gasoline bill.

Private responses, please.

73 de n8xx Hg

962. 6 volunteers needed

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-04-30 15:03:27 UTC
From: w8jrm
Topic: 962 Message: 962

Greetings to all!

We are still in need of 6 volunteers to assist with the Saturday Tulip Parade in Holland.

Date/Time: Sat May 8, 2010 at 11:00 AM
Briefing: Meet at Holland High School gymnasium
Lunch will be provided

Please send me an email to w8jrm @ arrl.net if you can assist with this event.

Thanks!

Jim w8jrm
Ottawa County EC

963. Fw: [HARC] Re: Extreme Ham Radio Operators

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-05-03 21:28:44 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 963 Message: 963

----- Original Message -----
From: jdollar.geo
To: k8daa@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Monday, May 03, 2010 10:48 AM
Subject: [HARC] Re: Extreme Ham Radio Operators

A link to the car below.

http://jalopnik.com/5428829/ham-cramwich-25000-of-communications-gear-in-a-500-car

Chris
KC8RQT

--- In k8daa@yahoogroups.com, Steve Vanderhill <svanderhill@...> wrote:
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>
> I have known for a long time that some Ham Radio Operators sometimes
> Go overboard in acquiring equipment, but this is really off the wall.
>
> FOR SALE - DODGE COLT - $500.00,
> HAM RADIO ACCESSORIES $25,000.00.

964. How to take down a 1350 foot tower, and fast

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-05-03 21:33:31 UTC
From: K8TB
Topic: 964 Message: 964

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7zqj1hy9NS8&feature=related

taking down a very tall LORAN tower in Alaska''==

tom k8tb

965. Re: [GRARA] How to take down a 1350 foot tower, and fast

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-05-04 03:34:34 UTC
From: R. Mark Barnett
Topic: 964 Message: 965

WHAT A WASTE!!! They could have just moved it to my backyard..... LOL I'm afraid getting the zoning and permits would be harder than getting it here.... I guess we are still free to dream about it...

Mark B. N8PGV
Save the life of a child, become a bone marrow donor. Go to www.marrow.org - MYTH:All bone marrow donations involve surgery. FACT: The majority of donations do not involve surgery. The doctor most commonly requests a peripheral blood stem cell (PBSC) donation, which is non-surgical and outpatient.

From: K8TB <k8tb@...>
To: k8daa@yahoogroups.com; GRARA@yahoogroups.com; WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Mon, May 3, 2010 5:33:31 PM
Subject: [GRARA] How to take down a 1350 foot tower, and fast

http://www.youtube. com/watch? v=7zqj1hy9NS8& feature=related

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tom k8tb

966. "Free" Tower, 64 footer in Kent City

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-05-05 21:49:30 UTC
From: K8TB
Topic: 966 Message: 966

Listed on Craigs list:

http://grandrapids.craigslist.org/for/1723991965.html

de k8tb

967. Dayton Wx Report

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-05-08 14:17:24 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 967 Message: 967

I received this from a friend who is going to the Dayton Hamvention.

"I've been to Dayton in May...and enjoyed the snow.
"I've been to Dayton in May...and enjoyed the nice wet heat.
"I've been to Dayton in May...and never got out of my rain suit. (great prices)
"I've been to Dayton in May...and always had a great time!
"
"73
"
"Ohio Valley Weather - It is what is is, and it ain't what it ain't."

And, to think they moved from April to May to get better weather? :)

968. [60Meter] Possible 60 Meter Changes in the US

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-05-10 10:10:00 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 968 Message: 968

http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/FCC-10-76A1.pdf

969. Nice vintage station

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-05-17 23:45:46 UTC
From: Charles Rich
Topic: 969 Message: 969

Anyone looking for a nice, clean vintage station.

I have a TS-520 Kenwood station which includes the Transceiver, matching SP-520 speaker and PS-5 power supply.

This is one of the original hybrid amateur stations.

This is a one owner station. It was my dad's (W8HJB) who purchased it new from EDI in Muskegon.

I did a bit of price searching, and one of the on-line Kenwood experts told me that it should bring around $500 - $ 550.

I would rather not make the Hamfest scene on this one, if possible..(a bit heavy)

Contact Direct

Chuck, W8GCW
616 396-2294 or 616 805-2200
chucksvideo@...

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Be sure to check out my Ham Radio Page. Licensed by the FCC since 1950

970. Official Results, Holland Fox Hunt, May 18, 2010

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-05-20 19:47:24 UTC
From: Michel
Topic: 970 Message: 970

After each fox hunt here in West Michigan I find myself driving away thinking "What a blast! ☐ This was the best hunt yet!"
.. And then the next fox hunt comes along and it is just a little better yet. Such was the case with last Tuesday's hidden transmitter hunt starting at the Holland ARC Technical Center. Fox for the event, Sheila Bosscher, (K8AJ) gave us a real test of our ADF abilities with her imaginative hiding spot along with new ideas for the hunt. Once again I drove away saying "not THAT was really fun! This was the best hunt yet."

Sheila picked a hiding place that shocked most of us who are used to the fox hiding in an obvious ham vehicle in a public park, cemetery or on a country road. Instead, she picked a perfect lair by a tot-lot park in an up-scale residential neighborhood. Surrounded by a row of tall pine trees, a lake and a metal container, she sat hidden a the back seat of a borrowed car. Although the car was adjacent to the residential street, it was only visible for an instant as we passed by. We were tipped-off by the smallest of black magnetic antennas on the roof of the car.

The first to find the fox was Tom Bosscher (K8TB), Sheila's husband. Tom was our first local entry using a Doppler antenna. Obviously Tom was in a class by himself.

Following shortly behind Tom was the surprise of the night. In just 27 minutes into the hunt, first-time hunters Derrick Noland (W8DDN) and Jim Hoyle (N8OMA) found the fox using a borrowed tape-measure antenna. We are going to have to watch out for these two in the future! Their hunt took 8.2 car miles.

Winner for the night in the manual antenna class was Laryn Lohman (K8TVZ) and Ike DeWitt (K8EMU) with 5.1 traveled car miles. Second place went to the team of James Richards (K8JHR) and Chuck Nowak (AJ8W) who also had 5.1 car miles. Total hunting time was the tie-breaker in this case.

If there was an award for the most "hi-tech" looking vehicle, it would have gone to our third-place team of Jim Lamberts and Phil Van Huis who traveled 6.7 miles in their search for the fox. With a 4 element CushCraft beam floating over their truck, they turned a lot of heads as they charged over the course.

All teams found the fox within the allowed 2-hour time limit. This included the team of Jim Leys (WD8CAN), Jeff Ver Hage (KB8QAP), Robert Holton (KC8USP) and Mike Hill (W8DER) .

New to this hunt, the fox used an automated transmitter "PitCon"controller by a Byonics. This transceiver controller is specifically designed for hidden transmitter hunting and has been used on several practice hunts locally this year. (Ref: http://www.byonics.com/piccom) Hunters were treated to random computer tones instead of the normal chatter from the fox. Hints, which are ordinarily given verbally by the fox were issued to each team in sealed envelopes before the hunt. Each hint in the envelope was labeled with a time it could be opened.

The first hint, labeled "8:00 o'clock", Said "Hope you're not heeding Horace Greeley's advice tonight" Of course, Greeley's "Go west young man" would have put the hunters squarely in Lake Michigan well before 8:00 o'clock. The last hint suggested that the hunters should look for everyone else at Wendy's on US31. It was a fun night!

Everyone left Wendys looking forward to the next hunt at the IRA Hamfest in Hudsonville on June 5th and the next Holland Hunt on the third Tuesday in June. (June 15th)

Submitted by W8DER 5/19/2010.

971. Fwd: Special Prefix LR / LV / LT / LS / AY !!!!

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-05-22 22:30:09 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 971 Message: 971

FYI - Looks like Argentina is going wild!

-------- Original Message --------
Subject: Special Prefix LR / LV / LT / LS / AY !!!!
Date: Sat, 22 May 2010 04:22:02 -0300
From: LU1MA <julioag@...>, LU1MA <julioag@...>
Reply-To: <julioag@...>
Organization: webmaster LU1MA

On 22 to 25 May, Radio Amateurs from Argentina may use special
prefixs to celebrate the 200 years old of the Republica Argentina.

List of prefixs is the following:

LU will be "_LR_"

LW will be "_LV_"

AZ will be "_LT_"

Radio Club will be "_LS_"

Other institutions: "_AY_"

*More info: *www.LU1MA.org.ar* <http://www.LU1MA.org.ar>*

73 & Dx's.

972. BPL Frequencies

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-05-23 04:35:38 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 972 Message: 972

FYI

de KD8DEG Tom

Interference from BPL and HomePlug transmitters:

Some Broadband Over Power Line (BPL) and in-building powerline communications systems (PLCs) use HF and low VHF spectrum for transmitting signals which radiate in the general area of the power lines. Some of these systems have voluntarily conformed to the HomePlug standard which uses "spectrum notches" in most of the HF ham bands in their effort to mitigate some of the interference they cause to hams. However, the existing HomePlug standard does not provide spectrum notches for the 5MHz channels. The USA FCC requires that any new BPL systems have the capability to notch out frequencies whenever they generate interference to licensed services. However, in practice, it is has been difficult to get BPL systems to deal with interference complaints.

For reference purposes, here is a list of the USA FCC-authorized BPL (Broadband over Power Lines) transmitting bands for USA

1.705 MHz to 2.850 MHz (160m Amateur Radio Service)
3.025 MHz to 3.400 kHz
3.500 MHz to 4.650 MHz (80m Amateur Radio Service)
4.700 MHz to 5.450 MHz (60m Amateur Radio Service)
5.680 MHz to 6.525 MHz
6.685 MHz to 8.815 MHz (40m Amateur Radio Service)
8.965 MHz to 10.005 MHz
10.100 MHz to 11.275 MHz (30m Amateur Radio Service)
11.400 MHz to 13.260 MHz
13.360 MHz to 17.900 MHz (20m Amateur Radio Service)
17.970 MHz to 21.924 MHz (17m,15m Amateur Radio Service)
22.000 MHz to 74.800 MHz (12m,10m,6m Amateur Radio Service)
75.200 to 80.000 MHz

973. CODE CLASSES

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-05-25 15:47:26 UTC
From: Charles Rich
Topic: 894 Message: 973

NOW THAT WE HAVE GOOD WEATHER AGAIN -- AND DRIVING IS EASIER -- IT';S TIME TO THINK ABOUT MORSE CODE CLASSES.

LAST WINTER I HAD PEOPLE IN THE GRAND HAVEN AREA EXPRESS AN INTEREST IN LEARNING THE CODE, BUT HESITANT TO MAKE THE HOLLAND TRIP..

SO, I HAVE MADE ARRANGEMENTS WITH "OTTAWA COUNTY CENTRAL DISPATCH" TO HAVE THE CLASSES HELD AT THEIR FACILITY, WHICH MAKES IT CONVENIENT TO HOLLAND AND GRAND HAVEN....AND A STRAIGHT SHOT FROM GRAND RAPIDS.

YOU CAN LEARN THE CODE IN 6-7 WEEKS IN THESE WELL STRUCTURED, NO STRESS, PROVEN CLASSES.

CLASSES RUN 10-12 WEEKS SO YOU CAN GET YOUR SPEED UP TO AT LEAST 5 WORDS PER MINUTE.

NO CHARGE FOR THE CLASS. (DOUBLE MONEY BACK GUARANTEE)

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974. Ohio QSO Party - August 28 - Save the date

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-05-27 02:25:17 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 974 Message: 974

A bit early, but the Ohio QSO party is beginning to ramp up publicity, so I'll start publicizing my 2nd favorite State QSO party (Michigan QSO Party, my adopted State, is first now a daze. :)

Announcement:

The Ohio QSO Party - the premier Ohio operating event will be held on Saturday August 28, 2010 from local noon to local midnight. Every year during the Ohio QSO Party (OhQP) Ohioans light up the airwaves and make QSOs all over the world. In this event, Ohio stations are the "DX" and are sought after. Get on and call CQ, and experience the thrill of the world calling you!

Event Basics: Ohio stations send consecutive serial number + county. Suggested frequencies are: CW: 3545, 7045, 14,045, 21,045, 28,045 kHz; SSB 3825, 7200, 14,250, 21,300, and 28,450 kHz. Full details and an operating guide can be found onwww.ohqp.org/ <http://www.ohqp.org/>. We hope to hear you on the air!

73, Kenny K2KW

975. Fox Hunt at Saturday's IRA Hamfest.

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-05-31 23:57:30 UTC
From: Michel Hill
Topic: 975 Message: 975

Area Hams,

If you are coming to the IRA Hamfest on Saturday, you will want to bring along your Fox Hunting Equipment. For the third year in a row, the "Good Old Days Foxhunt" will top off the hamfest with an afternoon of fun and quality hunting. We hope to see you there!

Follow the attached link to more information about the foxhunt. THIS IS TWO FOX HUNTS IN ONE -- BASIC AND DOPPLER. Check it out!

http://www.MichiganFoxHunter.com

Follow this link for a brochure on the IRA Hamfest scheduled for Saturday.

http://www.w8hvg.org/Hamfest 2010.pdf

Hope to see you there!

976. Yaesu G1000-DXA

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-06-02 17:26:54 UTC
From: Mark Hoonhorst
Topic: 976 Message: 976
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Yaesu rotor, 150' cord, and control box for sale. Call Mark to make an offer. 616 719-0604.

977. Need Photos of Saturday's FoxHunt for CQ Magazine

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-06-03 15:32:26 UTC
From: Michel Hill
Topic: 977 Message: 977

Guys and Gals,

The Foxhunt coming up on Saturday at the IRA Hamfest is being held along with the CQ Magazine Thirteenth Annual World-Wide Foxhunting Weekend. This requires that we report the results of our hunt, along with any pictures we may get to CQ Magazine.

So, let me encourage all of you hunters to take lots of pictures during and after the hunt. If you get magazine quality pictures, please send them to me wee and I will send the best off to the magazine. Remember to send original resolution pictures only. You will receive credit for any picture published.

Thanks everyone. Hope you have a good time at the hamfest and on the foxhunt.

Mike, W8DER

Mike@...

978. June Meeting

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-06-03 20:24:18 UTC
From: Jack Kunnen
Topic: 978 Message: 978

Members and Friends,

Don't forget the June GRARA meeting will be held after the IRA Roadkill Chili Potluck at the Hudsonville Fairgrounds. We will be planning Field Day and discussing the GRARA swap.

The DAPR group will be meeting for breakfast at the New Beginnings on Port Sheldon road before the swap on Saturday.

Jack, AB8ND

979. West Michigan SATERN groups 1st Field Day

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-06-04 04:01:56 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 979 Message: 979
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980. Re: [GRARA] West Michigan SATERN groups 1st Field Day

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-06-04 12:15:43 UTC
From: Jack Kunnen
Topic: 979 Message: 980

Sounds like fun, except this is Field Day. many Hams will be elsewhere.

Jack, AB8ND

On Jun 4, 2010, at 12:01 AM, Wilson wrote:

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> <Field Day 2.bmp>
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981. Re: [GRARA] West Michigan SATERN groups 1st Field Day

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-06-04 19:12:37 UTC
From: Jack Kunnen
Topic: 979 Message: 981

My Bad - Sorry

This is about the Salvation Army Field Day, sounds like a good time to stop by and say hi. These folks to some good work during disasters without much getting much credit.

Jack, AB8ND

On Jun 4, 2010, at 12:01 AM, Wilson wrote:

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> <Field Day 2.bmp>
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982. IRA Swap Fox Hunt June 5, 2010

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-06-07 00:58:19 UTC
From: K8TB
Topic: 982 Message: 982

It was a dark and stormy night.

Ok, it was very sunny afternoon. A group of hunters and hunter wannabees gathered at the main gate at 1PM at the Hudsonville Fairgrounds. Right at 1pm, K8AJ and K8TB fired up a 25 year old box of silicon, set it to oscillate a little more than 145 million times a second, and began a 1 min on, 2 min off sequence of taunting the hunters.

The "hidden" location? A county park? A large shopping mall? Nestled in a residential neighborhood?

Nope, Sheila and Tom found some county dirt roads that service some old gravel pits, located on the east side of Jenison, within flying distance of the Jenison International Airport. 12th Avenue is the name of road. Long, dirt poor and a major port for tanker sized mosquitoes. One had to cut across 6 or 7 miles of the dense Jenison residential neighborhoods to even get close to this perverted location..

Anyway, the rules state "he/she who drives the least number of miles"... wins. That would belong to James, K8JHR and Chuck AJ8W. They clocked in at 1 hour and ten minutes, but at only 9.9 miles. Just 2 minutes before them was Laryn, K8TVZ, however, due to his smaller sized tires, Laryn clocked 10.3 miles :)

Up for third is father and son team, Jim, KB8ZGK and Mike, KB8ZGL. They showed up with 1 hour and 27 minutes, with a mileage of 10.7 miles. This is only their second hunt. That indicates a stunning performance. In fourth place, we had Bob, N8UYC and Lee, KD8IUI at 1 hour and 45 minutes with 18.3 miles. Bob said something like, "This is fun, I'll be back".

We had two other teams that did not find the fox after the two hour time limit. That means we had a six car hunt, not bad at all.

Special thanks goes to Mike, W8DER for hosting the IRA swap Fox Hunt. Mike gave a talk to the a group just preceding the "tip off" time.

Of note, this hunt was sponsored by the IRA, and as such, James and Chuck get to find and transmit from a hidden location at next year's swap.

We are looking forward to it.

vy 73 de Sheila K8AJ and Tom K8TB

983. Two tentative West Michigan Fox Hunts coming up...

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-06-07 01:04:03 UTC
From: K8TB
Topic: 983 Message: 983

Please mark your calendars and sharpen your beams:

On Tuesday, June 15, at 7pm, the Holland ARC will host a Fox Hunt starting at the clubhouse.

On Wednesday, July 21, the GRARA group will have a hunt at 7pm, starting at the Kent County Red Cross on Fuller avenue.

More details will be posted.

For both of these events, you do not have to be club members to participate.

If you do not have any equipment, you are still invited to show up and see if there is space for you in any car going out. The more the merrier kind of thing applies here.

So we have two more hunts just in West Michigan in the few weeks.

tom k8tb

984. Fwd: IRA Swap Fox Hunt June 5, 2010

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-06-07 17:03:21 UTC
From: K8TB
Topic: 984 Message: 984

I thought I told the email system to send this to several different groups. Apparently those 5 people who control the world from Norway decided to stop the forwarding.
So I'm trying this again:

-------- Original Message --------

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985. Fw: Sign up for National Preparedness Month 2010

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-06-08 03:21:25 UTC
From: timothy courtier
Topic: 985 Message: 985

----- Forwarded Message ----
From: Ready Campaign <ready@...ivery.com>
To: pobox740@...
Sent: Mon, June 7, 2010 3:10:54 PM
Subject: Sign up for National Preparedness Month 2010

September is National Preparedness Month (NPM). NPM is sponsored by FEMA's Ready Campaign in partnership with Citizen Corps and the Advertising Council and is designed to encourage Americans to take simple steps to prepare for emergencies in their homes, businesses, and communities.

September 2010 marks the seventh annual NPM. This year will focus on encouraging Americans to work together to take concrete actions toward emergency preparedness. We are encouraging all Americans to join the readiness team and truly help themselves, their neighbors, and their communities be Ready.

Please consider joining the NPM Coalition! Coalition membership is open to all public and private sector organizations for free. By joining the Coalition your organization would agree to promote emergency preparedness during the month of September. Once you register you will receive access to the NPM Web site where you can find a toolkit that includes templates, resources and tips to assist you with promoting emergency preparedness. You will also find an NPM calendar where you can post your events and see what other organizations are doing in your community. In addition, can share your success stories and read about the successes of others.

More than 500 organizations have signed up so far. You can register to become an NPM Coalition Member by visiting http://ready.adcouncil.org. To learn more about NPM, visit www.ready.govand click on the NPM banner. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the Ready Campaign at NPM@....
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986. 2010 MS150 - WEST MICHIGAN HAMS NEEDED

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-06-09 04:01:05 UTC
From: Megan Heyl
Topic: 986 Message: 986
Attachments: 2 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Dear fellow amateur radio operators,
I was contacted a few days ago by the head coordinator for the MS150 bike ride / West Michigan Sector, Fred Moses W8FSM.
After a lengthy conversation, I was asked to put out a "all hands on deck" for this weekend's event.

Due to a lack of communication and some incorrect information being passed around about the use of NEXTEL phones instead of amateur radio personnel, there are several rest stop areas that need to be covered by amateurs with radios that can hit the Holland HARC 147.060 repeater from as far south as South Haven on day one (Saturday) , to as far north as Grand Haven on day two (Sunday).

Fred already has filled all the SAG vehicles, that are coming from the Detroit area, with hams from the Detroit Area. (Next year he will be calling upon all the local area hams and ham clubs to help with all of the positions.)

PLEASE GIVE A PORTION OF YOUR TIME THIS WEEKEND TO HELP THE MS150 EVENT. CONTACT ME WITH YOUR ASSIGNMENT PREFERENCES (DAY AND REST STOP) AND LET ME KNOW NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY EVENING. I WILL BE CONTACTING FRED TOMORROW NIGHT WITH THE LIST OF VOLUNTEERS. HE WILL SEND THOSE WHO VOLUNTEER INFORMATION IMMEDIATELY.

I have attached maps and listing of the rest stops where we need help.
Rest stop #1 on Saturday (Spectators) and Rest stop #7 on Sunday (Hunt) are filled.
We need 12 more volunteers to fill the other 12 rest stops. Please let me know of your selection.

Thank you very much - we know that next year, the info and sign ups will be done earlier in the year - no more last minute scramble for hams. If you have any questions, please contact me at:
Megan Heyl WO0MEG 616-399-6131 or jester1380@...

987. N2AQS Verticle Dipoles

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-06-10 22:45:06 UTC
From: howard_weatherly
Topic: 987 Message: 987

Does anyone have any experience with this company?

I have sent numerous emails with no reply before and after ordering an item from this person with no response!

In self defense, I have filed a complaint with the Dallas BBB and initiated a dispute with PayPal, still waiting to hear from Cory Hine! I have about run out of options so I am taking it to the street so to speak and letting his peers know what my experience has been.

Here is his info:

N2AQS Vertical Dipoles
P.O. Box 65
Kaufman, TX 75142-0065
email: N2AQS <mailto:cory_hine@...>
214-551-4086

N2AQS2003@...

988. Re: [HARC] Wacky Night in June Foxhunt Staring Sheila the Fox

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-06-11 02:13:30 UTC
From: K8TB
Topic: 988 Message: 988

And for those of you who can't get to a web page before June 15, a direct quote from the "Vixen":

Details from the Fox Den
Tuesday, June 15, 2010 Hunt.

All hunters, hunter wannabees, relative strangers, and strange relatives are invited to participate. You don't need to be a ham or a club member. If you don't have fox hunting equipment yet, this is your chance to learn from someone else or at least from someone else's mistakes. It's free and it's great fun!! What more could you ask?

On Tuesday, June 15, hunters and any other interested parties will start gathering at the parking lot of the Ken Groom Technical and Training Center, 280 East 8th Street, Holland at about 6:45 p.m. to check equipment, sort out who's riding with whom, take beginning odometer readings, and taunt each other mercilessly. The hunt will begin at 7:00 p.m. sharp and end at 9:00 p.m. or when all hunters have found the Fox. In other words, the hunt will end at 9:00 p.m.

Any type of direction finding equipment may be used, but Doppler users will compete only against each other and will not be eligible for the Grand Prize...if there is one. The Fox will be hiding within an eight mile radius of the clubhouse. The Fox will remain either in, or in the vicinity of, the vehicle in a spot that will be either publicly or privately owned, but will not be posted for trespassing and will not require an admission fee, passport, or DNA sample for entry. In fact, leaving DNA samples is strictly forbidden.

The geeky stuff you've been waiting for - the Fox will use a robofox, transmitting one minute on, two minutes off at 145.53 using a vertically polarized whip antenna and the frequency and power won't vary. Some assembly required and batteries not included...yeah, whatever.

Clues will be available as before. The winner of the hunt will be the person or team whose vehicle puts on the lowest number of miles finding the Fox. In case of a tie, the person or team who found the Fox first will be deemed the winner. To "find" the Fox, one person from the team must identify him/herself to the Fox by name and call sign and give the Fox the final odometer reading.

If a team finds the Fox, they will be given further instructions regarding where to go and what to do when they get there. (The Fox really enjoys that part.) Teams that don't find the Fox should just backtrack down their own trail of abject defeat and humiliation, or radio for directions to the same site. The post hunt gathering will feature the usual toasting to the winners and roasting of the uh...non-winners.

Safety first. All traffic rules and regulations must be obeyed. Anyone who is fatally injured during the hunt will be automatically disqualified from the competition, but will still meet the qualifications to be the Fox for future hunts.

Be careful out there, good luck, have fun!! Betcha you can't find me!!!

73,

K8AJ, The Vixen (That's what a female fox is called...glad it's not a dog hunt.)

989. Field Day Planning Information added to web site.

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-06-11 15:53:18 UTC
From: Michel
Topic: 989 Message: 989

Guys,

Some field day planning information has been added to the GRARA Website. Check it out!

http://www.w8dc.org

990. Holland Foxhunt Cancelled

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-06-15 21:19:27 UTC
From: Megan Heyl
Topic: 990 Message: 990

Due to inclement weather approaching the Lakeshore, tonight's foxhunt has been cancelled and rescheduled for June 22.

If you have any questions, please contact:
Megan Heyl
President of HARC

Mike HIll
Foxhunt Chairman

991. Holland Foxhunt Cancelled

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-06-15 21:08:14 UTC
From: Megan Heyl
Topic: 990 Message: 991

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If you have any questions, please contact:
Megan Heyl
President of HARC

Mike HIll
Foxhunt Chairman

992. mystry boat radio message

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-06-16 04:05:27 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 992 Message: 992

Anyone know about this mystery boat radio message or of someone that might? Reply to Alex Turner of the original e-mail below.

73

de KD8DEG Tom

----- Original Message -----
From: Richard MI Ranta
To: lldgrd@... ; kd8deg@... ; 'Tom Hansen' ; jkunnen@... ; 'wayne dowling'
Sent: Tuesday, June 15, 2010 1:41 PM
Subject: FW: mystery boat radio message

Hey guys, I got this e-mail and thought maybe you might be able to help him out. I seem to remember the story, but not sure.

Rich k8jx and scooter

From: Alex Turner [mailto:Alex.Turner@...]
Sent: Tuesday, June 15, 2010 12:28 PM
To: w8usa@...
Subject: mystery boat radio message

Hi,

I'm doing some research for a Discovery Channel show about ships that have disappeared in Lake Michigan and have come across a newspaper report dated August 1 2006 about the search for a mystery boat. It mentioned that several ham radio operators had alerted the coastguard after picking up a distress call made on the marine radio channel. The sailor was apparently taking on water and his 25-foot boat was sinking off Muskegon County. A coast guard search was eventually called off and as far as I can tell, it was never determined if it was a hoax or an actual sinking.

I would be very grateful if any of your members could shed any light on this. I'm keen to find out which radio operators picked up the distress call and would be interested in talking to them about it.

Many thanks,

Alex.

Alex Turner

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993. Re: [GRARA] mystry boat radio message

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-06-16 04:23:00 UTC
From: Charles Rich
Topic: 992 Message: 993

I have referred this to my son, who is big into lake Michign missing ships, etc. He has recently authored a book " For Those in Peril". Will let you know

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From: Wilson <kd8deg@...>
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com; Montcalm Yahoo group <montcalmcountyares@yahoogroups.com>; "MichFoxHunter @Yahoogroups" <MichiganFoxHunter@yahoogroups.com>; "MARA @Yahoogroups W8USA" <W8USA@yahoogroups.com>; k8daa@yahoogroups.com; GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Wed, June 16, 2010 12:05:27 AM
Subject: [GRARA] mystry boat radio message

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de KD8DEG Tom

----- Original Message -----
From: Richard MI Ranta
To: lldgrd@netscape. net ; kd8deg@centurytel. net ; 'Tom Hansen' ; jkunnen@sbcglobal. net ; 'wayne dowling'
Sent: Tuesday, June 15, 2010 1:41 PM
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994. RE: [GRARA] mystry boat radio message

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-06-16 04:44:17 UTC
From: Richard MI Ranta
Topic: 992 Message: 994

That's why I forwarded it to you guys. There was a boat missing, but who this guy is is anybody's guess.

Rich & Scooter the cat

"Diversity raises the intelligence of groups."

Nancy Kline

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995. RE: [GRARA] mystry boat radio message

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-06-16 12:20:46 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 992 Message: 995

----- Message from rranta@... ---------
    Date: Wed, 16 Jun 2010 00:44:17 -0400
    From: Richard MI Ranta <rranta@...>

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but who
> this guy is is anybody's guess.
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Not to mention the original post refers to "a newspaper report dated August 1 2006" but fails to identify the newspaper!!!!

In other words, don't necessarily accept this as the god's truth. It could very well be, but without some additional facts, like which newspaper, or some witnesses like the Lakeshore hams involved, I wouldn't put a lot into it.

73 Jack NY8D

996. SSTV up on 445.125 - repeater is back!

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-06-16 21:28:53 UTC
From: Joe Veldhuis
Topic: 996 Message: 996

After less than 24 hours of downtime, the Ottawa County SSTV system is back on the air as of 2:15 PM EDT.

For those unaware:

Frequency: 445.125 MHz (70cm band)
Polarization: vertical
Mode: FM
Location: US-31 and Van Buren, just north of Holland (grid EN62wu)

Every 10 minutes, the system will send a current radar image. This is a reduction from the previous behavior, but it was not possible to do any better on short notice.

Due to popular demand, the repeater function, disabled 2 years ago, has been restored. To use it, transmit a 1750 Hz tone for about a second, then wait for the repeater to acknowledge with a "K" (-.-). After that, send your picture.

Further upgrades will be done later on, hopefully by the end of the year. The computer will be replaced with a smaller, more powerful unit and the software will be rewritten from scratch. Right now it's just running MMSSTV in repeater mode with a cron job to update the radar images. Before, it was a shell script which periodically called a (very old and no longer maintained) standalone SSTV encoder.

Be sure to give the system a try sometime, and spread the word. The antenna is up 130 feet and the transmitter runs about 30 watts. Reports have come in from as far as Hart and Cedar Springs, so coverage is pretty good. Thus far, no one across the lake has copied it, but I'm sure it should make the trip given fair band conditions. I especially hope that you'll make use of it for Field Day. Take some pics of your club's site and send them out. Contacts utilizing a repeater don't count, but the "demonstration" should be worth a 100 point bonus. All you need is a radio and a laptop.

73 and have fun!
-Joe, N8FQ

997. Mystery boat

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-06-17 00:50:42 UTC
From: Charles Rich
Topic: 997 Message: 997

My son has no recollection of this incident. Sorry we can't help, either.

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998. Superstar 360 FM

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-06-19 11:03:41 UTC
From: Mark Hoonhorst
Topic: 998 Message: 998

I have a Superstar 360 FM transceiver for sale. Cosmetically, looks decent. It works great. $125 firm. Call Mark if you are interested 616 477-3148.

999. Field Day

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-06-21 13:02:03 UTC
From: jm_leys
Topic: 999 Message: 999

Does anyone know the details of Field Day?
Where and what time to meet, set up times, etc,etc,
Thanks
Kd8can

1000. Re: [GRARA] Field Day

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-06-21 13:14:22 UTC
From: Jack Kunnen
Topic: 999 Message: 1000

Field Day will be at Calvin College, outside the Engineering Laps - near the Field House. Setup will be approx 10 am - I believe people are meeting for breakfast, stay tuned for details.
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Jack, AB8ND

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> Kd8can
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1001. Study guide

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-06-21 14:48:54 UTC
From: penmaker1@att.net
Topic: 1001 Message: 1001

D0es anyone have an Extra Class ARRL license manual they would be willing to part with for a reasonable fee???

Thanks

W8RUZ-Dave

1002. Field Day

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-06-21 14:53:27 UTC
From: penmaker1@att.net
Topic: 999 Message: 1002

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W8RUZ-Dave

1003. Re: [GRARA] Field Day

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-06-21 14:58:34 UTC
From: Jack Kunnen
Topic: 999 Message: 1003

Dave,

We have tents, but a canopy would be nice to have up, but we can't put in any stakes in the ground if it requires them - something about an elephant getting electrocuted once.

Jack, ab8nd

On Jun 21, 2010, at 10:53 AM, penmaker1@... wrote:

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1004. Re: [GRARA] Study guide

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-06-21 15:58:28 UTC
From: Megan Heyl
Topic: 1001 Message: 1004

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WO0MEG

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> W8RUZ-Dave
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1005. Re: [GRARA] Field Day

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-06-21 16:00:14 UTC
From: David Brace
Topic: 999 Message: 1005

Jack Kunnen wrote:
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> Dave,
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> We have tents, but a canopy would be nice to have up, but we can't put
> in any stakes in the ground if it requires them - something about an
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>> W8RUZ-Dave
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Jack: I have weights instead of spikes, It can be set up on concrete
if you choose. I'll toss it in the car and see you there.

Dave
W8RUZ

1006. Re: [GRARA] Study guide

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-06-21 17:08:56 UTC
From: David Brace
Topic: 1001 Message: 1006

Megan Heyl wrote:
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>> Thanks
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>> W8RUZ-Dave
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>
I'm aware of the classes, but unless I can find a sign language interpreter with enough radio terminology knowledge who will work for free, I am pretty much stuck with self study,,,it worked for the Tech and General exams for me. Interpreters get 40-50 bucks an hour, I can buy the manual new for 25. Just thought someone had a current manual they would like to unload...trying to keep it local {:-D...

Dave-W8RUZ

1007. Re: [GRARA] Study guide

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-06-21 17:23:39 UTC
From: Megan Heyl
Topic: 1001 Message: 1007

Gotcha!
Try the library.. they have them and loan out for a month at a time
for free...
Megan

On Jun 21, 2010, at 1:08 PM, David Brace wrote:

> Megan Heyl wrote:
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>>
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>> September 13. K8TB - Tom B. - will be the instructor....
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> current manual they would like to unload...trying to keep it local
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> Dave-W8RUZ
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1008. Fox Hunters, Tuesday evening is the time! Holland is the place. (Yes, June 22nd)

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-06-22 01:24:27 UTC
From: Michel Hill
Topic: 1008 Message: 1008

Calling all fox hunters......

Remember that tomorrow (Tuesday) evening is the big night! Looks like the weather will cooperate this week and we will have a great fox hunt. Jim Lamberts, Master Fox, will be the official chief taunter for the night. Meet at 6:45 in the parking lot of the Holland ARC, record your mileage, decide who is riding with who, and we will start promptly at 7:00.

Everyone is invited, it is free, and there is nothing but fun to be had. Come and join us.

For more information go to http://www.MichiganFoxHunter.Com. Be sure to click on the link.... "Instructions from Jim Lamberts, KC8KE, Master Fox"

Mike Hill, W8DER

Mike@...

1009. Re: [GRARA] Field Day

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-06-22 02:03:29 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 999 Message: 1009

We could use small plastic stakes, like tent stakes, but definitely NOT big stakes like are used to hold down an elephant.

I plan to use four small steaks for my enclosed canopy. I don't want to have it blown away - but the small steaks don't do much for a 50+ MPH wind like we had last year - which caused a catastrophic failure of my canopy. :)

72/73 de n8xx Hg

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> Dave,
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1010. Re: [GRARA] Field Day

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-06-22 02:14:17 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 999 Message: 1010

I put W8DC on the map just now, but it doesn't appear as yet. I'll try to check tomorrow, but please, pretty please, check the ARRL web site Field Day Locator at http://www.arrl.org/field-day-locator and see if it shows up okay for you. If not, I'll but HQ to find out how I screwed things up.

73 de n8xx Hg

1011. Re: [GRARA] Field Day

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-06-22 03:12:24 UTC
From: Cortland Richmond
Topic: 999 Message: 1011

Steaks? Shouldn't that be spelled "canape" then?

Cortland

----- Original Message -----
From: Hank Greeb

I plan to use four small steaks for my enclosed canopy.
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1012. Re: [GRARA] Field Day

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-06-22 03:16:00 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 999 Message: 1012

You got me! I'll remember the Korrekt Speling in the few-chur.

On 6/21/2010 11:12 PM, Cortland Richmond wrote:
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> Steaks? Shouldn't that be spelled "canape" then?
> Cortland
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> ----- Original Message -----
> *From:* Hank Greeb <mailto:n8xx@...>
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> I plan to use four small steaks for my enclosed canopy.
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1013. Re: [GRARA] Field Day

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-06-22 07:40:13 UTC
From: Jim Leys
Topic: 999 Message: 1013

I do have the code to the garage and will be there Wed night.

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From: Jack Kunnen <ab8nd@...>
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Mon, June 21, 2010 9:14:22 AM
Subject: Re: [GRARA] Field Day

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1014. Re: Field Day locater

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-06-22 12:37:02 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 999 Message: 1014

----- Message from n8xx@... ---------

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----- End message from n8xx@... -----

When I posted the Field Day information for Lowell W8LRC, it appeared right away. As of this morning, I don't see the GRARA W8DC FD site.

73 Jack NY8D

1015. Re: [GRARA] Re: Field Day locater

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-06-22 13:14:31 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 999 Message: 1015

Jack:

Yep, I suppose that because I entered the data at "Ø-dark thirty" last evening, the message came back to me "Your entry will be reviewed by HQ Staff before it is put on the web site".

If it doesn't show up by early afternoon, I'll call HQ and inquire whatsup.

73 de n8xx Hg

On 6/22/2010 8:37 AM, Jack Amelar wrote:
> ----- Message from n8xx@... ---------
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>> I put W8DC on the map just now, but it doesn't appear as yet. I'll try to check tomorrow, but please, pretty please, check the ARRL web site
>> <snip>

1016. Official Results of Last Night's Fox Hunt in Holland

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-06-23 18:31:09 UTC
From: Michel Hill
Topic: 1016 Message: 1016

Official Results of June 22nd Fox Hunt in Holland.

A special thanks to Jim Lamberts, KC8KE, and Dave Lambert, WA8RSA for being our foxes for the evening. They were hiding on the north side of Lake Macatawa, along Ottawa Beach Road, in the DNR boat launching site.

First place went to Laryn Lohman, K8TVZ, with mileage of 9.2 miles.

Second place went to the team of Bob, N8UYC, Lee, KD8IUI, and Don, K8YES.

Third place went to the team of Chuck, AJ8W, and James, K8JHR.

------Good Going Guys!--------

For more information see: http://www.MichiganFoxHunter.com

1017. REVISED RESULTS, last nights fox hunt in Holland

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-06-23 20:56:34 UTC
From: Michel Hill
Topic: 1017 Message: 1017

Sorry guys, I made a mistake and overlooked the team of Jim, KB8ZGK and Mike, KB8ZGL. they came in second with 13.0 miles traveled

New Official Results of June 22nd Fox Hunt in Holland.

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1018. W8DC IS on the map for Field Day

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-06-23 21:37:37 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1018 Message: 1018

GRARA is now on the map. There was a glitch, and it didn't actually show.

I'll try calling HQ to see if something can be done.

73 de n8xx Hg

1019. Weather forecast for Field Day

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-06-24 13:06:59 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1019 Message: 1019
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Maybe we should ask the folks who are having the Christian Reformed/Reformed Church of America convocation @ Calvin College this weekend to pray for good weather? As it now stands, the weather forecast is for showers Saturday evening and Sunday Morning, a change from an earlier forecast when the showers were predicted for the evening Sunday.

Oh, well, we should be used to storms during field day. If I remember correctly, we've had storms on Saturday evening/Sunday morning for at least two consecutive Field Days!

What would field Day be without a lightning/thunder storm & wind? :)

From http://www.weather.com/weather/weekend/49503

1020. Field Day,Field Day, Field Day

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-06-25 01:37:53 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1020 Message: 1020

FIELD DAY, FIELD DAY, FIELD DAY

Yes, it's that time of the year - The Annual ARRL Field Day is

June 26-27, 2010 at Calvin College, near the front of the Engineering
Building
Enter at 3201 Burton SE

Setup begins 10 A.M. EDT Saturday, June 26
Field Day operation begins 2 P.M. Saturday
and runs to 2 P.M. Sunday

Tear down immediately Afterward (or earlier if we all get tired!)

We will operate as W8DC, with SSB and CW HF operation
You do NOT need to have a General Class license!
Anyone may operate - there will be several Extra Class ops around as
control ops.

For map of to Calvin College see
http://tinyurl.com/2ewv5xx

For detailed map of the campus, see
http://www.calvin.edu/map/
park in Lots 4 or 5, any spot which is NOT designated for handicap parking

Contact Hank, N8XX (n8xx@... <mailto:n8xx@...>) or Ron, K8DMR
(ron_fredricks@... <mailto:ron_fredricks@...>)
if you have questions.

1021. No go for stringing ropes in trees this afternoon?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-06-25 13:15:12 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1021 Message: 1021

I vote for NOT trying to string ropes in trees this afternoon. Scattered storms - with 70% probability, are forecast to arrive some time this evening. I've seen ropes get tangled in branches of trees under similar circumstances, so we'd more than likely need to replace one or more of the ropes anyway. With any luck we can get set up in four hours beginning at 10 a.m. tomorrow.

I can easily be convinced otherwise. The rules allow us to start assembling the station any time after 2 p.m. this afternoon, and any work we do this afternoon/evening might improve our chances of starting on time tomorrow.

Call me on my cell phone 626-828-9663 if you have ideas. I'll be at the Lunche Bunche at Schnitz South at noon, so won't be checking e-mail before I'm in the general area of Calvin College.

73 de n8xx Hg

1022. RE: [GRARA] No go for stringing ropes in trees this afternoon?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-06-25 13:22:14 UTC
From: Cortland Richmond
Topic: 1021 Message: 1022

Where *exactly* will we set up tents and generator? I'd like to use a satellite-view of the site to map out likely trees to use for antenna separation and optimum orientation for reducing interference between stations.

Cortland
KA5S

----- Original Message -----
From: Hank Greeb
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Cc: Ron Fredricks; grara_members@...
Sent: 6/25/2010 9:16:10 AM
Subject: [GRARA] No go for stringing ropes in trees this afternoon?

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73 de n8xx Hg

1023. Re: [GRARA] No go for stringing ropes in trees this afternoon?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-06-25 16:22:15 UTC
From: R. Mark Barnett
Topic: 1021 Message: 1023

The best antennas are always erected during a thunderstorm, with high winds and a tornado on the horizon... everybody knows that!!! Oh... I forgot the alcohol, everybody has to be WELL pickled too.. it helps with the pain from the falls.... (BUT it makes it more likely you WILL climb the tree to retrieve that 25 cent fishing weight) Good luck guys, don't climb any trees.... Wish I was there and could help..

Mark N8PGV

Save the life of a child, become a bone marrow donor. Go to www.marrow.org - MYTH: All bone marrow donations involve surgery. FACT: The majority of donations do not involve surgery. The doctor most commonly requests a peripheral blood stem cell (PBSC) donation, which is non-surgical and outpatient.

From: Hank Greeb <n8xx@...>
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Cc: Ron Fredricks <ron_fredricks@...>; grara_members@...
Sent: Fri, June 25, 2010 9:15:12 AM
Subject: [GRARA] No go for stringing ropes in trees this afternoon?

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73 de n8xx Hg

1024. Reminder: 445.125 SSTV repeater available for Field Day

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-06-25 20:05:57 UTC
From: Joe Veldhuis
Topic: 1024 Message: 1024

Just a reminder that the SSTV repeater on 445.125 is operational and available for Field Day use. Although you can't log a contact (repeaters aren't allowed), the SSTV demonstration is worth 100 points by itself.

I am hoping that everyone will at least take a picture from their FD site and send it through the repeater for others to see. No special equipment is needed, just a laptop running SSTV software (such as MMSSTV) and a 440 radio. Just run an audio cable from the speaker jack of the radio to the laptop's mic jack to receive, and hold the mic up to the laptop speakers to transmit.

To use the repeater, send a 1750 Hz tone for about a second (in MMSSTV, click the 1750 button to start it and click it again to stop), then when you hear the "K", send your picture.

Please use Scottie 1 or Scottie 2 mode, as Robot 36 (and any other mode with a resolution other than 256 lines) locks up the repeater. An upgrade will be installed on Monday which will fix that problem, and also eliminate the need for the 1750 Hz tone.

The machine automatically transmits weather radar images every 10 minutes, so if any storms develop, you can use this to track them.

-Joe, N8FQ
W8CSO 3A MI, QRV from William Ferry Park in Ferrysburg

1025. Preliminary Field Day report

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-06-28 13:30:02 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1025 Message: 1025

Another W8DC Great Field Day effort is history.

We got started on time with 3A - CW, Digital and SSB, plus 6 & 2 metre VHF.

One highlight was a visit by Congressman Vern Ehlers, who lives in the neighborhood and was invited by Ron, K8DMR. Another visitor was K8QS, from the faculty at Calvin - who was a CW op, but escaped before we could put him @ the key of the CW station! By doing a very slight bit of research, we found him at http://quentinschultze.com/ and at http://www.calvin.edu/academic/cas/faculty/

Preliminary score is around 2600, with about 2200 from contacts and 400 bonus points.

Back to back Thunderstorms, including one which was a real "gully washer" at about 9:30 a.m. caused us to QRT at that time, so we packed up and went home.

I'll try to assemble an operator/guest list (kicking my rear end for not setting up a "sign in" roster).

73 de n8xx Hg

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QRZ Web

Donate to QRZ
Contributions Accepted

USA
K8QS

QUENTIN J SCHULTZE

1026. The Red Cross Antenna

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-06-28 19:27:32 UTC
From: Jack Kunnen
Topic: 1026 Message: 1026

The top stick antenna at the Red Cross, or what is left of it.

You can view it at:

Broken Antenna
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0JyumdKC4Mo

Enjoy!

Jack, AB8ND

1027. Re: [GRARA] The Red Cross Antenna

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-06-28 19:31:42 UTC
From: Kendall Jung
Topic: 1026 Message: 1027

Can't - the video is marked private. :)

On Mon, Jun 28, 2010 at 15:27, Jack Kunnen <ab8nd@...> wrote:

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> Enjoy!
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> Jack, AB8ND

1028. Re: [GRARA] The Red Cross Antenna

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-06-28 20:00:24 UTC
From: Jack Kunnen
Topic: 1026 Message: 1028

Fixed

Public Now

Jack

On Jun 28, 2010, at 3:31 PM, Kendall Jung wrote:

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> Enjoy!
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> Jack, AB8ND
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1029. Re: [GRARA] The Red Cross Antenna

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-06-28 20:25:39 UTC
From: Jim Van Malsen
Topic: 1026 Message: 1029
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Good luck trying to fix that. The tower is old and there is a lot of metal up on top. I would not go up it Jim KB8QAQ
----- Original Message -----
From: Jack Kunnen
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Monday, June 28, 2010 4:00 PM
Subject: Re: [GRARA] The Red Cross Antenna

Fixed

Public Now

Jack

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Enjoy!

Jack, AB8ND

No virus found in this incoming message.
Checked by AVG - www.avg.com
Version: 8.5.439 / Virus Database: 271.1.1/2968 - Release Date: 06/28/10 06:37:00

1030. Re: [GRARA] The Red Cross Antenna

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-06-28 20:44:27 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1026 Message: 1030

Wow! Did it get hit by lightning? it seems to have "burst from the inside".

Hg

On 6/28/2010 4:00 PM, Jack Kunnen wrote:
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>> Enjoy!
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>> Jack, AB8ND*
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1031. Re: [GRARA] The Red Cross Antenna

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-06-28 20:53:06 UTC
From: Jack Kunnen
Topic: 1026 Message: 1031

Unless it got water inside and it boiled from the RF :)
I'd think it had to be lightning, but I'm no expert

Jack, ab8nd

On Jun 28, 2010, at 4:44 PM, Hank Greeb wrote:

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>>> On Mon, Jun 28, 2010 at 15:27, Jack Kunnen <ab8nd@sbcglobal.net>
>>> wrote:
>>> The top stick antenna at the Red Cross, or what is left ! of it.
>>> You can view it at:
>>>
>>> Broken Antenna
>>> http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0JyumdKC4Mo
>>>
>>> Enjoy!
>>>
>>> Jack, AB8ND
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1032. Pictures on web site

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-06-29 14:14:20 UTC
From: Michel
Topic: 1032 Message: 1032

Check out the field day information and pictures on the website.

1033. Re: [GRARA] Pictures on web site

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-06-29 19:53:06 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1032 Message: 1033

I'm sure others have pictures on their cameras. I forgot to bring my
camera, but I'm 99.44+% sure that others besides KD8CAN took pictures.
C'mon gang, send 'em in, preferably with annotation.!

On 6/29/2010 10:14 AM, Michel wrote:
> Check out the field day information and pictures on the website.

1034. Meeting notice

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-06-30 14:31:15 UTC
From: Jack Kunnen
Topic: 1034 Message: 1034

Welcome,

The regular monthly meeting for GRARA is this Friday, 2 June at 7 pm coffee and rag chewing at 6:30. We will be planning and asking for volunteers for the up coming swap. There will I'm sure be a discussion as to what to do with the broken antenna for 2M, 440 and 70cm.

Tonight at Open Radio Room the equipment will be checked to see if any other damage was done when the antenna was struck, if anyone can bring a UHF/VHF antenna analyzer we could sure use the help.

Jack, AB8ND

1035. Re: [GRARA] Meeting notice

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-06-30 17:24:16 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1034 Message: 1035

AND, we'll have a "first report and recap of Field Day and the great "wash out on Sunday morning" which occurred last Saturday & Sunday.

SEND YOUR PICTURES to W8DER (mike@...) so we can have a slide presentation. Please, please pleas.

72/73 de n8xx Hg

On 6/30/2010 10:31 AM, Jack Kunnen wrote:
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> Jack, AB8ND

1036. More Field Day Pictures on the web site

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-07-01 03:37:32 UTC
From: Michel
Topic: 1036 Message: 1036

Hey guys, thanks for the additional field day pictures you sent in. I added an extra page on the web site for them. GRARA looks good!

http://www.w8dc.org

1037. 17.2 KHz Alexanderson Alternator QRV 4 July

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-07-03 21:53:41 UTC
From: Cortland Richmond
Topic: 1037 Message: 1037

NE2Q reports on QRZ.com that the Grimeton Sweden 17.2 KHz alternator will be on the air 4 July and looking for reception reports.
http://forums.qrz.com/showpost.php?p=1979626&postcount=1

http://www.alexander.n.se/menysida.htm

excerpt from Grimeton site:

QUOTE:
SAQ will be on air on Alexanderson Day, Sunday 4 July 2010 at 09:00 UTC and 12:00 UTC. The frequency is 17.2 kHz CW. Start-up and tuning of the transmitter about half an hour before the transmissions.

Reports are welcome and will be confirmed by QSL-cards.
QSL reports can be given via:
- E-mail to: info@...
END QUOTE

My AOR-5000 goes down to 5 KHz but this leaves not much time to put up a well filtered VLF antenna.

Cortland
KA5S

1038. Fwd: Antenna System Replacement

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-07-09 17:11:41 UTC
From: wd8usa@aol.com
Topic: 1038 Message: 1038
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Gentlemen- Good news! The Red Cross has announced they will repair the damage to the tower GP-15 with a new antenna, hardline coax and check the connectors on the tower for water tightness. They will have Chrouch remove the old feedline as well-

If there is any more damage that has not been reported such as the phone line/Internet that was not working last I knew please let us know ASAP-

The Red Cross deserves a big thank you! I am sure Chip wound appreciate being told so! DE WD8USA ...-.-

-----Original Message-----
From: Chip Kragt <Ckragt@...>
To: Mark Burgess <mburgess@...>; Eric Nelson <eNelson@...>; wd8usa@...
Sent: Fri, Jul 9, 2010 10:00 am
Subject: FW: Antenna System Replacement

Attached is the quote from Chrouch.

Mark, how do you want to proceed?
Joe, thoughts?

Thanks,

Chip Kragt | Emergency Services Director
American Red Cross of Greater Grand Rapids

(616) 456-8661 ext. 3301 (p) | (616) 813-8140 (c)
(616) 235-2355 (f) | www.redcrossggr.org

From: Dennis Mutschler [mailto:dennism@...]
Sent: Friday, July 09, 2010 9:47 AM
To: Chip Kragt
Subject: Antenna System Replacement

Chip,

Here is the quote for the repairs we discussed.

Thanks, Denny

Dennis Mutschler, president
Chrouch Communications, Inc.
7860 Morrison Lake Road
Saranac, MI 48881
616-642-3881
www.chrouch.com

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The message was checked by ESET NOD32 Antivirus.

http://www.eset.com

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1039. The Grand Rapids Fox Hunt, July 21, GRARA Red Cross Parking lot, 7:00 pm.

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-07-11 17:53:39 UTC
From: Michel Hill
Topic: 1039 Message: 1039

Hey guys and gals,

What better entertainment on a summer evening than a good ole fox hunt?

Come join us in the Grand Rapids Red Cross Parking lot on July 21, at 7:00 (gather at 6:30) in the evening for the "Bring Home the Flag" fox hunt.

Much more information is at:

http://www.MichiganFoxHunter.com

or

http://www.W8DC.org

The fox is the famous "Riddler Fox", Bob Robinson WD8HNF. I'm sure most of you have met Bob.

This is a BASIC LEVEL fox hunt with the only confusion being with Bob's riddles. (I didn't figure out any of them last year!)

Let's see a team from your club this year. The Holland Club has already pledged a minimum of 3 teams.

Any questions, post it here or email me at the address below:

Mike Hill
Mike@W8DER.Net

1040. Fox Hunt Riddles -- Can anyone make any sense of them? 7 days to go....

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-07-15 00:22:15 UTC
From: Michel Hill
Topic: 1040 Message: 1040

Next Wednesday we will be searching though the streets of northern Grand Rapids looking for the Riddler Fox. It should be a great fox hunt, but am I the only one that can't figure out the Riddler's hints? It's a good thing we don't have to solve a riddle to find out where it starts like we last year. We all know to meet in the Red Cross parking lot on Fuller NE. (6:30 to 7:00 pm) Everyone is welcome and it is free as always.

But these riddles are driving me nuts! If you haven't seen them, here they are. Maybe we should offer a reward?

If you are looking for the fox I will be sitting right here.
I will be East of _____ _____, and West of _____ _____. After you find the fox you will be given directions to the location of the restaurant that we will be meeting at. Also it's location is North of _____ _____, and South of _____ _____.
Clues:
1. If you are using a map the correct way, and you get the right answers above, you will be heading in the right direction.
2. Rain or Shine! I will be sitting high and dry.
3. I will be located less than 250 feet from the corner of the parking lot. Not including the steps.
4. I hope you don't stumble over any bones.
5. The answer to the 4 statements above, are all the same answer.
6. Looking forward to see you at this location.
.....Riddler Fox

For more information, pse see http://www.W8DC.org and http://www.MichiganFoxHunter.Com.

1041. North Bass Island on the Air - July 24, 25

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-07-15 01:38:52 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1041 Message: 1041

-------- Original Message --------
Subject: North Bass Island on the Air
Date: Wed, 14 Jul 2010 21:22:47 -0400
From: Jack Melke <triton48@...>
To:

Gang this is a unique opportunity the Massillon Amateur Radio Club is going to put North Bass Island on the air as the newest US Island.

They need to log at least 25 contacts on several bands and modes to earn their official designation of OH0006L.

The expedition call is N8B and will operating CW on 3.530, 7.025, 14.040, 21.040, SSB 7.250, 14.250, 28.450 from 1200 Z July 24, 2010, to 1600 Z July 25, 2010

For more info check out these pages http://www.north-bass-island.com <http://www.north-bass-island.com/> or www.w8np.org <http://www.w8np.org/> .

Imagine being one of the handful of operators that will be in the first group of 25 and help them earn their island designator.

73

Jack KM8N

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From w8np.org

Island On The Air Special Event

(Apr 2, 2010) -- On July 23, 2010 the Massillon Amateur Radio Club will depart on their first expedition that will take them to North Bass Island. The club will setup world wide radio communications and attempt to qualify this island for U.S. Islands Award Program. This expedition will coincide with I.O.T.A (Saltwater Islands). North Bass Island will be the home for some 15 amateur radio operators who will on July 24th begin on-the-air operations commencing at 1200 UTC until July 25th at 1600 UTC. During our adventure we will attempt to make as many world wide contacts on many different frequencies and modes.

The wheels are still in motion in their quest to qualify the island for the U.S. Islands Award Program. The MARC is sponsoring the event by providing some equipment and a special event call sign has been issued as N8B. Club members can help too. They are seeking donations to help defray the cost of the expedition. No donation is too small and all are

welcome. If you would like to donate please make a check payable to MARC and send it to Tom Phelps, WD8MBE, Attn N8B. 235 Leonard Avenue NW, Massillon, OH 44646.

They also have a website setup at www.north-bass-island.com You can also download a flyer of the event by clicking here.

1042. Navajo Code Talkers Special Event

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-07-19 01:24:22 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 1042 Message: 1042

Navajo Code Talkers Day

08/14/2010 Celebrating Navajo Code Talkers Day, The Navajo Nation, Window Rock, Arizona

They will be operating under the Special Event call sign of N7C on
14.265 Mhz and 7.265 Mhz from 0600Z to 0000Z each day.

They are offering a commemorative QSL card for working their station.

I think we would all be proud to have this QSL card honoring
veterans that served such a special purpose to our nation.

So mark your calendars:
Aug 14-Aug 15, 0600Z-0600Z, N7C, Window Rock, AZ. Navajo Amateur Radio Club. 14.265 7.265 .
QSL. Herbert Goodluck, PO Box 3611, Window Rock, AZ 86515. n7hg@...

de KD8DEG Tom

1043. Wednesday Night FoxHunt at the Grand Rapids Red Cross Parking Lot.

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-07-19 20:10:41 UTC
From: mike@w8der.net
Topic: 1043 Message: 1043

Fox Hunters,

We would like to remind you of the area fox hunt being held at the Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association (GRARA) on Wednesday Night at 7:00 PM.

We have done a lot of work setting this hunt up to be the best run hunt of the season. We hope you will agree. We have done test
transmissions and practices to be sure everything runs smoothly and everyone has fun. We have even added a "Safety Communicator" to
help with any situations that may come up. Rich Ranta, K8JX of the MARA club will be monitoring the GRARA W8DC 2-meter repeater to handle your questions. Rich will be at a fixed location and have a phone link to the fox. But remember, only the fox can hand out hints on 145.530 Mhz.

However, the fox -- Bob Robinson, KD8HNF, is getting a little jumpy. He has instructed me to tell everyone that it is expressly against the rules to shoot the fox, chain him to a tree or duct-tape him to his antenna mast or otherwise restrain him from completing his task.
I can't understand why he is nervous, we did all solve those riddle hints -- didn't we?

We may have to talk about this at the post-hunt water hole. :-)

Information is on the GRARA Website at: http://www.w8dc.org and the Michigan Fox Hunter website at:
http://www.MichiganFoxHunter.Com . The general rules are on the
http://www.FoxHuntRules.com website. Special exception rules
will be given out before the hunt at the Red Cross.

This looks like a lot of fun.

See you there....

Mike@...

1044. Re: [HARC] Re: Wednesday Night FoxHunt at the Grand Rapids Red Cross Parking Lot.

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-07-20 03:12:54 UTC
From: Michel Hill
Topic: 1044 Message: 1044

Glad to hear you are coming Laryn. It looks like we are going to have a good showing from HARC. I understand that Jim Gillis from the Allegan Club is coming to give us a run for our money.

I'm looking forward to a lot of fun. :-)

Mike, W8DER

----- Original Message -----
From: larynl2
To: k8daa@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Monday, July 19, 2010 10:40 PM
Subject: [HARC] Re: Wednesday Night FoxHunt at the Grand Rapids Red Cross Parking Lot.

>
> However, the fox -- Bob Robinson, KD8HNF, is getting a little jumpy.

Jumpy? Or is that Grumpy?

haha looking forward to a good time. Bob, your time as a fox is numbered in MINUTES!

Laryn K8TVZ

1045. [HARC] Re: Wednesday Night FoxHunt at the Grand Rapids Red Cross Parking Lot.

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-07-21 02:28:09 UTC
From: bob_kd8hnf
Topic: 1044 Message: 1045

Laryn, maybe I should remind you, that you only have 120 of them.

Have Fun The Fox.

--- In GRARA@yahoogroups.com, "Michel Hill" <mike@...> wrote:
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> Glad to hear you are coming Laryn. It looks like we are going to have a good showing from HARC. I understand that Jim Gillis from the Allegan Club is coming to give us a run for our money.
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> I'm looking forward to a lot of fun. :-)
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> Mike, W8DER
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> ----- Original Message -----
> From: larynl2
> To: k8daa@yahoogroups.com
> Sent: Monday, July 19, 2010 10:40 PM
> Subject: [HARC] Re: Wednesday Night FoxHunt at the Grand Rapids Red Cross Parking Lot.
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> Jumpy? Or is that Grumpy?
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> haha looking forward to a good time. Bob, your time as a fox is numbered in MINUTES!
>
> Laryn K8TVZ
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1046. Question about Buddistick antenna

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-07-21 14:07:34 UTC
From: penmaker1@att.net
Topic: 1046 Message: 1046

Anyone using a Buddistick antenna in a permanent or semi-permanent situation? I have questions and can't seem to get connected to the Buddipole forum. Could use a bit of help

Thanks &73
Dave=W8RUZ

1047. Re: [GRARA] Question about Buddistick antenna

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-07-21 15:46:55 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1046 Message: 1047

Hi, Dave:

You might try the QRP-L forum - lots of qrp ops use the buddistick. To
sign in you check into the web site

http://mailman.qth.net/mailman/listinfo/qrp-l

You might review the searchable archives to see if the question has been answered, though people ask the same questions from time to time and there are always answers.

72/73 de n8xx Hg

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> Thanks&73
> Dave=W8RUZ

1048. (no subject)

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-07-21 15:50:36 UTC
From: Charles Rich
Topic: 1048 Message: 1048

Rohn 38' tower available. Call Ralph at 616 399-0318 or email him at rcorning@...

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1049. Fw: CoCoRaHS -- Summer fund raiser and rain bringer

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-07-22 01:49:35 UTC
From: timothy courtier
Topic: 1049 Message: 1049

----- Forwarded Message ----
From: Nolan Doesken <nolan@....edu>
To: CoCoRaHS Mailing List <cocorahs@...>
Sent: Wed, July 21, 2010 9:22:52 PM
Subject: CoCoRaHS -- Summer fund raiser and rain bringer

Dear CoCoRaHS volunteers, friends, foes and family,

Yes, indeed, it’s July 21-- the dog days of summer. For many parts of the country this is the hottest, humidest (is that a word?), stillest (least windy) time of year. As a child, it was my favorite time even though my upstairs bedroom was painfully hot. It was the time to hang out with all the neighborhood boys in tiny Royal, IL -- playing baseball, listening to the Cubs on the radio, and trying to sell lemonade on main street where only a few cars came even on busy days. At a nickel a glass and sharing the profits 5 ways, we didn't get rich. Then, of course, was the daily ritual of cloud gazing and listening for the first rumbles of thunder. I loved doing that already by the time I was 7. Then we would watch for distant lightning after sunset with the hopes of the cool refreshment of a summer storm. I find myself longing now for those simple pleasures. Fall seemed so far away then, and summer seemed wonderfully endless. It is odd how perspectives change with age and responsibility. Now it seems like summer will soon be over and the new school year will begin way too soon -- and then come the high winter utility bills.

A reminder about why CoCoRaHS is important

Here in our part of the country (Colorado) the next 3 weeks hold more potential (based on historic rainfall data) for local intense rains than any other time of year. This is thanks to subtropical moisture carried northward by the North American monsoon, a very warm atmosphere capable of "holding" copious amounts of moisture, and a weak jet stream -- which means the storms that develop will move slowly. Even today, the air is ripe with moisture, and the potential for local heavy rains is clearly stated in the National Weather Service forecast.

This resembles the weather that first motivated CoCoRaHS several years ago. On July 28, 1997, one of those localized moisture-laden thunderheads parked itself over west Fort Collins (where I live and work) and dropped over a foot of rain while other areas just a few miles away were dry or enjoying a pleasant summer shower. In those few hours, as the rain poured down 2-3" per hour for over 4 hours straight in what is normally a semi-arid region, our world briefly but chaotically turned upside down. Houses flooded, cars floated away, our university was partially wrecked, there were hundreds of emergency rescues, a train

wreck, gas explosions -- and unfortunately 5 fatalities. It all happened so fast. 12 years earlier, on August 1, 1985 (the day after our first child was born), Cheyenne, Wyoming was in the bulls eye of a similar local storm -- and again, many fatalities and millions of dollars in damage. And then, of course, the nightmarish Big Thompson Canyon flash flood of July 31, 1976 -- over 140 souls lost in what was supposed to be the grand celebration of Colorado's statehood centennial the next day.

That is some of the motivation behind CoCoRaHS and why we care so much. With a small effort from many weather enthusiasts, we can gather critical rainfall data, avoid panic storm surprises, and let people know just how bad a storm is so that warnings can be posted and evacuations can take place sooner. We can even help engineers and planners do a better job planning and designing drainage, gutters, culverts and storm sewers. We can encourage more people to avoid driving into flood waters. And gradually, working together, we all gain a better understanding of storms and their behavior. This is the ideal and its worth the effort.

As more and more people join CoCoRaHS across the country, we are making a difference. Check out the recent "Significant Weather Reports", the "Drought Impact Reports" and the hail reports under “View Data” http://www.cocorahs.org/ViewData/

Yesterday, several stations in southern Iowa and northeast Missouri were dumped on by over 6" of rain. The peak was of 9.13" near Kirksville, MO. Today, another area will see heavy rains and tomorrow yet another area. Each time our rain gauge reports will be helpful and perhaps essential. Meanwhile, abnormally dry conditions continue to expand in other parts of the country missed by the July storms. Our rainfall reports, wet or dry, really do make a difference. Thanks so much for participating and helping out.

"Five for CoCoRaHS " Mid-Summer Fund Raising Request

Our winter fund raiser gave CoCoRaHS and our staff a huge boost and helped cover several of our operating expenses for the past 5 months. To help keep CoCoRaHS going and growing, we're going to try a very short summer fund raiser. Please consider helping in the "Five For CoCoRaHS Ten Mid-Summer Days" fund raising campaign. Our goal is to raise $20,000 over the next ten days (July 22-31st) with the help of many small $5 donations.

If just a quarter of our volunteers gave $5.00 each during this 10-day fund raiser in July, we can reach our goal of $20,000. Let's give it a try! We'll post the results each day on our "Message of the Day" which you see each time you submit a data report. That way we can all keep track.

Please consider making a donation of just $5.00 anytime between July 22 - July 31st. That's it, just five. Your gift will help sustain the CoCoRaHS network throughout the summer. If your employer offers to match your donation, be sure to indicate that on the donation form.

Contributions to CoCoRaHS are deductible as charitable contributions within the limits of the Internal Revenue Code. Please consult with your tax professional.

For those of you who wish to contribute a larger amount of $50.00 or greater, we will send you an "Official CoCoRaHS Baseball Cap" as our way of saying thanks. "Weatheryourway.com <http://Weatheryourway.com>" is helping this effort by providing complimentary shipping for all the "thank you" gifts. Thanks a bunch.

Any and every contribution will help us keep CoCoRaHS going. To make a donation to CoCoRaHS please click on the Five for CoCoRaHS Mid-Summer logo at the top of the CoCoRaHS web page <http://www.cocorahs.org> and make your donation today. Or click right here: http://www.cocorahs.org/Content.aspx?page=donatefivejuly

Any animal stories?

Sure, at our little farm there is always something going on. I found a little bundle of young raccoons last night pretending to be invisible hiding under the eave of the chicken coop roof and hoping for a chance to slip in past the barn cats and watch geese to snitch some cat food. But they didn't get a chance and after hanging there for a good hour, they finally left -- exhausted and hungry.

Today’s storms seem to have missed us. We’ll see what tomorrow brings.

Sincerely and with appreciation,

Nolan Doesken
Colorado State University
CoCoRaHS National Director

1050. Fwd: ARLB019 Vanity Call Sign Fees to Decrease August 17

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-07-22 15:27:26 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1050 Message: 1050

-------- Original Message --------
Subject: ARLB019 Vanity Call Sign Fees to Decrease August 17
Date: Thu, 22 Jul 2010 10:40:08 -0400 (EDT)
From: ARRL Web site <memberlist@...>
To: hgreeb@...

SB QST @ ARL $ARLB019
ARLB019 Vanity Call Sign Fees to Decrease August 17

ZCZC AG19
QST de W1AW
ARRL Bulletin 19 ARLB019
> From ARRL Headquarters
Newington CT July 22, 2010
To all radio amateurs

SB QST ARL ARLB019
ARLB019 Vanity Call Sign Fees to Decrease August 17

On July 19, the Federal Communications Commission announced via the Federal Register that the cost of an Amateur Radio vanity call sign will decrease 10 cents, from $13.40 to $13.30. The new fees take effect 30 days after publication, making August 17, 2010, the first day the new fee is in effect.

In FY2010, the FCC expects to grant 14,800 vanity call signs, bringing in $196,840 from the vanity call sign program. Earlier this year, the FCC released a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and Order (NPRM), seeking to lower the fee for Amateur Radio vanity call signs.

The notice in the July 19, 2010 edition of the Federal Register -- entitled "Assessment and Collection of Regulatory Fees for Fiscal Year 2010; Final Rule" -- includes all FCC regulatory fees; these fees are expected to recover a total of $336,712,213 during FY2010, encompassing all the Services the FCC regulates.

The FCC is authorized by the Communications Act of 1934, As Amended, to collect vanity call sign fees to recover the costs associated with that program. The vanity call sign regulatory fee is payable not only when applying for a new vanity call sign, but also upon renewing a vanity call sign for a new 10 year term.
NNNN
/EX

1051. Results of last night's Bring Back The Flag Fox Hunt

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-07-22 20:51:25 UTC
From: mike@w8der.net
Topic: 1051 Message: 1051

OFFICIAL RESULTS

"Bring Home the Flag Fox Hunt", July 21, 2010

First Place:
Laryn Lohman, K8TVZ, 7.7 miles

Second Place:
Team Ottawa: Tom and Sheila Bosscher, K8TB and K8AJ 10.3 miles *arrived first
Team Kent: Jim and Mike Wolthuis KB8ZGK and KB8BBL 10.3 miles

Third Place:
James Richards and Chuck Nowak, K8JHR and AJ8W 13.2 miles

Fourth Place:
Robert Holton, Jim Leys and Mike Hill, K8USP, KD8CAN, W8DER 14.2 miles

Details:

The Wednesday night 'Bring Home the Flag" foxhunt was nothing short of AWSOME! Our Fox, Bob Robinson, KD8HNF, did a fantastic job putting together a textbook hunt that required an ideal balance between radio direction finding skills and orienteering skills. Bob did a lot of planning and testing to be sure that his signal was available over almost the full search area. The result was an especially enjoyable hunt for all of us.

As a "hiding place" Bob selected an observation platform approximately seventy feet in the air. The platform was located on the side of a modified farm silo in a little known park between Grand River Drive and the Grand River itself on the east side of Grand Rapids. There was little chance to sneak up on the fox as he had great view if the countryside around his perch.

The real challenge was getting from the starting point at the Red Cross Building to the Park. The area by the river is characterized by winding roads that don't seem to go anywhere in particular before they come to a dead end. Backtracking to major roads cost almost everyone a lot of time and mileage.

The winner, however did an almost perfect job of navigating the course. Laryn Lohman, K8TVZ, of the Holland ARC, did a fantastic job of locating the Fox while traveling just 7.1 miles. That is a nearly perfect hunt for Laryn.

We would like to thank Bob, KD8HNF for all the hard work and planning he did for this hunt. We would like to also thank Rich Ranta of the MARA club for being our safety communicator, making sure everything went smoothly. Also thanks again to Jim Leys who is getting awfully good as our official hunt starter. These are the guys who made our Wednesday evening so much fun! Thank you

The next MichiganFoxHunter.Com Foxhunt is Wednesday, August 18th.

Use the following link for pictures and more information about the hunt.

http://www.michiganfoxhunter.com/michiganfoxhunter/fox_events/foxhuntjuly2010.htm#results

Mike@...
Project Guy.

1052. CQ OQP CQ OQP, OHIO QSO PARTY IS NEAR - AUGUST 28!

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-07-24 13:54:30 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1052 Message: 1052

The following is paraphrased from a good friend from Ohio - and an invitation to all Michigan Station to join in the fun of the Ohio QSO Party, August 29. Note that I plan to be operating from my namesake county, HENRy County, Ohio, from a park in McClure, Ohio. Please look for N8Q on both SSB and CW!

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Please mark your calendars for August 29! The Ohio QSO Party (OhQP) is just 5 weeks away, and the excitement is already building. Stations from across Ohio are making their plans to be on the air for one of the premier state QSO parties. Our goal is to get fixed operations on from every county this year. If you are planning on being on, please let everyone know by posting your county of operation on the "Planned Operations" website at http://ohqp.org/plannedOpsEntry.html

For those who don't know what the OhQP is all about, it's a fun time for Ohio stations to be on the air and be the hunted station, or "DX". We invite people from around the world. like our neighbors in Michigan to seek out Ohio stations in this event. The OhQP occurs on Saturday August 28, 2010 from local noon to local midnight, or 1600Z to 2359Z. In the basic QSO exchange, Ohio stations send a consecutive serial number + county, and non-Ohioans (who can only work Ohio) send a consecutive serial number and state/province/DX. Suggested frequencies are: CW: 3545, 7045, 14,045, 21,045, 28,045 kHz; SSB 3825, 7200, 14,250, 21,300, and 28,450 kHz. Full details and an OhQP operating guide can be found on the official website at: http://www.ohqp.org/.

If you are one of the "close" neighbors, why not "drift across the state line" and operate fixed or mobile from some of the adjacent counties? But, in above all, remember, the ultimate goal is to just get on the air and have some fun!

73 and we hope to hear you on the air,

Kenny K2KW Ohio QSO Party PR Coordinator kenny.k2kw@...

1053. Field Day entry

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-07-24 18:30:41 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1053 Message: 1053

If there are any errors, please advise before 27 July 2010, which is the deadline for submission
Following was send via the web formatter at WA7BNM's web site

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Datestamp: 2010-07-24 11:26:27 PDT

Thanks for using the web to submit your 2010 ARRL Field Day entry. Print this page to use as proof that you submitted your entry.

Call Used:*W8DC* GOTA Station Call:*(none)* ARRL/RAC
Section:*MI* Class:*3A*

Participants:*25* Club/Group Name: *GRAND RAPIDS AMATEUR RADIO ASSN*

Power Source(s): *Generator*

Power Multiplier: *2X*

Bonus Points:
Description *Points*
100% Emergency power 300
Media Publicity 100
Set-up in Public Place 100
Site Visit by invited elected official 100
Youth participation
Youth operators=*1*
Youth participants=*2* 20
Submitted via the Web 50
Educational activity 100
Total Bonus Points *770*

Score Summary:
CW *Digital* *Phone* *Total*
Total QSOs *370* *54* *256*
Total Points *740* *108* *256* *1104* * Claimed Score =** 2,208*

Submitted by:
HENRY R GREEB, N8XX
5727 11 MILE RD NE
ROCKFORD, MI 49341
E-mail: n8xx@...

Comments:
SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITY WAS AMATEUR TV ON 432 MHz
YOUTH QSO WAS ON VHF WITH UNLICENSED YOUTH, SUPERVISED BY K8QS, FACULTY

MEMBER AT CALVIN COLLEGE!

Band/Mode QSO Breakdown:
CW *Digital* *Phone*
QSOs Pwr(W) QSOs Pwr(W) QSOs Pwr(W)
160m
80m 107 100 18 100
40m 88 100 8 100
20m 106 100 28 100 98 100
15m 31 100 113 100
10m 37 100
6m 1 100 45 100
2m
1.25
Other
Satellite
GOTA
Total *370* *54* *256*

Supporting Documentation Required

Based on your selections, the ARRL expects to receive supporting documentation:

1054. Dumb question of the day

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-07-27 14:51:02 UTC
From: penmaker1@att.net
Topic: 1054 Message: 1054

Once again I have the pleasure of submitting the dumb question of the day. Due to the need to use a stealth antenna system - my Gr5Vjr is stretched along the peak of the house roof- I am finding that I need to run my Yaesu 857d at 85 to 90 watts to get anyone to hear me. I've spent hours sending cq at lower power (30 through 75 watts) and get no takers. When I raise the Tx power to 85-90W I am making all kinds of contact (PSK31 20 & 40 meters)

That said my question is based on comments from the original owner of the 857 who says I should not run psk at more than 35 watts and never run the rig at near max power, am I, as he claims "burning up my rig" and or messing up the band with too much power?

My antenna options are limited by a cranky park manager who just loves to pick fights. My experiment with a Buddistick did not produce the results I hoped it would for many reasons. I have no room to spread a decent ground plane and ground mount a vertical and they probably would not let me anyway.

Ideas, comments and any help MUCH appreciated

Thanks, 73 & Blessings

Dave-W8RUZ

1055. Re: [GRARA] Dumb question of the day

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-07-27 23:52:20 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 1054 Message: 1055

Hey Dave,

If you send your questions to this e-mail group, TowerTalk@contesting.com , you will have dozens of answers on how to get an antenna systems setup for your limited antenna conditions. Give as much info as you can, like height of antenna above the roof, how high the peak of the roof is above ground, direction it is facing, so on.

This group only handles, antenna, tower, feed line, grounding, rotor, etc questions. If you go off topic you are band from the group.

Good luck

KD8DEG Tom

----- Original Message -----
From: penmaker1@...
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Tuesday, July 27, 2010 10:51 AM
Subject: [GRARA] Dumb question of the day

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1056. HARC Fall Schedule

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-08-02 18:26:18 UTC
From: Megan Heyl
Topic: 1056 Message: 1056

Holland Amateur Radio Club – Fall 2010 Education

CLASSES OFFERED:
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LOCATION AND TIME:
All of these classes will be held at our Ken Groom ZR5AAD Technical and Training Center located at 280 E. 8th Street in Holland, Michigan. Classes begin promptly at 7:00 pm. Please come early to enjoy some refreshments and to relax beforehand.
FEES:
There are no fees for the CW class, but please remember to bring paper and a writing instrument.
There is a $20 fee for each Technician or Amateur Extra class. A study book for each class is available for an additional $20 for each book.
LICENSE TESTING:
Just in time for those who complete their licensing class, or for anyone else who wants to take a License test, HARC will host a Test Session Saturday, November 20, 2010. Testing begins at 10:00 am, so please plan to arrive a bit earlier. What you will need to take the exam will be discussed during class or contacting Rick, our VE Chairman N8GGO by email N8GGO@....
REGISTRATION:
Please contact Ed Heyboer, KF8EV by email KF8EV@... or telephone (616) 772-4811.
It is not too early to plan for some education this Fall. Let’s fill up the front classroom at the Ken Groom Technical and Training Center this Fall.

Ed, KF8EV
Education Committee Chair
Megan, WO0MEG
President
Holland Amateur Radio Club

1057. HARC Fall Classes

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-08-02 19:31:55 UTC
From: W8DER
Topic: 1057 Message: 1057

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Education Committee Chair

1058. Magnetic mount

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-08-04 17:15:39 UTC
From: David E
Topic: 1058 Message: 1058

I am looking for a magnetic mount with a 3/8 connection. If you have one email me.
Thanks
Dave
AC8AB

1059. September meetings, VE Testing, GRAHamfest Information

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-08-14 01:52:56 UTC
From: mike@w8der.net
Topic: 1059 Message: 1059

Guys and Gals,

The GRARA website has been updated with NEW September meeting information, VE Testing changing to the hamfest, and GRAHamfest info.

http://www.w8dc.org

Mike

Mike@...

1060. Re: [GRARA] September meetings, VE Testing, GRAHamfest Information

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-08-14 12:25:19 UTC
From: Jack Kunnen
Topic: 1059 Message: 1060

Thank you Mike

Jack

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1061. Reminder: Fox Hunt Next Wednesday Night, August 18th

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-08-16 00:10:45 UTC
From: W8DER
Topic: 1061 Message: 1061

Hey guys and gals,

Don't forget the "Jamestown 880 Fox hunt" next Wednesday night at 7:00 pm (gather at 6:30 pm)

This will be a different hunt -- away from the multitude of buildings in downtown Holland, Hudsonville, Zeeland or Grand Rapids.

Click the following link for lots of information.

http://www.michiganfoxhunter.com/michiganfoxhunter/fox_events/foxhuntaugust2010.htm

This hunt will start from the large circular drive in front of John Meyer's (K8IHY) home in the farmlands of Jamestown at "Star Corners." John's place is especially good for ham radio and fox hunts. It is 880 feet above sea level and the highest point in the fox hunt search area. We will be literally at the top of the hill looking down on the fox. John lives at 1840 Byron Road at 16th Avenue. (You cannot miss the ham towers.) A picture of the his yard is on the web site at the above link. A Google map is also available on the web site.

John's place is also fairly unique also because of it's proximity to three counties, Allegan, Ottawa and Kent. The fox could be hiding in either. Speaking of the fox... Laryn Lohman, k8tvz will be your fox for the night. Laryn is without a doubt our best fox hunter and a fairly good FOX also. This should be a fun hunt! See you there.

NOTE:
The hunt will be run by the Basic Fox Hunt rules of the MichiganFoxHunter.com. Special exceptions to the rules for this hunt will be distributed at the starting point before the hunt.

1062. Tower Jig 4 Sale

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-08-17 07:06:15 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 1062 Message: 1062

For those of you that like to build your own antennas, now you can build the tower to put them on.

de KD8DEG Tom

http://tinyurl.com/27pa9en

1063. Re: [GRARA] Tower Jig 4 Sale

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-08-18 14:42:27 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 1062 Message: 1063

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> build the tower to put them on.
>
> de KD8DEG Tom
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Work at home business
$125 for the Tower Jig
$125,000 for the liability insurance!

73 Jack NY8D

1064. Re: [GRARA] Tower Jig 4 Sale

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-08-18 17:12:29 UTC
From: Charles Rich
Topic: 1062 Message: 1064

For a couple dollars a foot you can buy a great used tower, and save the headaches.

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From: Jack Amelar <jamelar@...>
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Wed, August 18, 2010 10:42:27 AM
Subject: Re: [GRARA] Tower Jig 4 Sale

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1065. Re: [GRARA] Tower Jig 4 Sale

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-08-18 18:28:04 UTC
From: R. Mark Barnett
Topic: 1062 Message: 1065

I wouldn't trust my welds.... particularly if I HAD to climb the thing! I
can appreciate the roll your own spirit, but give me a used commercial tower too!
Mark N8PGV

I try to buy and eat only certified INORGANIC fruits and vegetables...

For a couple dollars a foot you can buy a great used tower, and save the headaches.

Chuck, W8GCW

1066. Fw: W2UHI

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-08-18 21:29:28 UTC
From: Charles Rich
Topic: 1066 Message: 1066

Talking to K8TB, today, he informed me of the attached.

Frank Lumney, W2UHI, was a member of HARC, served as President. Started the first 440 repeater in Holland. He lived in Plymouth Acres behind the Southside Family Fare. Later moved to Grant for the remainder of his years. Spent a lot of time on satellite and built a huge dish from scratch. I remember seeing it in "raw" form prior to assembly. He was a great guy and a real character. Frank, W2UHI will be missed.

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----- Forwarded Message ----
From: K8TB <k8tb@...>
To: Charles Rich <chucksvideo@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Wed, August 18, 2010 4:19:33 PM
Subject: W2UHI

Chuck,
    Here are some links:

http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/buffalonews/obituary.aspx?n=frank-b-lumney&pid=143344722

http://www.funeraldigest.com/obituaries/2010/06/06/frank-b-lumney/143344722

And his web site, which I have already archived...

http://pages.pathwaynet.com/~fblumn/

    73 de ol tom

1067. W8DC log received for Field Day 2010

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-08-19 21:52:23 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1067 Message: 1067

The "received logs" file for 2010 Field day confirms that our log was received for the W8DC, GRARA effort!

We will be prominently featured in some form of report, either on line or in QST, probably around November or December 2010.

73 de n8xx Hg

1068. RE: John Visser NF8P Silent Key

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-08-20 01:19:50 UTC
From: Richard
Topic: 1068 Message: 1068

It is with deep regret that I share with you all that at 6:20PM August 19, 2010, John Visser NF8P passed away.
The family has not made funeral arraignments yet.
They do ask not to call the family at this time.

John was M.A.R.A.'s first president and enjoyed everything about Ham Radio.

Richard Ranta K8JX

1069. Fox Hunt Results for September 18th, Jamestown 880

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-08-20 14:20:09 UTC
From: W8DER
Topic: 1069 Message: 1069

What a fantastic fox hunt! 10 Vehicles and 27 hunters. That's more than a pack -- that's a gaggle!

Results are posted on the http://www.MichiganFoxHunter.Com site.

Also some nice pictures from Tom Bosscher -- thanks Tom.

And a special "THANKS" to our fox, Laryn, K8TVZ, for a fantastic job.

I have been know to make mistake on the scores, so be sure to let me know if I did. (A senior privilege.)

Mike Hill

Mike@...

1070. The Larry & Peg's 4th annual picnic has been cancelled.

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-08-20 15:57:05 UTC
From: Richard
Topic: 1070 Message: 1070

due to a recent health concern the picnic has been cancelled.

1071. Morse Code Class

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-08-20 18:11:16 UTC
From: Charles Rich
Topic: 1071 Message: 1071

I am pleased to announce my 2010 Fall Beginner Morse Code Class.

This year I will offer the class at the Ottawa County Central Dispatch Authority (911) building which is near the corner of Stanton and 120th (12101 Stanton St, West Olive) , close to the Ottawa County Fillmore Complex and County Jail.

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I am planning on beginning Monday, September 13, from 7PM - 9PM , and continuing for approximately 12-13 weeks.

My classes have been highly successful over the 60 years that I have been teaching code. In fact, I will GUARANTEE that you will learn the code if you will follow my simple program. (The fact is, I was teaching code BEFORE I became a licensed ham.)

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I have also been advised that a tour of the OCCDA may by possible on the first night, if you would like to see the OCCDA in action. (You might even see Mike, N8XPQ at work.).

This class is not limited to Ottawa County hams. Pass along the information, and come with a "buddy".. I highly recommend the "buddy system" for weekly practice at home

Thanks for joining. I am looking forward to it. THIS WILL BE A FUN CLASS ! ! !

Contact Info:
Email: chucksvideo@...
Landline: 616 396-2294
Cell: 616 566-0232

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1072. Re: [GRARA] Morse Code Class

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-08-20 21:11:15 UTC
From: Ron Weinrick
Topic: 1071 Message: 1072

Please sign me up

Ronald Weinrick
2326 Richmond NW
Grand Rapids,MI 49504
home:616-735-3741
cell:616-632-3368
KD8GBX
May 14 1956
W 562 744 298 366

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1073. Radio equipment search

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-08-23 13:47:32 UTC
From: Scott Herron
Topic: 1073 Message: 1073

Hello,
I Scott KD8NAK, and a friend of mine Darrell KD8NAL are newer hams and we are looking for new or used equipment for our "shacks." This list includes but is not limited to:
HF transceiver
HT or mobile/base VHF-UHF transceiver
12 volt power supply
Antenna tuner
SWR meter
50 ohm coax
Antenna mobile-base HF/VHF/UHF and material

Thank you

73s
Scott KD8NAK

1074. Re: [GRARA] Radio equipment search

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-08-23 14:07:46 UTC
From: Dave Ed
Topic: 1073 Message: 1074

I have a 12V power supply you can buy,
Dave
AC8AB.
616-361-2328

--- On Mon, 8/23/10, Scott Herron <kd8nak@...> wrote:

From: Scott Herron <kd8nak@...>
Subject: [GRARA] Radio equipment search
To: kalamazoohamradio@yahoogroups.com, BranchCountyARC@yahoogroups.com, HollandHamRadio@yahoogroups.com, WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, GRARA@yahoogroups.com, W8USA@yahoogroups.com, dcarr9@...
Date: Monday, August 23, 2010, 9:47 AM

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1075. Re: [GRARA] Radio equipment search

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-08-23 16:30:02 UTC
From: tigerfan158@gmail.com
Topic: 1073 Message: 1075

I have a power supply like new, probably an antenna tuner, and a 12v - 250 W linear amplifier if he is interested. Send email tigerfan158@...

----- Original Message -----
From: Scott Herron
To: kalamazoohamradio@yahoogroups.com ; BranchCountyARC@yahoogroups.com ; HollandHamRadio@yahoogroups.com ; WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com ; GRARA@yahoogroups.com ; W8USA@yahoogroups.com ; dcarr9@...
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1076. CW CLASS REMINDER

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-08-24 17:21:10 UTC
From: Charles Rich
Topic: 1076 Message: 1076

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RVSP

Chuck, W8GCW

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1077. Re: [GRARA] CW CLASS REMINDER

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-08-25 02:39:23 UTC
From: David VannO
Topic: 1076 Message: 1077

My Name Is David Van Oeveren 12/23/1959 I like to try the class. Thank you David N8ODO

From: Charles Rich <chucksvideo@...>
To: Allegan ARC <AlleganARC@yahoogroups.com>; GRARA Groups <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>; HARC <harc.post@...>; HARC REFLECTOR <k8daa@yahoogroups.com>; MAARA <w8zho@...>; NOARC REFLECTOR <W8CSO@yahoogroups.com>; "Chuck O'Connor" <coconn2@...>
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1078. HOLLAND AMATEUR RADIO CLUB - FALL 2010 CLASS SCHEDULES

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-08-25 02:53:08 UTC
From: Carpoolqueen
Topic: 1078 Message: 1078

Holland Amateur Radio Club ☐ Fall 2010 Education
TECHNICIAN - EXTRA - MORSE CODE

CLASSES OFFERED:
Pass the word to friends and relatives that they too can get a HAM RADIO LICENSE without too much effort. HARC again offers an opportunity to become a licensed Amateur Radio Operator with classes to prepare you for a Technician License. These classes, lead by Jim, N8QMD, begin Wednesday September 15, 2010 and end November 17, 2010.

For those already in the Ham community holding a General Class License, we offer an opportunity to upgrade to Amateur Extra Class, the highest level license available. It will take some work, but the ultimate outcome is a super feeling of accomplishment and the gain of additional band privileges. Tom, K8TB, will lead these classes beginning Monday September 13, 2010 and ending November 15, 2010.

Then, for those who may have wanted to learn CW (Morse Code) or who have just been curious to discover what Code is all about, Mike Cole, WD8NHA will lead CW classes on Tuesday nights. This series will begin September 21, and depending on the progress of the students, will continue for about eight or ten weeks. It is a wonderful opportunity to learn the code, or to brush up some unused skills.

LOCATION AND TIME:
All of these classes will be held at our Ken Groom ZR5AAD Technical and Training Center located at 280 E. 8th Street in Holland, Michigan.
Classes begin promptly at 7:00 pm. Please come early to enjoy some refreshments and to relax beforehand.

FEES:
There are no fees for the CW class, but please remember to bring paper and a writing instrument.
There is a $20 fee for each Technician or Amateur Extra class. A study book for each class is available for an additional $20 for each book.

LICENSE TESTING:
Just in time for those who complete their licensing class, or for anyone else who wants to take a License test, HARC will host a Test Session Saturday, November 20, 2010. Testing begins at 10:00 am, so please plan to arrive a bit earlier. What you will need to take the exam will be discussed during class or contacting Rick, our VE Chairman N8GGO by email N8GGO@....

REGISTRATION:
Please contact Ed Heyboer, KF8EV by email KF8EV@... or telephone (616) 772-4811.
REGISTRATION FOR THESE CLASSES IS NOW OPEN!!
It is not too early to plan for some education this Fall. Let's fill up the front classroom at the Ken Groom Technical and Training Center this Fall. We will be running this announcement a few more times before classes begin.

Ed, KF8EV
Education Committee Chair
Megan, WO0MEG
President
Holland Amateur Radio Club

1079. A little help please....

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-08-25 02:59:17 UTC
From: W8DER
Topic: 1079 Message: 1079

Anyone,

What am I doing wrong? Can you help? All of a sudden I can't post anything on the K8DAA@yahoogroups.com reflector. Two days in a row, I tried to volunteer for the "Memory Walk" conducted by the Alzheimer's Association on Saturday. Also on Tuesday, I posted a request looking for anyone wanting to sell a certain microphone. Nothing! I can post on the HollandARC@... site and the HollandHamRadio@yahoogroups.com site and even the GRARA site in Grand Rapids, but not the K8DAA site?

Can anyone suggest a solution or cause? Does the address look right?

Mike Hill, W8DER
Mike@...
Member of Holland Amateur Radio Club

1080. Re: [GRARA] A little help please....

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-08-25 03:15:13 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1079 Message: 1080

Hi Mike:

Check the site. Maybe somehow you got delisted as a member. The group is still there, but members only can send and receive messages. You might be using an e-mail address which isn't the only with which you registered?

I've often done things like that for reflectors to which I belong.

73 de n8xx Hg

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Date: 2010-08-25 18:04:22 UTC
From: Charles Rich
Topic: 1076 Message: 1081

Dyslexia

Hi again, Dave,

Sure would like to have you aboard.

Can you give me a description of the problem you had in learning the code previously??

I am very ignorant on your problem, so forgive me.

The only thing I know about Dyslexia is that dyslexics have problems writing down letters, and getting them backwards, etc. Can this affect what you hear, as well?? For instance could you hear the letter A which is dit dah.....as an N which is dah it?

I am trying to cover what special help you could need.

So, if you can give me some hints, I can try to work on something that would help you to learn.

Thanks,

Chuck, W8GCW
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1082. Cheap tower???

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-08-25 19:18:49 UTC
From: R. Mark Barnett
Topic: 1079 Message: 1082

My brother-in-law is looking for a cheap or free tower... He needs one for his "cabin" and it will not have a large load on it... Your junk may be his treasure.... Please feel free to contact me off-list at orgelkraft@.... THANKS
Mark B. N8PGV

1083. Re: [GRARA] Cheap tower???

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-08-25 20:33:29 UTC
From: K8TB
Topic: 1079 Message: 1083

Timing is everything...

This just popped up on Craigslist..:
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>I have a Hy-Gain Ham 4 heavy duty antenna rotor and control box for
sale. I just pulled it off my tower and still works perfectly. Rotor was
serviced by Norms Rotor Service when I installed it 5 years ago. It has
only had very light duty use. I pulled it down and tested it and all
seems to work great. Reason for selling is I have lost interest in Ham
radio so I am downsizing.

I also have a Rohn HDBX 48 tower that is installed in my back yard and
it is free to anyone that wants to carefully take down. It has a custom
rotor plate for this rotor that sets up on the lowest section of tower
along with 2 thrust bearings. I did this so in case the rotor needed
repaired I did not have to climb the tower. Tower is free.

E-mail me thru craigslist or call (616)-293-7148

Thanks 73's

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1084. Check out the ATV equipped Chopper Pictures

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-08-25 22:05:34 UTC
From: 20WPMorBust
Topic: 1084 Message: 1084

Check out the pictures from Bryan, KC8LMI, showing his R/C Chopper equipt with an amateur TV camera.

http://www.w8dc.org

Then follow the menu "Tech_Corner" to "ATV with K8DMR".

Cool stuff, but my wife says "no".

1085. Re: [GRARA] Cheap tower???

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-08-25 23:57:34 UTC
From: R. Mark Barnett
Topic: 1079 Message: 1085

THANKS! I have forwarded it!
Mark B. N8PGV

I try to buy and eat only certified INORGANIC fruits and vegetables...

--- On Wed, 8/25/10, K8TB <k8tb@bosscher.org> wrote:

From: K8TB <k8tb@...>
Subject: Re: [GRARA] Cheap tower???
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Date: Wednesday, August 25, 2010, 4:33 PM

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1086. Open door for N8XX?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-08-26 11:31:33 UTC
From: Cortland Richmond
Topic: 1086 Message: 1086

Is there anyone who can gain access to the station for Hank, N8XX. I left some gear there for him at the W8DC open-night Wednesday but he needs to pick it up today (Thursday).

Cortland
KA5S
(I don't have access)

1087. Thanks to KA5S, AB8ND, and others

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-08-26 13:23:29 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1086 Message: 1087

Cortland:

Thanks to you for the loan of some backup gear for my Ohio QSO Party Expedition. Look for N8Q on Saturday, between noon and midnight - best frequencies and times will be in the 80/75 after dusk @ 3.545 KHz CW, ssb: 3.825 Phone, during the afternoon 7.045 CW, 7.200 SSB - all frequencies ? QRM. There's a European RTTY contest, so the CW activity might slide down the band a bit if RTTY becomes a problem.

Thanks to Jack, AB8ND, and others for information on getting into the radio room. My "Quick Reference card" which I had from the past, got lost in some move from billfold to billfold, and the backup on my computer seemingly didn't include the keypad code for the radio room. I'm making up another card, and will put the info in my backup stand alone hard drive - duh! I have most everything else backed up there, except for things generated this month.

Never hurts to have a backup or two.

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1088. Setting up in McClure, OH

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-08-28 04:32:36 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1088 Message: 1088

I made it to McClure, Ohio Friday afternoon. Had a glitch because I found a "golf ball eating tree" which wouldn't let the golf ball down to the ground. Anyway, I'm set for Saturday's Ohio QSO Party, beginning at noon and ending at midnight Eastern Time (1600Z Saturday, Aug 28 to 0400Z Sunday, Aug 29). Please listen for N8Q and I'll be happy to give you a serial number and HENRy county.

For full details of the Ohio QSO Party see http://www.ohqp.org

72/73 de n8xx Hg

1089. South bound I-75 trip

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-08-29 12:49:06 UTC
From: pobox740
Topic: 1089 Message: 1089

Hello to all.
I am planning a trip to Florida to visit with family, an am interested in makeing a few contacts on my way down.
I will be calling "CQ" on 28.490 USB at the following dates and times...
9/7 @ 17:30
9/7 @ 20:30
9/8 @ 06:30
9/8 @ 09:30
9/8 @ 12:30
9/8 @ 17:30
All times are EST
My call is KB8AFS
The rig is a Radio Shack HTX-10, 25W pep, 1/4 wave mag mount ant.
For a special "South bound I-75 trip" QSL card, pleas send me a QSL card to my home QTH if we make contact.
Or, if you just herd me.
TNX
Timothy kb8afs

Timothy Courtier kb8afs
10431 neptune
Rockford, M.I.
49341

1090. No Meeting this Friday

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-08-30 15:22:36 UTC
From: Jack Kunnen
Topic: 1090 Message: 1090

Due to the Labor Day weekend there will NOT be a GRARA meeting this Friday, 3 August . We will have a very short at the swap set up next week Friday.

The will also NOT be a VE test session next week Friday, 10 September. There will be VE testing at the GRARA Swap, Saturday, 11 September.

Don't forget the GraHamfest on 11 September at the Home School Building at 5625 Burlingame In Wyoming (Michigan). We can use help at set-up, the swap and tear-down.
Set-up Friday from 7-9 pm and 7 am Saturday.
Swap hours are from 8 am until 1 pm

DAPR will have there meeting Saturday, 4 Sept, 8 am at the New Beginnings on Michigan Street. I hear there is an international visitor from Tunisia coming, let's make it a big welcome.

Wednesday evenings and Saturday mornings are Open Radio Room, come on out.

Jack, AB8ND

1091. WEAVER'S WORDS -- Special Request for Congress

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-09-03 13:25:08 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1091 Message: 1091

Note from N8XX:

It would be nice if the IRS could be induced to allow charitable deduction of
at least 50% of the amount allowed for business, This would be ~25¢ per mile, which would cover at least the cost of gasoline and general maintenance.

-------- Original Message --------
Subject: WEAVER'S WORDS -- Special Request
Date: Fri, 3 Sep 2010 09:06:38 -0400 (EDT)
From: ARRL Members Only Web site <memberlist@...>
To: hgreeb@...

Dear ARRL Members,

I am the ARRL official appointed by your Great Lakes Division Director Jim Weaver, K8JE to serve as the contact person between the ARRL and its members on national legislative issues. Today we are requesting that ARRL members contact their US House of Representatives member and US Senators to request that they support legislation to increase the allowable charitable mileage deduction for individuals using their vehicles in support of charitable efforts. Of course, Amateur Radio operators would be effected beneficially by this legislation. As always, if you have a question on the following request or about the Grassroots program, please feel free to contact me.

This is a slightly different approach than the usual ARRL member requests in that we are not asking for support of a specific bill. Rather, we are asking them to support a concept. Several bills have been introduced into the Congress to modify the law regarding benefits for charitable mileage. Because of this, we request that you ask you representatives to support the idea of expanding the allowed reimbursement for charitable driving regardless of the bill that may be passed. A sample letter is attached that you may use. Please feel free to modify the letter to personalize it.

To find the names and addresses of your US Representative, go to http://www.house.gov/. Enter your ZIP+ 4 in the upper left of the opening screen.

To find this information for your US Senators: http://www.senate.gov/. Select your state in the upper right of the opening screen.

We are aware that many Congressional offices have places on their official website where constituents may fill out a form and send their

comments. While this is convenient, it does not provide a “hard copy” of their comments to our Washington representative who uses them to support their visits. Experience tells us that handing hard copies of letters to the Congressional offices and staff is more effective than simple emails. So please encourage members to follow our recommended procedures.

As in the past, we request that each ARRL member send his or her letters to John Chwat, our Washington legislative representative via one of the following methods:

- As a signed attachment to an email to:arrl@....
- As a signed fax to: 703-684-7594
- As a regular letter to:

John Chwat
Chwat& Co.
625 Slaters Lane
Suite 103
Alexandria, VA 22314

If you choose to email your letter, please send it as a signed attachment to the email instead of it being the text of the email. This allows you to get more bang for each of your letters by having them hand delivered to your Representative and Senators.

One last request, please send me a copy of each letter you send so I can have copies of the correspondence: You may do this via nb4k@... will be fine of by US Mail at 218 Cory Ln., Butler, KY 41006

Thanks for your help on this. If you have any questions, please contact me.

73,

John D. Meyers, NB4K
Great Lakes Division
Legislative Action Chairman
859.472.6690

(Draft letter follows. Modify as you feel appropriate.)

Dear (Congressman name or Senator name)
(address)
(address)

Deduction for Charitable Mileage

On behalf of the ARRL – the national organization for Amateur Radio – that represents over 154,000 amateur radio licensees nationwide, I urge you to support passage of legislation to increase the 14 cent

standard mileage rate for charitable purposes before the end of this session of Congress. There are proposals pending in the 111th Congress to increase this rate, which has remained unchanged in tax law for the past 13 years. Two key provisions highlight our request:

* As volunteers, we frequently use our automobiles as we support public service communications protecting lives and property, and to communicate with public safety officials. We feel that the deduction for these out-of-pocket expenses should be reflect increases in gasoline and auto maintenance costs

* Volunteers who are reimbursed by charitable organizations for driving activities that benefit the organization should be permitted to exclude the reimbursements from taxable income, up to the standard mileage rate for business purposes.

Organized Amateur Radio operators provide valuable, free communications when regular channels are disrupted by disaster. They also provide similar services for a wide-range of organizations and community service events. To do this, Amateurs rely on radios, battery packs, and antennas that are typically installed in their personal automobiles. This mobile capability helps them to maintain viable communication networks to support federal and state agencies, as well as volunteer organizations, during disasters, severe weather, other emergencies and more routine public service events. Increasing the charitable driving tax deduction will help Amateur Radio operators maintain their role in supporting that our communities.

Please contact our Washington representative, John Chwat, if you can help us. Please contact him atjohn.chwat@...
<mailto:john.chwat@...> or (703) 684-7703.

Sincerely,

(your signature)

(Name - and call sign if you wish)
(Address)
(City, State, ZIP)
(Telephone number or e-mail address)

Please send a signed copy by FAX or e-mail attachment to John Chwat as indicated in NB4K's letter, above. John will deliver the letters directly to your US Representative and US Senators. Please also send a copy toNb4k@.... Thanks for your help.

73, tnx,

Jim, K8JE

Jim Weaver, K8JE, Director
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Mason, OH 45040; Tel. 513-459-1661
ARRL, The national organization for Amateur Radio

1092. Re: [GRARA] WEAVER'S WORDS -- Special Request for Congress

Yahoo group: GRARA
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From: David Brace
Topic: 1091 Message: 1092

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Date: 2010-09-03 18:21:12 UTC
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Topic: 1091 Message: 1095

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I can't drive my Honda CRV for 14 Cents.
Chuck, W8GCW
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You have a valid point, but in my 40+ years of dealing with the Idiot and Retard Society. Nothing Congress says or does will change their minds. In case you have not been exposed to the fact, They are convinced that they are a law unto themselves immune from everyone and everything.
I'm not bitter hi hi, just so glad I no longer have to fight with them. 14c is slightly better than a kick in the head though hi hi

Dave

1097. Re: [GRARA] WEAVER'S WORDS -- Special Request for Congress

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-09-03 19:03:09 UTC
From: R. Mark Barnett
Topic: 1091 Message: 1097

WELL, with a REALLY good kick in the head you could go on disability and really enjoy those Ren & Stempy cartoons (or maybe even CSPAN) while eating Fruit Loops! It might even help some on 40M.....
Increasing those deductions might inadvertently help a church here and there and
I'm sure that would be abhorrent to them... as there is no other god than the IRS.... (praise their name forever) It would be logical and FAIR to AT LEAST keep up with inflation for the sake of non-religious groups who's workers use these deductions..... YES I will try to write, but I'm not holding my breath on a fix!
I think the IRS does a really good job, praise their name forever! You have to admit the IRS (praise their name forever) IS more effective than congress.... But I digress further off topic..sorry...
Mark B. N8PGV I reserve the right to revise and extend my remarks....as all honest folk do....
PS.... In all fairness Carl Levin is a great guy, and I can see him helping....

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Dave

1098. Colorado & Tennesee QSO Parties This weekend

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-09-04 04:03:27 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1098 Message: 1098

Anyone for the Colorado QSO party this weekend? It starts @ 1200 UTC 4 Sept. 2010 and ends @ 0400 UTC 5 Sept 2010 (8AM to Midnight EDT)

Seems like they've got things fairly well organized. See http://www.ppraa.org/coqp/index.php for details.

I know that N1MM will run the contest - at least I've set it up, and it seems to run OK. Haven't tried other contest logging programmes, the web site sez that ?CQ/X, N1MM & Writelog knows about the contest. W3KM says it will work.

I personally know that many counties in Colorado are very sparsely populated, so many counties will be covered by mobiles.

The very next day will be active with the Tennesee QSO party. That's 1800z Sunday, September 5 until 0300z Monday, September 6, 2010, or 2 p.m. to 11 p.m. Sunday. Rules are @ http://www.tnqp.org/html/rules.htm

They claim to have all 95 counties covered - fixed or mobile. See http://www.tnqp.org/html/active2010.htm for more info.

73 de n8xx Hg

1099. Tentative Announcement for the next Western Michigan Fox Hunt

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-09-05 02:09:14 UTC
From: K8TB
Topic: 1099 Message: 1099

Set aside Sept 15, a Wednesday night, for one more of a great series of West Michigan Fox Hunts this year.

Details:

Gather at the southern end of parking lot of the Family Farm and Home store at 6101 Lake Michigan Dr in Allendale. A Huntington Bank is just in front of the store. Stay close to the Lake Michigan Dr side. Gather by 6:30 PM.

The Vixen-Fox will start transmitting at 6:45PM. Yup, 15 minutes earlier. Gotta give some people time to find us before dark!

Frequency will be 145.53, with a Robo-Fox sequence of 1 minute on, 2 minutes off.

Vixen-Fox will be within 200 feet of their vehicle. The signal will stay the same power, fixed antenna, vertically polarized.

Vixen-Fox will be within 8.13 "as the crow flies" miles of the starting spot.

Other details are typical. Vixen-Fox will be in plain site, however, they may be wearing camouflaged outfits so it may be difficult to see them.

Fox ends at 8:45 PM. Lowest mileage wins. Dopplers invited, but they only win their category.

Have a great time "trying" to find us...

Vixen-Fox

1100. Amateur Radio Video

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-09-05 19:35:53 UTC
From: K8TB
Topic: 1100 Message: 1100

There have been a lot of videos made, but the Brits are the RSGB
have done an outstanding job on this one:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nd0tTYgJWEo

de tom K8TB

1101. ULTIMATE CODE CLASS

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-09-06 19:15:26 UTC
From: Charles Rich
Topic: 1101 Message: 1101

Time is running out - The count down is on...! ! ! ! !

You have 5 days to get registered for the ULTIMATE Morse Code Class.

My class is open to anyone. No license required, No club affiliation, -- just a desire to learn the original digital mode -- MORSE CODE.

Code breaks through the heavy QRM. Ask any serious contester.

We take it on one letter at a time - Learn them all, and then practice and practice 'til we get it down pat.

I have a guaranteed method that works. Never had a failure in over 60-years of teaching.

Class will meet on MONDAYS beginning NEXT MONDAY, September 13, and will go on for 12-13 weeks.

We will meet at Ottawa County Central Dispatch Authority (911) at 12101 Stanton Street.

You MUST register NOW to pass security requirements to enter building.

Register direct to my email: chucksvideo@sbcglobal. I will need your Full Name, Date of Birth and Drivers License or ID Number.Do not send secure information via reflectors.

Chuck, W8GCW

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1102. GRARA Hamfest this Saturday. NEW MODERN LOCATION BY M6 AND US131

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-09-07 00:35:42 UTC
From: W8DER
Topic: 1102 Message: 1102

The first area hamfest of the fall season is finally here. The GRARA Hamfest is Saturday morning, and I am REALLY ready. My summer list of needed parts is longer than I could ever satisfy in a single day. Between this hamfest and the Holland Hamfest in October, I have a chance getting it all. I plan to be there right at 8:00 am when it opens.

The GRARA Hamfest is in a new, much more convenient and modern location. It is in the south part of Wyoming near the intersection of US131 and M6. Easy access, lots of parking, what more could I want?

Check out the GRARA website for details. Http://www.w8dc.org

1103. MDXA RF Express Special Event

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-09-09 04:03:42 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 1103 Message: 1103
Attachments: 3 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Please mark your calendars for Saturday,September 18th

The 2010 RF Express

Sponsored By The Michigan DX Association

All Aboard !!!...Join us in Downtown Coopersville,MI at the rail yards.

Take a ride on the RF-Express on Saturday,Sep 18th 2010. Listen for W8DXI

- > Setup us at 8:00 AM local time! Coffee and donuts. The breakfest of amateur champions.

We hope to be setup and On The Air by 10:00 AM local time.We will be operating From the train on the following frequencies.

146.550 - 28.350 - 21.367 - 14.267 - 3.867.

Also look for us on DX Summit. http://www.dxsummit.fi/ Search for W8DXI.

If you plan to stay for awhile,there are plenty of restaurants and pizza is just a block away! Heck,I think they will even deliver it to the caboose !!!

All are welcome to come and operate or contact this special event! We had a great time last year.

Talk-IN is on 146.550 simplex

HELP US GET THE WORD OUT !!!

Let your friends know about this event, they may want to work the RF Express.

QSL-SASE Dave Smith,KC8PCL for a nice card, or a $2 donation for an 8 1/2 X 11 inch color certificate.

73

de KD8DEG Tom

1104. MARA Build your burger or fishwitch

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-09-09 13:24:44 UTC
From: Jack Kunnen
Topic: 1104 Message: 1104

Build Your Own

Burger Or Fishwich

Friday September 17th

5:00 PM to 8:00 PM

$5.00 Adults $3.00 Kids

Under 12

Burger or Fishwich, Chips, Coleslaw, Juice, Coffee and Desert

At 5th St. Hall

Located on the Northwest Corner of

5th and Davis Sts.

Grand Rapids, MI 49504

1105. RE: [GRARA] MARA Build your burger or fishwitch

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-09-09 14:37:59 UTC
From: Richard MI Ranta
Topic: 1104 Message: 1105

Thanks Jack. I forwarded it to Larry Dell's, since he has some stuff from Leonard Schaafma.

Remember to not eat anything next week till Friday. Ok?

Rich & Scooter the cat

"Diversity raises the intelligence of groups."

Nancy Kline

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Visit <http://www.foreverhomesamoyed.org>
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"Bring the kids?"

"Want an exciting hobby?"
visit <http://www.W8USA.ORG> http://www.W8USA.ORG

1106. Next Wednesday's Fox Hunt

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-09-10 03:10:54 UTC
From: W8DER
Topic: 1106 Message: 1106

For information on next week's fox hunt, be sure to watch the Http://www.MichiganFoxHunter.com website. We are a little behind posting the details because of preparations for the GRARA Hamfest this Saturday.

Info about the Saturday GRARA Hamfest, see http://www.w8dc.org
Info about next Wednesday's Fox hunt, see http://www.MichiganFoxHunter.com

Mike Hill
Mike@...

1107. Want2CarPoolFromGR2HollandClubCWclass

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-09-10 15:29:33 UTC
From: W8GLgary
Topic: 1107 Message: 1107

Hi all, I am planning on taking the Tues night CW class, starting Tuesday, Sept. 21st, at the Holland clubhouse location, throughout the 8-10 week duration. Would anyone like to save gas money and car pool? I live at 44th & Kalamazoo, in Kentwood, and have a Dodge Dakota pick-up truck that seats 2 comfortably, 3, if your very skinny, and 4, if you bring a shoehorn, to get in and out. If you're heavy-set, we may have to take your vehicle, instead. Whadya think? Contact gasmiser GARY, at: deW8GL@..., or 616.885-7949 cell. --... ...--, --. .- -.- -.--

1108. The Next Fox Hunt "Racing Sundown" will be Wednesday. See details

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-09-10 15:36:10 UTC
From: Michel
Topic: 1108 Message: 1108

All hunters, new and old,

We have updated the information details for Wednesday's "Racing Sundown" Fox Hunt. This one will be held in Allendale, close to North Ottawa, Holland, Muskegon, and Grand Rapids. Tom and Sheila Bosscher will be our fox team for the event. They are good!

Come and enjoy the hunt.

Details: http://www.MichiganFoxHunter.com

Mike

SEE YOU AT THE GRARA HAMFEST

Details: http://www.w8dc.org

1109. KB8IPU Estate Sale Announcement

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-09-11 05:46:40 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 1109 Message: 1109
Attachments: 2 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

> Dear Fellow Amateur,
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> I am writing to you to announce a huge sale of amateur radio and other
> hobby
>
> electronic equipment from the estate of KB8IPU. The sale features over 300
> items, ranging from new-in-the-box HTs to old HF gear.
>
> We will hold the sale Saturday, October 2, at Powder Coat of Central
> Michigan,
> which is located about 1 mile south of Ithaca, MI. We plan to open our
> doors
> at
> 10:00 a.m. and remain open until 2:00 p.m.
>
> The sale still is 3 weeks away, but I am writing to you now to ask if you
> would be
> kind enough to include a notice of our sale in your club newsletter.
>
> A sale flyer and a complete price list are attached to this notice. Please
> share
> these with friends and fellow hams.
>
> If you have questions, please contact me at gibson@...
>
> 73,
> John Gibson, no8v
>

1110. Fw: [WestMichiganHams] MAARC TechNet

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-09-11 16:22:10 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 1110 Message: 1110

----- Original Message -----
From: Mark Strait
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Cc: W8ZHO@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Friday, September 10, 2010 7:25 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] MAARC TechNet

The MAARC 146.94 repeater is gaining another net! Called the TechNet, participants will focus on issues that relate to digital modes of communication. These might involve rockets, satellites, computer hardware and programming, astronomy events, contacting the International Space Station, working Amateur Radio Satellites, EME (Moonbounce) and how to use Orbital Plotting software.
Outside of Space topics we will also discuss;
How to use your radio, Radio Orienteering, building mini transmitters for ROCA, Antenna Construction, Sound Card-to-Rig Interfaces, Cables and Connectors, DSP Manufacturers, Interfaces Manufacturers, Radio Manufacturers, Packet Radio, PSK31, Radio Programming Cables, RTTY, Ham Radio Software, Networking issues, Operating System issues and many other High Tech Radio-Computer related issues and the list goes on. Check in Saturdays at 11:00 AM on 146.940 (-) (94.8PL)
Hope to hear you.

Mark Strait KD8BIG

1111. Code Class

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-09-11 23:28:32 UTC
From: Charles Rich
Topic: 1111 Message: 1111

The Ultimate Code Class will begin Monday night, September 13, 2010 at 7:00 PM.

I'm sticking my neck out for anyone else who wants to get in on this class. This is the last call for the last call. Hopefully, I can get you your security clearance before class time.

YOU MUST GET ME YOUR NAME, DATE OF BIRTH AND DRIVERS L.ICENCE OR ID NUMBER, no later than Midnight Sunday. (Send this information directly to my peronal email for security. (chucksvideo@...)

Don't let this opportunity slip by. We have a nice group forming and we're going to have a lot of fun.

You will need paper (preferably legal pad) and choice of writing instrument

Thanks to all who have signed up.

Chuck, W8GCW

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1112. Re: [GRARA] Code Class

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-09-13 13:24:07 UTC
From: David VannO
Topic: 1111 Message: 1112

I'm sorry that have not got to sooner, but was hoping that was going to first shift by now, but this has not happen. I really want to give this try. Oh well, there will be a another time. David

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From: Charles Rich <chucksvideo@...>
To: GRARA Groups <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>; HARC <harc.post@...>; HARC REFLECTOR <k8daa@yahoogroups.com>; MAARA <w8zho@...>; NOARC REFLECTOR <W8CSO@yahoogroups.com>; Allegan ARC <AlleganARC@yahoogroups.com>
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1113. Re: [GRARA] Code Class

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-09-13 13:54:12 UTC
From: Charles Rich
Topic: 1111 Message: 1113

Sorry you can't make it. I was looking forward to the challenge. I'll keep you posted as we go on, Dave. There will be another day..

73
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From: David VannO <davevann@...>
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Mon, September 13, 2010 9:24:07 AM
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1114. CQ W8CBH

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-09-13 14:33:52 UTC
From: n8xxham
Topic: 1114 Message: 1114

I was recently contacted about W8CBH, William Gerber.

A veterans' group to which he belongs has lost connection with him.

They have his home phone number, e-mail address, snail mail address, etc.

Snail mail address is listed on QRZ.com at the same address as the groups has.

I don't want to bother him, but said I'd ask around. GRARA seems a logical organization to which he might belong, or might have belonged.

Any info would be appreciated.

73 de n8xx Hg

1115. Re: [GRARA] CQ W8CBH

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-09-13 14:52:33 UTC
From: Jack Kunnen
Topic: 1114 Message: 1115

Hank,

Bill still helps at our VE sessions at times.

Jack, ab8nd

On Sep 13, 2010, at 10:33 AM, n8xxham wrote:

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1116. Re: [GRARA] CQ W8CBH

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-09-14 02:37:30 UTC
From: Charles Rich
Topic: 1114 Message: 1116

I believe he was the hamfest last Saturday. I remember the name on a badge.

Chcuk, W8GCW
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From: n8xxham <n8xx@arrl.org>
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Mon, September 13, 2010 10:33:52 AM
Subject: [GRARA] CQ W8CBH

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1117. Start Location Pictures, for the Wednesday night hunt are on our web site.

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-09-14 15:15:30 UTC
From: Michel
Topic: 1117 Message: 1117

For all you lucky hunters planning to attend the Wednesday night "Racing Sundown" fox hunt, we have added pictures of the start location to the web site. Lake Michigan Drive has a median down the center of the road at this point (with trees). We will be on the north side of Lake Michigan Drive. These pictures can help you find the start point. Please join us in the parking lot, as close to the road as possible.

Mike

ref: http://www.MichiganFoxHunter.com

1118. All Aboard The RF Express Special Event - The RF Express Leaves The Station This Saturday!

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-09-15 03:10:16 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 1118 Message: 1118
Attachments: 5 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

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146.550 - 28.350 - 21.367 - 14.267 - 3.867

CW 18.090 - 14.030 - 7.030 - 3.530

If you plan to stay for awhile,there are plenty of restaurants and pizza is just a block away! Heck,I think they will even deliver it to the caboose !!! We will also have Coffee provided by McDonalds and doughnuts!

All are welcome to attend or contact this special event! We had a great time last year.

Talk-IN is on 146.550 simplex

HELP US GET THE WORD OUT !!!

You can help us too! Let your friends know about this event,they may want
To work the RF Express.

QSL-SASE Dave Smith,KC8PCL for a nice card,donations for a certificate are
Appreciated!

1119. HARC CW NET

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-09-15 17:03:05 UTC
From: Carpoolqueen
Topic: 1119 Message: 1119

NEW ☐ HARC CW Net

The Holland Amateur Radio Club is pleased to announce a brand-new CW Net!

Who: Any licensed amateur with an HF radio connected to a 10M antenna and with a means to transmit CW.
What: An informal net to practice your CW skills.
Where: 28.200 MHz
When: Each week, Thursday evening, 7:00pm local time
Why: To provide a time and place for CW operators of any skill level to meet.

There will be no minimum speed or skill level. Net Control will slow to match your speed.

Simple Steps
1. Tune in and listen for CQ HARC
2. Check in and wait until it's your turn.
3. Add your thoughts and comments on the topic of the evening.
4. Repeat weekly!

This may be one of the least-stressful ways to make a CW contact and enjoy a QSO, so we especially encourage new (or rusty) CW operators to join in.

Megan Heyl WO0MEG

President Holland Amateur Radio Club

Mike Cole WD8NHA

CW Instructor

1120. Fw: [TowerTalk] FW: Tower climb

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-09-16 01:17:49 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 1120 Message: 1120

1700 + ft straight up and looking down. This will get you wobbling in your chair.

KD8DEG Tom

----- Original Message -----
From: Jim McDonald
To: towertalk@... ; MCWA Reflector
Sent: Wednesday, September 15, 2010 8:44 PM
Subject: [TowerTalk] FW: Tower climb

Still online at http://www.ebaumsworld.com/video/watch/81100181/

TowerTalk mailing list
TowerTalk@...
http://lists.contesting.com/mailman/listinfo/towertalk

1121. Re: [GRARA] Fw: [TowerTalk] FW: Tower climb

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-09-16 01:48:27 UTC
From: Charles Rich
Topic: 1120 Message: 1121

That was great, Tom.....and I start trembling at 10 feet.

Chuck
Check me out at QRZ.com

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From: Wilson <kd8deg@...>
To: WMSAT@yahoogroups.com; WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com; Montcalm Yahoo group <montcalmcountyares@yahoogroups.com>; "MichFoxHunter @Yahoogroups" <MichiganFoxHunter@yahoogroups.com>; "MARA @Yahoogroups W8USA" <W8USA@yahoogroups.com>; k8daa@yahoogroups.com; "Holland Ham Radio@Yahoogroups" <HollandHamRadio@yahoogroups.com>; GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Wed, September 15, 2010 9:17:49 PM
Subject: [GRARA] Fw: [TowerTalk] FW: Tower climb

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1122. Re: [GRARA] Fw: [TowerTalk] FW: Tower climb

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-09-16 02:13:12 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 1120 Message: 1122

Hi De Hoooo Chuck!!!

Yes I was starting to get dizzy just watching it. Step ladders these days get to me....LOL. Takes a special kind of person to go their.

KD8DEG Tom

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Sent: Wednesday, September 15, 2010 9:48 PM
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Be sure to check out my Ham Radio Page. Licensed by the FCC since 1950

From: Wilson <kd8deg@...>
To: WMSAT@yahoogroups.com; WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com; Montcalm Yahoo group <montcalmcountyares@yahoogroups.com>; "MichFoxHunter @Yahoogroups" <MichiganFoxHunter@yahoogroups.com>; "MARA @Yahoogroups W8USA" <W8USA@yahoogroups.com>; k8daa@yahoogroups.com; "Holland Ham Radio@Yahoogroups" <HollandHamRadio@yahoogroups.com>; GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Wed, September 15, 2010 9:17:49 PM
Subject: [GRARA] Fw: [TowerTalk] FW: Tower climb

1700 + ft straight up and looking down. This will get you wobbling in your chair.

KD8DEG Tom

----- Original Message -----
From: Jim McDonald
To: towertalk@... ; MCWA Reflector
Sent: Wednesday, September 15, 2010 8:44 PM
Subject: [TowerTalk] FW: Tower climb

Still online at http://www.ebaumsworld.com/video/watch/81100181/

TowerTalk mailing list
TowerTalk@contesting.com

http://lists.contesting.com/mailman/listinfo/towertalk

1123. Wednesday Night Fox Hunt

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-09-16 04:30:26 UTC
From: W8DER
Topic: 1123 Message: 1123

What a fantastic fox hunt we had tonight! Seven vehicles and 18 hunters accepted the "Racing Sundown" Challenge. Sheila and Tom did their usual fantastic job as fox and Vixen. Four clubs were represented. Hank and Sarah hosted a new ham and his daughter tonight and we have another ham "hooked" in this cool part of the ham radio hobby. I think we "closed" the McDonalds in Allendale with our after-hunt gala.

The college kids weren't the only ones having fun in Allendale tonight.

Unfortunately, Laryn had to work --- so a Muskegon Team won the hunt!

We have accepted the Muskegon challenge to avenge our loss. We will send a team to their fox hunt on Saturday, September 25th. We will bring the flag back to Holland! (Additional teams would be appreciated just in case.)

Tonight's results are being audited and will be posted tomorrow night.

Long live ham radio!

Mike
Mike@W8DER.Net

1124. 1786 ft Tower climbing video

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-09-16 15:40:15 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1124 Message: 1124

The original on You tube has been taken down.

-------- Original Message --------
Subject: [MWA] 1786 ft Tower climbing video
Date: Thu, 16 Sep 2010 09:44:26 -0500
From: Paul Staupe <staupe@...>
Reply-To: Minnesota Wireless Association <mwa@...>
To: Minnesota Wireless Association <mwa@...>

Ignore the ads on the website.... it's a great video

http://www.liveleak.com/view?i=f2d_1284588370

Paul W0AD
Eden Prairie

1125. Re: [GRARA] 1786 ft Tower climbing video

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-09-16 15:55:59 UTC
From: Jack Kunnen
Topic: 1124 Message: 1125

Only question - what is a "Gided" tower :)

Jack ab8nd
On Sep 16, 2010, at 11:40 AM, Hank Greeb wrote:

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> -------- Original Message --------
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> Subject: [MWA] 1786 ft Tower climbing video
> Date: Thu, 16 Sep 2010 09:44:26 -0500
> From: Paul Staupe <staupe@...>
> Reply-To: Minnesota Wireless Association <mwa@w0aa.org>
> To: Minnesota Wireless Association <mwa@...>
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>
> Paul W0AD
> Eden Prairie
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>

1126. Re: [GRARA] 1786 ft Tower climbing video

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-09-16 18:31:06 UTC
From: R. Mark Barnett
Topic: 1124 Message: 1126

Not for a million bucks!!!!! I'm ready to fall off just watching the video...

Mark N8PGV
I try to buy and eat only certified INORGANIC fruits and vegetables...

_____
From: Hank Greeb <n8xx@arrl.org>
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Thu, September 16, 2010 11:40:15 AM
Subject: [GRARA] 1786 ft Tower climbing video

The original on You tube has been taken down.

-------- Original Message --------
Subject: [MWA] 1786 ft Tower climbing video
Date: Thu, 16 Sep 2010 09:44:26 -0500
From: Paul Staupe <staupe@...>
Reply-To: Minnesota Wireless Association <mwa@...>
To: Minnesota Wireless Association <mwa@...>

Ignore the ads on the website.... it's a great video
http://www.liveleak.com/view?i=f2d_1284588370 Paul W0AD Eden Prairie

1127. Anyone want a 2011 ARRL Handbook??

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-09-16 19:14:23 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1127 Message: 1127

Seems like a good price to me. I have a 2010 handbook (first since 2000, I believe, so I won't be ordering one myself.)

Check into http://www.kangaus.com for details.

72/73 de n8xx Hg

-------- Original Message --------
Subject: [QRP-L] 2011 ARRL Handbook offer
Date: Thu, 16 Sep 2010 15:00:24 -0400
From: Bill Kelsey <n8et@...>
To: qrp-l@...

Last years sale of new ARRL Handbooks was such a success I am going to do it again.

The 2011 ARRL Handbook will be available October 1 this year. Both the hard cover and softcover versions will be available from ARRL for $49.95 plus s/h for the month of October (while supplies last - They sold out of the hard cover version last year!).

I will offer either the hard cover or soft cover ARRL Handbook for $39 plus $7 s/h to US addresses. DX/VE Shipping will be at cost - and it is expensive....

This offer will be good until October 1. I can take Paypal (n8et@...), VISA, MC, or a check/MO.

New topics in this years Handbook include:
Schematic capture and Printed Circuit Board Layout
Amplifier tuning and maintenance, using surplus amp parts
Restoring vintage equipment
Remote station design

New projects include:
Microprocessor-based SWR Monitor-Meter by K1QW\
LTspice simulation files for basic electronic circuits
Selecting the right battery for mobile operation

A CD-ROM is included with each handbook, and it includes the fully searchable text and illustration in the book, as well as companion software, PC board templates, and other support files.

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73 - Bill - N8ET
www.kangaus.com

1128. Sept 15 West Michigan Fox Hunt

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-09-17 00:51:26 UTC
From: K8TB
Topic: 1128 Message: 1128

So here on the details. And it was a great hunt.

Eight cars !

I am going to list the participants by mileage:

1. At 9.1 corrected miles, "Silo" Bob KD8HNF and Frank KD8OHS.
They clocked in at 8:43PM

2. At 10.6 corrected miles, that Incredible team from Muskegon,
including:
Jim KC8PCJ, Dave KD8OCZ, Cathy and Nancy,
Jeff W8SWX along with Brenda and Nathan.
This team was the first to show up at 7:54 PM

3. At 13.2 miles, Jack K8CYV and Barb KD8FBY, the "other" Muskegon
Team!
They clocked in at 8:44 PM.

4. At 13.8 miles, Mike W8DER, Jim KD8CAN, and Robert KC8USP
They clocked in at 8:23 PM

5. At 24.5 miles, 3 of them swimming, James K8JHR and Chuck AJ8W.
They clocked in at 8:43 PM

6. At 25.8 miles, "Smiling" Hank KA8COB, Sara KD8JOB and Todd KD8OQH.
They clocked in at 8:34 PM

7. At 33.1 miles, Don KG8UH and Dave N8NBU.
They clocked in at 8:45 PM.

The winners by mileage are KD8HNF and KD8OHS. I looked at the
route they took, and there is no way to go any shorter.

At the same time, as a "veteran" Fox Hunter, we have to tip our
collective hats to this Amazing group of people out of Muskegon. This is
only their second showing, and they took names. The Muskegon group took
in 2nd AND 3rd for mileage, and 1st for time. I think a monster has been
awakened. What is going to happen when they get "good" ! :) I looked at
their map and all their bearings were dead on, including the very first
one. Impressive.

I have to take a moment and make a special note of thanks to one
person. And that is Jim Leys, KD8ACN. Jim is the one who is always
handling the clipboard and taking names and mileage readings at the
start location. I think Jim has done this over 20 times now, and his
work and attitude is so very much appreciated.

I can safely state that this was a very fun hunt. Sheila and I had a great time (watching the teams coming in, and just waiting !) Thank you to all the folks involved.

And a note to anyone reading this email who did not participate. Sheila and I took an unusual step to actually post pictures of the hiding location before the hunt. You can see these pictures at : http://www.michiganbroadcasttowers.com/foxhunt.htm

Now, to dust off our Df'ing equipment

Sheila K8AJ and Tom K8TB

1129. More info from Wednesday's "Racing Sundown Foxhunt" in Allendale - Pictures

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-09-18 15:36:59 UTC
From: Michel
Topic: 1129 Message: 1129

Great pictures of the "Racing Sundown Foxhunt" from Jim Leys and Robert Holton, along with details of where the fox was hiding have been posted on the web site. As you can see, we had a lot of fun! Thanks to Tom, K8TB, and Sheila, K8AJ, for a great hunt.

http://www.MichiganFoxHunter.com

Mike@W8DER.com

1130. RF Express Re-scheduled for 9-25-2010, Canceled this past Saturday Due To T-Storms

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-09-19 17:23:10 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 1130 Message: 1130
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

RF Express Canceled This Past Weekend
Due To Thunder Storms.

Re-scheduled for this coming Saturday, September 25th

The 2010 RF Express

Sponsored By The Michigan DX Association

All Aboard !!!...Join us in Downtown Coopersville,MI at the rail yards.

Take a ride on the RF-Express on Saturday,Sep 25th 2010. Listen for W8DXI

Setup us at 8:00 AM local time! Coffee and donuts. The breakfest of amateur champions.

We hope to be setup and On The Air by 10:00 AM local time.We will be operating From the train on the following frequencies.

FM - 146.52 simplex, SSB - 144.200; SSB - 28.350 - 21.367 - 14.267 - 3.867; CW - 18.090 - 14.030 - 7.030 - 3.530.

Also look for us on DX Summit. http://www.dxsummit.fi/ Search for W8DXI.

If you plan to stay for awhile,there are plenty of restaurants and pizza is just a block away! Heck,I think they will even deliver it to the caboose !!!

All are welcome to come and operate or contact this special event! We had a great time last year.

Talk-IN is on 146.550 simplex

HELP US GET THE WORD OUT !!!

Let your friends know about this event, they may want to work the RF Express.

QSL-SASE Dave Smith, KC8PCL, for a nice card, or a $2 donation for an 8 1/2 X 11 inch color certificate.

73

de KD8DEG Tom

1131. Code Class Cometh to the Club!

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-09-20 00:19:24 UTC
From: Carpoolqueen
Topic: 1131 Message: 1131

CQ, CQ, CQ
-.-. --.- -.-. --.- -.-. --.-
For those who may have wanted to learn CW (Morse Code) or who have just been curious to discover what Code is all about, Mike Cole, WD8NHA will lead CW classes on Tuesday nights. This series will begin September 21st, and depending on the progress of the students, will continue for about eight or ten weeks. It is a wonderful opportunity to learn the code, or to brush up some unused skills.
LOCATION AND TIME:
All of these classes will be held at our Ken Groom ZR5AAD Technical and Training Center located at 280 E. 8th Street in Holland, Michigan.
Classes begin promptly at 7:00 pm. Please come early to enjoy some refreshments and to relax beforehand.
FEES:
There are no fees for the CW class, but please remember to bring paper and a writing instrument.
CONTACT:
There are seats still available - please sign up with Ed at KF8EV@...

1132. [MIQRPClub] Special Event Station

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-09-21 19:15:20 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1132 Message: 1132

Relayed from WB8SIW:

Special Event Station

This year marks the 75th Anniversary of America?s oldest public service net. Radio Amateurs are invited to join in this celebration by contacting K8QMN from the Michigan Net, QMN Diamond Jubilee Banquet on October 23, 2010 at Owosso, Michigan.

Before QMN, public service and emergency communications were handled on an ?ad-hoc? basis using schedules and directional ?CQ? transmissions. This all changed during the Autumn of 1935 when members of the Detroit Amateur Radio Association created QMN to exploit the then relatively new technology of crystal control, which made it practical to create a ?spot-frequency? traffic net. QMN went on to become the prototype for the many traffic and emergency nets, which followed. The concept of a single-frequency net did much to improve the efficiency of both traffic handling as well as emergency response. QMN even established well equipped emergency communications teams before ?ARES? and similar programs became common place. It was also a QMN Committee, which created the familiar ?QN-signals? so familiar to generations of traffic handlers.

The 75th Anniversary QMN Station will consist of all ?vintage? equipment from the 1930s and ?40s. The 40-meter station will consist of a Thordarson transmitter and RME-69 receiver operating from the banquet hall at Owosso, Michigan. The 80-meter station will consist of a National HRO receiver at the banquet facility and a Johnson Viking One transmitter located off-site and keyed remotely via a land-line Morse wire. A working land-line telegraph connection will also be in operation, allowing members of the Morse Telegraph Club to connect with the special event via the ?Morse KOB? network and ?KB? telegraph hub.

Radio Amateurs should look for K8QMN on 7050 and 3563 KHz from 2-PM to 5-PM on Saturday, October 23. The stations may return to the air for an hour or two after the banquet and program, so be sure to check for K8QMN later in the evening.

A nice 8 ? by 11 certificate suitable for framing will be issued to those operators who work K8QMN during this special event.

1133. Muskegon Fox Hunt/Workshop tomorrow.

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-09-25 00:24:42 UTC
From: W8DER
Topic: 1133 Message: 1133

Passed on for our friends at the Muskegon Club. This should be a lot of fun tomorrow! I plan to get there about 2:00 pm.

Mike, W8DER

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Reminder on September 25th from Noon to 5:00 PM the Muskegon Area Amateur Radio Council will be sponsoring a Fox hunt work shop at our club house. Club house location is 2888 Scenic Drive North Muskegon, 49443

Talk in Freq. 146.940 PL 94.8

Schedule as follows
12:00 Noon Antenna building workshop (while supplies last see cost below) All materials supplied except connector to your radio, 3 feet of RG58 coax will be in kit. We have 4 kits left please RSVP soon to reserve you kit and/or also for lunch.

1:00 PM Lunch , Hamburg and hot dogs. Bring dish to pass. (see cost below)
2:00 PM Fox Hunting work shop Learn how to fox hunt and experiment with your equipment. Anyone that is willing to help educate the rest of us are welcome
3:00 PM Fox hunt we will be using the Michigan fox hunter rules Primary fox Frequency is 145.530 back up is 146.580
4:45 PM Meet back At MAARC club house for announcement of winners.

Cost for antenna kit is $6.00 bring your own connector for RG58 coax. (we are planning on having 10 kits.(5 kits left as of this afternoon) please reserve your kit now)
Cost for Lunch $4.00 and Bring dish to pass.

////////////////////// PLEASE RSVP by Wednesday Sept. 22, for antenna and/or for lunch. We need a head count//////////////////////

RSVP to Jim kc8pcj@... or Jeff W8SWX@... or Barb redoakscorner@mymailstation.com

Fox hunter rules http://www.michiganfoxhunter.com/michiganfoxhunter/fox_rules/rules.htm

73s
Jim
KC8PCJ

If there no Light at the end of the tunnel, Just march right down there and turn it on.

1134. Meeting this Friday Night, October 1st

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-09-28 01:50:29 UTC
From: W8DER
Topic: 1134 Message: 1134

GRARA Members,

Remember, October is one of those "sneaky" months. The first Friday comes on October 1st. The membership meeting is THIS Friday. Ya All come!

Mike@...

1135. Re: [GRARA] Meeting this Friday Night, October 1st

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-09-28 03:50:49 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1134 Message: 1135

Thanx 4 the reminder.

R we ?ing a program along with the meeting?

I no we r ?ing a discussion of the Saturday Simulated Emergency Test.
Anything else to entice folks to come down?

73 de n8xx Hg

On 9/27/2010 9:50 PM, W8DER wrote:
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> comes on October 1st. The membership meeting is THIS Friday. Ya All
> come!
> Mike@... <mailto:Mike@...>

1136. Re: [GRARA] Meeting this Friday Night, October 1st

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-09-28 10:24:47 UTC
From: Jack Kunnen
Topic: 1134 Message: 1136

The Meeting this Friday will be nominations for Officers.
and for the SAT.

Jack, ab8nd

On Sep 27, 2010, at 11:50 PM, Hank Greeb wrote:

> Thanx 4 the reminder.
>
> R we ½ing a program along with the meeting?
>
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>> Mike@W8DER.Net
>
>

1137. Re: [GRARA] Meeting this Friday Night, October 1st

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-09-29 01:40:32 UTC
From: wd8usa@aol.com
Topic: 1134 Message: 1137

Jack- The RCCT would like permission to use the 726 for the SET on Sat from approx 7am til 1pm- Please check wuth the Board on this- Also some of us are still having trouble getting into the 146.76 machine- I can key it up then nothing after that- See you this Friday- JB

-----Original Message-----
From: Jack Kunnen <ab8nd@...>
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Tue, Sep 28, 2010 6:24 am
Subject: Re: [GRARA] Meeting this Friday Night, October 1st

The Meeting this Friday will be nominations for Officers.
and for the SAT.

Jack, ab8nd

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Mike@...

1138. Fw: [HollandHamRadio] Fw: Need project help for Hamfest Display

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-10-01 00:05:18 UTC
From: W8DER
Topic: 1138 Message: 1138

Hank, can you or somebody help out chuck Rich, past president of the Holland ARC. He is looking for QRP outing pictures.

He is making a display for the Holland Hamfest on QRP outings.

Mike@...

----- Original Message -----
From: Charles Rich
To: HARC REFLECTOR ; Mike Hill
Sent: Thursday, September 30, 2010 5:30 PM
Subject: Need project help

I am working on a Display project on QRP.

I would appreciate any pictures of QRP operation and / or QRP rigs, antennas, etc, etc.

Home brew rigs make great material.

I have a few of "QRP in the park", but would like more of these and others for variety.

Quoteable quotes will all be appreciated

Any help will be appreciated.

Send .jpg images to chucksvideo#@sbcglobal.net

Tnanx

Chuck, W8GCW

1139. Balloon Launch Tomorrow Morning

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-10-01 19:10:05 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1139 Message: 1139

There's a Balloon launch tomorrow with a radio transmitter beacon.

Might be interesting to tune into 14059 KHz sometime after 10:00 a.m. EDT, or 1400Z to see if it can be copied here. If it's "line of sight" it might work, if it depends on the ionosphere, the skip zone may be too far out for Iowa to Michigan.

But, I offer this as an interesting possibility.

73 de n8xx Hg

-------- Original Message --------
Subject: [QRP-L] Balloon Launch Tomorrow Morning
Date: Fri, 1 Oct 2010 13:49:48 -0500
From: WA0ITP <wa0itp@...>
To: <qrp-l@...>

The QRP ARCI sponsored iHAB-2 high altitude balloon will be launched tomorrow morning at 9AM CDT, 1400z, from Ottumwa, IA.

The beacon will be transmitting on 14.059 and sending "K6JSS IHAB 2" at about 15 wpm, with 10 seconds between transmissions. A picture of the beacon and a rough drawn
schematic can be seen here http://www.wa0itp.com/ihabbeacon.html

If you hear the beacon please post a signal report to www.qrpspots.com and/or balloon@.... A typical report might be "heard ihab 2 at 1430z, 579 indianpolis, IN de kb9bvn" QRP ARCI will be sending a nice certificate to those who send a report to balloon@...

Live video streaming can be seen at http://www.w0otm.com/iHAB/iHAB-2/

Enjoy the flight

I love this radio stuff !
72, 73 Terry, WA?ITP
http://www.wa0itp.com
http://www.4sqrp.com
http://www.qrpspots.com

1140. Honda Generator Sale

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-10-07 15:36:01 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1140 Message: 1140

I received an ad from Weingartz "everything from lawn to snow" which has a 2.5 KW Honda generator on sale for $677.

The ad sez the retail value is >$1000. From what I've seen Hondas are like Timex, the take a beating and keep on ticking.

Note it's not a "super quiet" one - the super quiet 2 KW version is priced at $1000, which seems to be the regular price.

The brochure sez Weingartz is in Cedar Springs (near me), Farmington Hills, Utica, and Clarkston.

Note I have zero financial connection with Weingartz or Honda, just passing on info.

73 de n8xx Hg

p.s. If anyone knows of one of the itty bitty 350 watt Honda generators which is languishing in someone's garage gathering dust, please advise. This would be a great addition to my QRP "camping" collection. They were made in the 60's and early 70's, but were dropped in favor of a 1KW version which is a bit big and heavy for my use.

1141. Holland Swap

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-10-15 13:17:19 UTC
From: Jack Kunnen
Topic: 1141 Message: 1141
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Howdy all,

Some of the members and friends decided to might for breakfast on the way to the Swap at the Russ' in Holland around 6:30 or 7 - nothing formal

210 N River - just south of the intersection of RIver and Lakewood Holland

N 42 48.231
W 86 06.838

1142. Re: [GRARA] Holland Swap [1 Attachment]

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-10-15 13:37:08 UTC
From: Richard Brown
Topic: 1141 Message: 1142

poor russ ..went into the lake:)

On 10/15/2010 9:17 AM, Jack Kunnen wrote:
> [Attachment(s) <#TopText> from Jack Kunnen included below]
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> Howdy all,
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> the way to the Swap at the Russ' in Holland around 6:30 or 7 - nothing
> formal
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> Holland
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> N 42 48.231
> W 86 06.838
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1143. Re: [GRARA] Holland Swap

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-10-15 13:41:41 UTC
From: Jack Kunnen
Topic: 1141 Message: 1143

wil horen een gejank van Nederlander (Want to hear a Dutchman whine):

" Do we have to go to Russ's again? "

Jack, ab8nd

On Oct 15, 2010, at 9:37 AM, Richard Brown wrote:

> poor russ ..went into the lake:)
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> On 10/15/2010 9:17 AM, Jack Kunnen wrote:
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>> Holland
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1144. Fox Hunt October 23, 2010 for West Michigan

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-10-17 00:10:05 UTC
From: K8TB
Topic: 1144 Message: 1144

Mark your calendars and warm up the DF equipment.

The West Michigan Charter Member Auxiliary 7388 of the Michigan Fox Hunters will supply a fox hunt on Saturday, October 23, 2010.

Details:

Who: Anyone who wants to have fun with a DF hunt
When: October 23, 2010 at 10:00 AM.
Where: K8IHY's home QTH, 1840 Byron Rd, Jamestown, MI.
About 5 miles west of Byron Center.
Can't miss this house. Tall hill and a 140' tall tower.
Why: Are you kidding? Why not. Mix it up with the best.

At this time it looks like Sheila, K8AJ will be the Vixen.
I may or may not be with her. Depends. Also, Laryn, K8TVZ has indicated that it looks he will be busy that morning. More RF for the rest of us.
The Vixen will be within 8 airline miles of K8IHY's location.

More details to follow...

tom K8TB

1145. Fox Hunt October 23, 2010 for West Michigan... MOVED to Nov 6th..

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-10-19 01:36:52 UTC
From: K8TB
Topic: 1145 Message: 1145

Folks,
I received over 6 emails from people/groups who cannot make
this Saturdays Fox Hunt due to conflicts with the last minute notice. So
I am going to change the date to November 6th.

As an addition bonus, I will be hiding, so combine that with the
month of November and it will be a hunt for "Tom the Turkey" ! Start the
comments now :)

So put November 6th, at 10:00 Am on the calender.

Tom Bosscher

Mark your calendars and warm up the DF equipment.

The West Michigan Charter Member Auxiliary 7388 of the Michigan Fox
Hunters will supply a fox hunt on Saturday, November 6, 2010.

Details:

Who: Anyone who wants to have fun with a DF hunt
When: November 6, 2010 at 10:00 AM.
Where: K8IHY's home QTH, 1840 Byron Rd, Jamestown, MI.
About 5 miles west of Byron Center.
Can't miss this house. Tall hill and a 140' tall tower.

What: The "Find Tom the Turkey" hunt... Bring your best lines.
Why: Are you kidding? Why not. Mix it up with the best.

More details to follow...

tom K8TB

1146. Invitation to Activate Murray Lake Island - 10/23 to 10/24 (Sat & Sun)

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-10-20 02:08:29 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1146 Message: 1146

QST QST QST

Calling all hams in the area. A bunch of us will be operating from Murray Lake Island, a few miles north of Lowell, with the special event call N8M, during the W/VE Islands QSO Party this coming Saturday and Sunday, October 23 & 24 2010. We plan to start setup at 10:00 a.m. at 3650 Causeway Drive NE, Lowell, Michigan. This is off Lally Street, between Lincoln Lake and Murray Lake Roads. Map with directions to the location is at http://tinyurl.com/267zsk8

We received a special use permit, so we can operate overnight if we get enough help.

We will be setting up at about 10 a.m. Saturday, and the QSO party starts at Noon, and runs until 7 p.m. Sunday. Frequencies will be around 14050, 7050, 3550 KHz CW, and around 14250, 7250, 3850 KHz, on SSB.

Details of the contest are at
http://www.usislands.org/contest_rules.html

We'd like to see many of our fellow hams join the fray. We'll have two HF stations and at least one VHF FM station on 2 metres, so there will be plenty of space and time for visiting operators. We'll try to monitor 145.27 most of the time, but we may move to other repeaters for publicity.

Hope to see you on the air from Murray Lake Island, next weekend

72/73 de n8xx
Operating as N8M during W/VE Islands QSO Party, Oct 23 & 24, 2010

1147. Electrical Theory from Klimsville

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-10-20 06:06:41 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 1147 Message: 1147
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Electrical Theory
A observation from years of creating Smoke

All electrical components and wiring harnesses depend on proper circuit functioning, which is the transmission of charged ions by retention of the visible spectral manifestation known as "smoke". Smoke is the thing that makes electrical circuits work. Don't be fooled by scientists and engineers talking about excited electrons and the like. Smoke is the key to all things electrical.

We know this to be true because every time one lets the smoke out of an electrical circuit, it stops working. This can be verified repeatedly through empirical testing. For example, if one places a large copper bar across the terminals of a battery, prodigious quantities of smoke are liberated and the battery shortly ceases to function. In addition, if one observes smoke escaping from an electrical component such as a voltage regulator, it will also be observed that the component no longer functions. The logic is elementary and inescapable! The function of the wiring harness is to conduct the smoke from one device to another. When the wiring harness springs a leak and lets all the smoke out of the system, nothing works right afterward.

Starter motors were considered unsuitable for motorcycles for some time largely because they regularly released large quantities of smoke from the electrical system. Once again, the logic is clear and inescapable.

Sometimes you may miss the component releasing the smoke that makes your electrical system function correctly, but if you sniff around you can often find the faulty component by the undeniable and telltale smoke smell. Sometimes this is a better indicator than standard electrical tests performed with a volt-ohm meter.

In conclusion, the basic concept of transmission of electrical energy in the form of smoke provides a clear and logical explanation of the mysteries of electrical components and why they fail.

Rich Klim
Engineer at Klimsville

1148. CODE CLASS AVAILABLE

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-10-20 20:54:55 UTC
From: Charles Rich
Topic: 1148 Message: 1148

MY MORSE CODE CLASS IS ENTERING THE SECOND PHASE.

THIS IS THE PRACTICE PHASE, SINCE WE NOW KNOW ALL THE LETTERS AND NUMBERS.

IF YOU "KNOW" THE CODE AND ARE HAVING DIFFICULTY PICKING UP SPEED, THIS IS FOR YOU. WE WILL START AT 3 WORDS PER MINUTE, AND GO ON FROM THERE.

WE MEET AT THE OTTAWA COUNTY CENTRAL DISPATCH AUTHORITY, WHICH IS LOCATED NEAR 120TH AND STANTON IN THE OTTAWA COUNTY FILLMORE COMPLEX. THIS LOCATION IS CONVENIENT FROM HOLLAND, GRAND HAVEN AND GRAND RAPIDS.

CLASSES ARE MONDAYS FROM 7 - 9 PM AND WILL CONTINUE FOR 6 - 7 WEEKS

DUE TO SECURITY AT THE LOCATION, I MUST HAVE YOUR FULL NAME, DATE OF BIRTH AND DRIVERS LICENSE NUMBER BEFORE NEXT MONDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2010.

THIS IS A FUN CLASS AND YOU WILL GET YOUR SPEED UP.

THERE IS NO CHARGE

REPLY DIRECT TO ME AT chucksvideo@...

Chuck, W8GCW

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1149. Re: Holland Swap Jack, does GRARA have an indoor table at the Holland Swap?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-10-23 04:44:08 UTC
From: W8GLgary
Topic: 1141 Message: 1149

Just wondering if GRARA has an indoor table at the Holland super swap this year? If so, what number is it? Thanks, Gary Lauff W8GL.

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> Howdy all,
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> Some of the members and friends decided to might for breakfast on
> the way to the Swap at the Russ' in Holland around 6:30 or 7 - nothing
> formal
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> 210 N River - just south of the intersection of RIver and Lakewood
> Holland
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> N 42 48.231
> W 86 06.838
>

1150. Re: [GRARA] Re: Holland Swap Jack, does GRARA have an indoor table at the Holland Swap?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-10-23 06:06:40 UTC
From: Charles Rich
Topic: 1141 Message: 1150

I think you're a week late, Gary!!

Chuck
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From: W8GLgary <gary_lauff@...>
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Sat, October 23, 2010 12:44:08 AM
Subject: [GRARA] Re: Holland Swap Jack, does GRARA have an indoor table at the Holland Swap?

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1151. Re: [GRARA] Re: Holland Swap Jack, does GRARA have an indoor table at the Holland Swap?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-10-23 12:36:02 UTC
From: Jack Kunnen
Topic: 1141 Message: 1151

Gary

Yes we did, but the swap was last week

Jack

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1152. Photos from the Island QSO Party

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-10-24 21:57:29 UTC
From: ab8nd
Topic: 1152 Message: 1152

http://www.facebook.com/album.php?aid=32924&id=107504635950837

Jack, ab8nd

1153. Zombie Shuffle, Friday, October 29

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-10-27 14:38:40 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1153 Message: 1153

I ran across a "different" QSO Party/contest. Most are sprints, or contests, or QSO Parties. This one is a "Shuffle?" Why Shuffle? See rules below

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OFFICIAL RULES FOR THE 2010 ZOMBIE SHUFFLE

WHY SHUFFLE?: Because Zombies don't sprint.

WHEN: Friday Nite, October 29, 2010
(Always the Friday closest to Halloween, except Halloween itself and ARRL SS)
TIME: From local sundown (6pm or so) to local midnight. The full 6-hours, or whatever you can spare. (Don't even have to convert from UTC).

WHERE: 20, 40, and 80 meters
Somewhere in the vicinity of the QRP gathering/calling frequencies 14.060, 7.040, 7.030, 7.110, 3.560, 3.710, or anything else that works

MODE: CW only, QRP (5W or less)

EXCHANGE: RST, SPC, Zombie Number and Name
RST -- Signal report (like 599, even if you can't hear him!)
SPC -- State/Province/Country (ex. CA, TX, BC, TRANSYLVANIA, etc.)
ZOMBIE NUMBER - Your assigned Zombie number or telephone 3-digit Area Code
If you don't have a Zombie number, email Jan n0qt@... to request one
NAME -- Your name (as shown on your birth, death or other certificate)
If you are a YL/XYL, you can use "Elvira" to pass out 666 extra points Some selected stations will be sending name ELVIS for 666 extra points

TIDBITS:
CQ BOO is the time tested CQ for the Zombie Shuffle.
NEW RULE: You may work the same station on a band every two hours.
NEW RULE: Score is the zombie number totals times stations worked per band, not SPCs
These changes so you don't get bored in spite of poor band conditions
GRAND ZOMBIES are those with Zombie numbers less than 100. If you are a Grand Zombie (you know who you are), add 1000 to your number
(Ex. Zombie #138+1000=1138)
If you are a selected ELVIS station, send ELVIS for your name.

SCORING: Basically, your score is going to be the sum of all Zombie numbers and Area Codes worked per band (add them all up for a big number) plus bonus points per band times the number of stations worked

per band. Add up the bands. This can be a fairly large score.

Last year's winner was Todd N9NE with 252,054 points with less than 30 QSOs!

BONUS STATIONS -- BONUS POINTS
You receive 666 bonus points for working the following stations:
ELVIS -- For each Elvis Station worked (name is Elvis), add 666 points
ELVIRA -- If you work an Elvira station (YL/XYL), add 666 points
CRUMMY BAND CONDITIONS is worth 666 points (every station qualifies for this). Thus, you get 666 points even if you worked no Zombies.

The Score Summary sheet is available at:
http://www.zianet.com/qrp/ZOMBIE/zombie.htm

SCORE SUBMISSIONS: Download the Summary Sheet from the website above (in .doc or .txt format, or email file) and submit to: na5n@... with Zombie in the subject by December 1, 2010.

If you prefer mail, send to Paul Harden, P.O. Box 757, Socorro, NM 87801

You do not have to submit your log -- just the summary sheet.

CONTEST PHILOSOPHY: There is no point to the Zombie Shuffle whatsoever except to get on the air and have fun with fellow Zombies and QRPers. Even with only 2-3 QSOs, you can earn a fairly large score to brag to your co-workers and QRO buddies, or your ARRL Sweepstakes (SS) friends next weekend! If you haven't been on the air for awhile, your fist is "rusty," or your code speed is slow, this is the "contest" to put a few contacts in the log. Note that the scoring is based on SERENDIPITY rather than operating skill. Band conditions and propagation is not the best at night, so most operators are not cracking out 35wpm. Around 13-18 wpm is typical. Don't be afraid to ask a station to QRS (slow down) or repeat their exchange if you miss it. He wants to work you as much as you want to work him. And remember, he's a Zombie too! We want you to stay on the air and have fun in spite of crummy bands -- so this year, you can work the same station on a band after a two hour wait (every 2 hours if you wish). So get out your straight key, keyer, bug, or spark gap and do your CW thing. For the time on the air, just think how many political campaign commercials you will miss!

Remember, Zombies have no soul. They can not be embarrassed or humiliated. Even at 5wpm. But, they can have a blast deep down inside (even if they don't show it).

The first Zombie Shuffle was held on October 30, 1998.

My name is Paul Harden and I approve this message :-(

72, Paul NA5N - and, Jan N0QT
GRAND ZOMBIE GRAND WITCHESS & CONTEST CORONER

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Of course, you should stay clear of the nearest Psych ward if you decide to join in this "shuffle." :)

CU Friday evening!

73 de n8xx Hg

1154. W/VE Islands OSQ Party Oct 2010 photographs

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-10-27 18:08:07 UTC
From: Jack Kunnen
Topic: 1154 Message: 1154

Hello,

You are invited to view photographs from my "W/VE Islands OSQ Party Oct 2010" gallery.

http://www.jhkunnenphoto.com/p41691881

Enjoy,

Jack, ab8nd

1155. GRARA Meeting - November 5, 2010

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-10-27 18:52:50 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1155 Message: 1155

C'mon down to the next meeting of the Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association, Friday, November 5, 2010, gathering at 6:30 p.m. meeting @ 7:00 p.m. A special feature will be a recap of the "Activation of Murray Lake Island" led by Hank, N8XX, and as many of the participants and can be arm twisted to lend their comments about this "Island Expedition."

For those who are unaware, this started out as a musing about "something to do on a weekend." I noticed that the ARRL contest page had the "W/VE Island QSO Party" listed for October 23 & 24. Checking the web page http://www.usislands.org it listed several islands in Michigan, but none in this area. I muddled around maps.google.com, and found Murray Lake, with an island, which had been connected to the mainland in the 1950's with a causeway. One thing led to another, and a bunch of members of GRARA, the Lowell ARC, and the W8HVG "lunch bunche" decided to "activate" Murray Lake Island.

The rest is history. We set up two separate stations, one on SSB, the other on CW, at the boat launch area. We made 99+ Q's on SSB, 50 on CW, got rained on a bit, but, in general, the "ISLAND-expedition" was a success. Band conditions were fine 6 or more DX countries were worked. ZL1 was heard on 40 during the wee hours of Sunday morning, but we were too weak to raise. Thanks to those who signed in including KD8CWP, NY8D, W8DA, KD8EQP, KD8HNF, NF8J, AA8JR, AB8ND, KD8OHS, KA5S, N8UVI, KA8WGF, N8XX, and AC8ZX. Several locals and fishermen came by and asked questions about ham radio. If we missed anyone it certainly wasn't intentional.

We'll have a bunch of pictures at the meeting on the 5th, plus commentary about the adventure.

Oh, yes, GRARA meets at Red Cross, 1050 Fuller Ave NE. Grand Rapids, MI 49503. Directions and Map may be found on the web site http://www.w8dc.org

CU on November 5.

73 de n8xx Hg

1156. All bent out of shape

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-10-28 16:07:39 UTC
From: Charles Rich
Topic: 1156 Message: 1156
Attachments: 5 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

This is the result of the last couple days of high winds.

Inventory:
26 element two-meter, 19 element 70 CM. 3 element 17 Meter and 40-80 trap doublet.

Tower seems OK, as is the other tower with the TH6DXX, 10,20, 15 mtr .

Anyone for a Saturday afternoon project????

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1157. West Michigan Fox Hunt Nov 6th, 2010 10 AM. Find the Turkey !

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-10-28 22:29:39 UTC
From: K8TB
Topic: 1157 Message: 1157

If you are into Fox Hunting, you might want to put November 6th, at 10:00 Am on the calender.

The West Michigan Charter Member Auxiliary 7388 of the Michigan Fox Hunters will supply a fox hunt on Saturday, November 6, 2010.

Details:

Who: Anyone who wants to have fun with a DF hunt
When: November 6, 2010 at 10:00 AM.
Where: K8IHY's home QTH, 1840 Byron Rd, Jamestown, MI.
About 5 miles west of Byron Center.
Can't miss this house. Tall hill and a 140' tall tower.

What: The "Find Tom the Turkey" hunt... Bring your best lines.
Why: Are you kidding? Why not. Mix it up with the best.

More info at:

www.michiganfoxhunter.com

tom K8TB

1158. Resend of Antenna Distruction

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-10-29 16:25:09 UTC
From: Charles Rich
Topic: 1158 Message: 1158
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

This is a resend.
Obviously, the .jpg's didn't work, thus this word file.
This is the result of the winds during the past week.
Suprisingly, the tower still stands, as does the big tower which has the
tri-bander on it.
Looks like I could use some help restoring it before winter. Any volunteers???

Chuck, W8GCW
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1159. 17 Meter Beam available

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-10-29 21:17:39 UTC
From: Charles Rich
Topic: 1159 Message: 1159

Due to storm damage this week - I have a damaged 17-meter three element beam available.

There is damage to two of the elements (One very Minor) and the balun is shot.
The elements should be available at most hardware stores.
Overall, I look at this as quite repairable.
I don't operate 17 all that much and I need the tower space.
This is FREE for the taking.
Lawn clean-up next week, so it must go----NOW!!!

Chuck, W8GCW
616 566-0232
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1160. Re: Resend of Antenna Distruction

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-10-30 03:12:08 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 1158 Message: 1160

Unfortunately, those of us still using Word 2000 or Open Office cannot
open a .docx file.

73 Jack NY8D

----- Message from chucksvideo@... ---------
Date: Fri, 29 Oct 2010 09:25:09 -0700 (PDT)
From: Charles Rich <chucksvideo@...>
Reply-To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [GRARA] Resend of Antenna Distruction [1 Attachment]
To: Allegan ARC <AlleganARC@yahoogroups.com>, GRARA Groups
<GRARA@yahoogroups.com>, HARC REFLECTOR <k8daa@yahoogroups.com>,
harc_booster <harc.booster@...>, NOARC REFLECTOR
<W8CSO@yahoogroups.com>

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----- End message from chucksvideo@... -----

1161. Re: [GRARA] Re: Resend of Antenna Distruction

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-10-30 15:07:43 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1158 Message: 1161

Jack,

Microsoft has a converter which works with Word 2000 to convert docx to doc. Go to microsoft

it's a 37 megabyte file, but I vouch for the fact that it works with my Word 2000.

I'm able to read docx and xlsx files with it.

73 de n8xx Hg

On 10/29/2010 11:12 PM, Jack Amelar wrote:
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> open a .docx file.
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> 73 Jack NY8D
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> ----- Message from chucksvideo@... ---------
> Date: Fri, 29 Oct 2010 09:25:09 -0700 (PDT)
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> Reply-To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
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> ----- End message from chucksvideo@... -----
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1162. Re: Resend of Antenna Distruction

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-10-30 16:00:34 UTC
From: 20WPMorBust
Topic: 1158 Message: 1162

Jack, Open Office will open a .docx file that is it's purpose.

Mike@W8DER.Net

--- In GRARA@yahoogroups.com, Jack Amelar <jamelar@...> wrote:
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> open a .docx file.

1163. N8XX ZOMBIE SHUFFLE SOAB QRP

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-10-30 17:54:50 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1163 Message: 1163

I put this on the 3830@... reflector, just for the fish
(Halibut).

Did any other locals check into the Zombie Shuffle?
See http://www.zianet.com/qrp/ZOMBIE/zombie.htm to see what you missed! :)

Fun, fun fun, seemed to be had by all.

72/73 de n8xx Hg

2010 ZOMBIE SHUFFLE SUMMARY SHEET

Call: N8XX Zombie number: 851
Name: ELVIS
QTH: MICHIGAN
Exchange SENT: N8XX ### (USUALLY 599) MI 851 ELVIS

SCORING: 80M 40M 20M

1> Total of Zombie Numbers* = 12959 6770 0
2> __ Elvis' times 666 = 3330 666 0
3> ___ Elviras times 666 = 666 0 0
4> ADD columns 1+2+3 = 23525 7436 0
5> Number of QSOs per band = 27 12 0
6> Line 4 TIMES Line 5 635175 89232 0
THIS IS YOUR BAND SCORE

* Total of Zombie numbers: Add up the Zombie numbers + Area Code numbers
received for each QSO.

7> 80M Band Score 635175
8> 40M Band Score 89232
9> 20M Band Score 0
10> Crummy Band Bonus 666

ADD lines 7+8+9+10 725073 THIS IS YOUR FINAL SCORE

I swear (or attest) that the above is the biggest crock I have ever
submitted to a contest, but it's my story and I'm sticking to it.

HANK (AKA ELVIS) GREEB, N8XX

Note: I reporting a "fun" "biggest crock" shuffle (Zombies don't
sprint, they shuffle) isn't out of order on this somewhat sober
reflector. If you want to visit the "rules" for the Zombie Shuffle, see
http://www.zianet.com/qrp/ZOMBIE/zombie.htm

Sent with a grain of salt. :)

73 de n8xx Hg
Zombie 851

1164. Lost in Space,What really happened to Russia's missing cosmonauts? An incredible tale of space hacking, espionage and death in the lonely reaches of space.,By Kris Hollington

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-10-30 23:21:19 UTC
From: Richard Brown
Topic: 1158 Message: 1164

http://www.forteantimes.com/features/articles/1302/lost_in_space.html

1165. Sweepsteaks anyone?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-11-02 04:06:16 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1165 Message: 1165

ARRL Sweepstakes (CW)
Nov 6, 2100z to Nov 8, 0259z
Rules:http://www.arrl.org/sweepstakes

ARRL Sweepstakes (Phone)
Nov 20, 2100z to Nov 22, 0259z
Rules:http://www.arrl.org/sweepstakes

Anyone want to try Phone Sweepsteaks from W8DC? That should be a real blast!

73 de n8xx Hg

1166. Meeting Notice

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-11-03 12:35:41 UTC
From: Jack Kunnen
Topic: 1166 Message: 1166

Members and Friends,

This Friday, 5 Nov, is the next meeting of The Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association, 6:30 PM coffee clutch, 7:00 PM meeting at the Red Cross chapter house on Fuller NE. This will be officer election night, discussions will include our internet access, Hank will be making a presentation on last months W/VE Island contest that a few our and Lowell's members activated and worked from Murrey Lake island in Lowell.

Open Radio Room every Wednesday evening and Saturday morning.

Don't forget the Time change Saturday night, or is it Sunday morning.

Jack, AB8ND

1167. Re: [GRARA] Meeting Notice

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-11-03 14:15:54 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1166 Message: 1167

Yup, there WILL be a presentation of the W/VE Islands QSO Party effort put forth by ~20 local hams, from the GRARA, LARC, and the W8HVG Lunche Bunche. All those who partook of the event are encouraged to attend, and share their experiences with the group. What started out as "musings of a sometimes contester ham" turned into an effort which rivaled setting up for Field Day!

If anyone else took pictures of the event, please send them over this way for inclusion in the picture/slide show. Identification of the hams involved in the pictures is always welcome, since credit should be given where credit is due.

73 de n8xx Hg

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> Jack, AB8ND

1168. 70cm Beam advice needed

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-11-03 17:24:53 UTC
From: Charles Rich
Topic: 1168 Message: 1168

As most of you know, I lost a few antennas in last weeks winds. I have a 70cm beam that I hope someone can identify.

It is (was) 19 elements consisting of 1/8" rod elements held in place by what I will call reverse lock washers and a black ring on each side of the boom.

The feed point (matching) is a small loop (hairpin) grounded in the center to the mast.

I am missing a piece of boom, probably 3' in length, with two elements, which I will probably have to make, so need the instructions or advice on what this will consist of, and dimensions. I Am assuming that the total boom length would have been around 14 feet.

It does not seem to conform to the Cushcraft specs I find on the web, although that's what I always thought it was.

I bought it used, thus no info was included.

I would like to borrow a manual long enough to make a copy, if possible

What'cha think...??

Thanx

Chuck, W8GCW

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1169. Picures from Murray Island Expedition, 10/23 & 10/24?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-11-04 01:46:00 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1169 Message: 1169

I have pictures which I took and those from Jack, AB8ND, but I seem to remember that at least one other person was taking pictures during the event. I'd like to show as many pictures as possible on Friday. If you took pictures, please either tell me where they can be found on the web, or send them to me as an attachment on an e-mail. My e-mail ISP accepts attachments up to 10 megabytes.

Thanks in advance.

73 de n8xx Hg

1170. Projector for Friday's Meeting?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-11-04 21:44:57 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1170 Message: 1170

I'll need a projector for tomorrow evening's meeting. Rich - can you bring yours? Or, should I see if there's one available at the Red Cross?

Tnx es 73 de n8xx Hg

1171. Re: [GRARA] Projector for Friday's Meeting?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-11-04 22:14:23 UTC
From: wd8usa@aol.com
Topic: 1170 Message: 1171

One has already been arranged- DE WD8USA ...-.-

-----Original Message-----
From: Hank Greeb <n8xx@...>
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Thu, Nov 4, 2010 5:44 pm
Subject: [GRARA] Projector for Friday's Meeting?

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Tnx es 73 de n8xx Hg

1172. Reminder, this Saturday... West Michigan Fox Hunt Nov 6th, 2010 10 AM. Find the Turkey !

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-11-04 23:15:25 UTC
From: K8TB
Topic: 1172 Message: 1172

If you are into Fox Hunting, you might want to put November 6th, at 10:00 Am on the calender.

The West Michigan Charter Member Auxiliary 7388 of the Michigan Fox Hunters will supply a fox hunt on Saturday, November 6, 2010.

Details:

Who: Anyone who wants to have fun with a DF hunt
When: November 6, 2010 at 10:00 AM.
Where: K8IHY's home QTH, 1840 Byron Rd, Jamestown, MI.
About 5 miles west of Byron Center.
Can't miss this house. Tall hill and a 140' tall tower.

What: The "Find Tom the Turkey" hunt... Bring your best lines.
Why: Are you kidding? Why not. Mix it up with the best.

More info at:

www.michiganfoxhunter.com

tom K8TB

1173. West Michigan Fox Hunt Nov 6th, 2010 10 AM. Find the Turkey !

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-11-06 17:10:59 UTC
From: K8TB
Topic: 1157 Message: 1173

And the Turkey Trot Results:

Person(s) Time Distance

K8TVZ, Laryn 23 min 7.3 miles

Mike, W8DER 90 min 8.6 miles
Jim, KD8CAN

James K8JHR 95 min 9.6 miles
Chuck AJ8W

Hank, KD8COB 98 min 20.2 miles
Sarah, KD8JOB

The start location was John, K8IHY's magnificent location on the
top of Jamestown hill. And where was the turkey?
Right out in the open in the parking lot of the Burger King at Kenowa
and 44st.

tom bosscher k8tb

1174. Results from Saturday's "Hunt for Tom Turkey"

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-11-08 20:53:02 UTC
From: W8DER
Topic: 1174 Message: 1174

What a great time we had Saturday on the "Hunt for Tom Turkey" hidden transmitter hunt down off Jamestown Hill in Ottawa County!

Thanks to our fox team of Tom and Sheila Bosscher for a great hunt!

You can see pictures and official results at the following link:
http://www.MichiganFoxHunter.com

Also information about the next "Turkey" hidden transmitter hunt can be found at the same link. (Muskegon, Sunday Nov 28th, 2:00 pm)

See you there!

1175. Amateur Radio ~ Vendors

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-11-09 04:18:43 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 1175 Message: 1175

Great Amateur Radio internet Vendor Directory.

de KD8DEG Tom

http://w4cue.com/vendor.html

1176. W8HVG Abe SK

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-11-09 16:09:38 UTC
From: K8TB
Topic: 1176 Message: 1176

I just received an email from Mike, KC8WJA, President of the IRA, that Abe, W8HVG passed away this morning.

Details will follow of course.

Very sad day

tom bosscher K8TB

1177. Re: [HARC] W8HVG Abe SK

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-11-09 16:33:57 UTC
From: Charles Rich
Topic: 1176 Message: 1177

This is a great loss to Amateur Radio.
His contributions to Amateur Radio will go on for many years to come.
Abe is one Ham that I have looked up to for many years.
May He rest in peace, and may God be with His family in this time of sorrow.

Chuck, W8GCW

CHECK MY PROFILE AT WWW.QRZ.COM
Be sure to check out my Ham Radio Page AT http://chuckrich.net/radio.htm
Licensed by the FCC since 1950

From: K8TB <k8tb@...>
To: k8daa@yahoogroups.com; GRARA@yahoogroups.com;
WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com; MichiganFoxHunter@yahoogroups.com;
HollandARC@yahoogroups.com; W8ZHO@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Tue, November 9, 2010 11:09:38 AM
Subject: [HARC] W8HVG Abe SK

I just received an email from Mike, KC8WJA, President of the IRA, that
Abe, W8HVG passed away this morning.

Details will follow of course.

Very sad day

tom bosscher K8TB

1178. Funeral arrangements for Abe, W8HVG

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-11-10 23:57:22 UTC
From: K8TB
Topic: 1178 Message: 1178

From the Matthysee-Kuiper-DeGraaf Funeral Home web site:

Abraczinskas, Raymond James

ABRACZINSKAS-- Raymond James Abraczinskas, age 74, passed away peacefully at home on Tuesday, November 9, 2010. After graduating from Catawissa High School in 1954, he served in the Marines and specialized in avionics and communications while stationed in Japan. He graduated from Tri-State College in 1961 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering. Ray worked as a laser system project engineer and navigation engineer for Lear Siegler Inc. (later Smiths Industries) before switching to marketing research and development programs. He was instrumental in casting LSI's unique product, the Voice Controlled Interactive Device, which was designed to assist pilots with controls in the cockpit using voice commands. Ray, known as "Abe" to thousands of Ham Radio operators around the globe, was a dedicated amateur radio operator for 56 years. He was a genealogy buff, and enjoyed annual fishing trips to Quebec. He authored "Stories from my Pennsylvania" (Volumes 1 & 2), a collection of stories based on his childhood growing up in the Susquehanna Valley, PA. He will be greatly missed by his wife of 47 years, Katherine Abraczinskas; children, Laura Abraczinskas, Diane Abraczinskas (Raymond Chung), Carol Abraczinskas, David Abraczinskas; grandchildren, Nicole and Camille Chung; sister, Regina Filipowicz, brothers, Robert (Patricia) Abraczinskas, Dennis (Patricia) Abraczinskas; brother-in-law, Tom (Evelyn) Oleksy; many nieces and nephews. The Mass of Christian Burial will be offered Saturday at 9:00 am at St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church, 1213 -- 52nd Street SE with Rev. Godfrey Onyekwere officiating. Interment in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Relatives and friends may meet the family Friday from 2-4 and 7-9 pm at Matthysse-Kuiper-DeGraaf Funeral Chapel (Kentwood), 4646 Kalamazoo, rosary at 8:30 pm. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the National Brain Tumor Society.

This is found at:

http://www.mkdfuneralhome.com/_webapp_3611079/Abraczinskas,_Raymond_James

Please note that there is link on that web page where you can sign and view the guest book.

In addition, I received a note from Mike Smith, President of the IRA, that

Jean -- AC8AR is planning a memorial net for Abe this coming Sunday @ 21:00

on the link system, in place of the normal NTS Net.

If you can join in to share comment, memories of Abe, etc. please do so.

73 de tom K8TB

1179. 146.260 repeater

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-11-11 19:17:16 UTC
From: Phillip
Topic: 1179 Message: 1179

Is the south receive site online for the 146.260 machine ??

Phil
WU8P

1180. W8DC 2010 Sweepsteaks Results

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-11-19 01:49:54 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1180 Message: 1180

This appears in the December QST, Sweepsteaks Results

CALL FINAL SCORE CLASS TOTAL QSOS Power Multiplier GOTA CALL SEC
Number of Participants25 CLUB NAME
W8DC 2978 3A 680 2
MI 25 Grand Rapids ARA

We were definitely in the upper 40% of the 3A category.

Congratulations to all who helped with the effort.

73 de n8xx Hg

1181. Fw: Tower Available

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-11-23 16:28:03 UTC
From: Charles Rich
Topic: 1181 Message: 1181

The folllowing was sent to me by Dave, WD8PUO. A great opportunity to get a tower juist for a little elbow work.
Thanks Dave!!

Chuck, W8GCW
 CHECK MY PROFILE AT WWW.QRZ.COM
Be sure to check out my Ham Radio Page AT http://chuckrich.net/radio.htm
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----- Forwarded Message ----
From: David A. Posthuma <info@...>
To: chucksvideo@...
Sent: Tue, November 23, 2010 12:26:41 AM
Subject: Tower Available

Chuck:
Can you please post this to the club forums?

WD8PUO has a friend who just purchased a home off from Quincey that has four tower sections up, and one tower section on the ground. He will give the tower away to anyone who is willing to take it down. His phone number is 616-502-2900.

Thanks,

David Posthuma, WD8PUO

1182. Fwd: a new ham radio song

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-11-24 03:40:41 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1182 Message: 1182

Smile when you hear this fellow sings his song.

-------- Original Message --------
Subject: [MRRC] a new ham radio song
Date: Wed, 24 Nov 2010 02:38:41 +0000 (UTC)
From: Tim Prosser <timprosser@...>
To: MRRC <MRRC@...>

Gentle hams of the MRRC,
I wrote a song about my longing for a big tower and recorded it during last weekend's SS SSB, and you can see the video at http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uNWZjzrzgwA. Jim K8MR already saw it and sent me a nice note, so maybe others of you have, but I didn't want to miss anyone (besides I live for those youtube hits!) I hope you enjoy it, and hope you're having a great contest season.
Best rx & 73 de kt8k - Tim

1183. (no subject)

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-11-24 17:32:18 UTC
From: Charles Rich
Topic: 1183 Message: 1183

I posted this a couple days ago, but did not see it come up, so I am sending it again.
Thanks, Chuck, W8GCW

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1184. ARRL 160 metre contest - this weekend 0 Dec 3 thru 5

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-11-24 20:11:00 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1184 Message: 1184

From the ARRL Letter for November 24, 2010

Reminder: The ARRL 160 Meter Contest runs from 2200 UTC Friday, December 3 through 1559 UTC Sunday, December 5. Logs must be e-mailed <mailto:160meter@...> or postmarked no later than 1600 UTC Tuesday, January 4, 2011. Paper logs should be sent to ARRL 160 Meter Contest, 225 Main St, Newington, CT 06111.

Rules @ http://www.arrl.org/160-meter

See y'all on 1.8025 MHz, Corn Whiskey, of course

73 de n8xx Hg

1185. Re: [GRARA] ARRL 160 metre contest - Dec 3 thru 5

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-11-24 20:23:55 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1184 Message: 1185

December 3 is the following weekend - I musta been looking crosseyed at
the calendar.

On 11/24/2010 3:11 PM, Hank Greeb wrote:
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> From the ARRL Letter for November 24, 2010
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>
> 73 de n8xx Hg

1186. Video of Ham operations on ISS

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-11-26 01:54:37 UTC
From: K8TB
Topic: 1186 Message: 1186

If any of you have ever worked NA1SS, or remember when Doug Papay KD8CAO worked the ISS from his handheld for the K8DAA club, take a look at this video:

Here is a video Col doug did yesterday. it gives a quick tour of the space station and then he demostrates the ham radio and shows how many calls he gets and how hard it is to pick them out.

http://buzzroom.nasa.gov/multimedia/videos/696/

tom bosscher K8TB

1187. Special Event Stations This Weekend

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-11-26 09:25:51 UTC
From: bob_kd8hnf
Topic: 1187 Message: 1187

Here are a few special event stations I found.

Get on the air and make a few contacts.

Bob KD8HNF

11/26/2010 | World Championship Duck Calling Contest Nov 26-Nov 27, 1500Z-2000Z, KF5CZR, Stuttgart, AR. Grand Prairie Amateur Radio Club. 14.265. QSL. Grand Prairie ARC, 510 West 14th St, Almyra, AR 72003.

11/26/2010 | Steamship Portland Commemorative Event Nov 26, 1200Z-2100Z, W1P, East Falmouth, MA. Marconi Radio Club. 14.260 7.260 3.997. QSL. Henry Brown, 19 Sao Paulo Dr, East Falmouth, MA 02536.

11/27/2010 | First Pilgrim Landing at Plymouth, MA Nov 27-Nov 28, 1400Z-2000Z, WA1NPO, Plymouth, MA. Whitman Amateur Radio Club. 18.140 14.280 7.250 3.860. Certificate & QSL. Whitman ARC, PO Box 48, Whitman, MA 02382. Times are daily. www.wa1npo.org

11/27/2010 | 15th Annual Radio on the Square Nov 26-Nov 27, 0800Z-1500Z, K4VRC, The Villages, FL. The Villages Amateur Radio Club. 18.140 14.310 7.261 3.940. Certificate. Dennis Hardoin, 601 Lacy Pl, The Villages, FL 32162. Times are daily. w4dih@...

1188. Fw: [MichiganFoxHunter] Sunday's Fox Hunt Results from Muskegon

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-11-29 03:13:08 UTC
From: W8DER
Topic: 1188 Message: 1188

Sunday's Muskegon fox hunt included members from GRARA, MARA, LARC, MAARC and HARC. A fun time was had by all.

They sure picked a beautiful day.

Pictures and info on http://www.MichiganFoxHunter.com

Thanks to Jim, KC8PCJ, the focus of our turkey hunt.

----- Original Message -----
From: kc8pcj
To: MIfoxhunter
Sent: Sunday, November 28, 2010 7:44 PM
Subject: [MichiganFoxHunter]

First Place was Tom and Sheila Bosscher K8TB and K8AJ 5.6 mils
Second was Mike Hill W8DER & Jim Leys KD8CAN & KD8FBY Barb Grob 6.0 miles
Third Place James Richards K8JHR & Chuck Nowak AJ8W with 8.8 miles
Forth place NY8D Jack Camelar & KD8HNF Bob Robinson 9.8 miles
Fifth Place was KD8MUE Jordon & KD8OCZ Dave with 10 miles

The Turkey (fox) was Jim KC8PCJ who was hiding at the lower west end of Ross park using a 3 el yagi pointed right at the starting point of the event.

It was great seeing all the out of town participation. Talk afterwards was that there may be another hunt before the end of December.

73s
Jim
KC8PCJ

If there no Light at the end of the tunnel, Just march right down there and turn it on.

1189. Yo, Jack

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-11-30 05:08:53 UTC
From: 20WPMorBust
Topic: 1189 Message: 1189

Jack, are there items we should be promoting for the meeting this Friday night? We should get them on the web site.

Mike@...

1190. Re: [GRARA] Yo, Jack

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-11-30 12:30:28 UTC
From: Jack Kunnen
Topic: 1189 Message: 1190

Nothing big, we will be having snacks, coffee and sodas for Christmas

Jack

On Nov 30, 2010, at 12:08 AM, 20WPMorBust wrote:

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> Friday night? We should get them on the web site.
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> Mike@...
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1191. ground rod installation easier

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-12-01 03:12:04 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 1191 Message: 1191

This machine would make ground rod installation easier
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nKkOUHjoGgc

KD8DEG Tom

1192. MDXA CONTEST ALERT !!!

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-12-02 01:21:39 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 1192 Message: 1192
Attachments: 4 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

This is a lot of fun. Mark your calendars and spread the word.

Good luck to all that participate.

de KD8DEG Tom

MDXA PSK DeathMatch

The 8th running of the MDXA PSK DeathMatch will take place on December 11th and 12th. Our contest has been referred to as the "Premier PSK contest".One of the unique things about this contest are the awards! Winners receive real swords and daggers! For 48 hours the PSK waterfall is full of DeathMatch signals. The PSK DeathMatch has been featured on Newsline and on eHam.

We wish to thank Bela W. Lindenfeld - N8SHZ for his support. For several years he's paid for the main sword awards! Also....Chuck LeMar - W8VOM pays for the Class III dagger.

We hope you will join us for this year's PSK DeathMatch...click the link below for more information!

http://www.mdxa1.org/deathmatch.html

1193. Meeting this Friday

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-12-02 13:36:47 UTC
From: Jack Kunnen
Topic: 611 Message: 1193

Greetings All,

Friday is the monthly meeting of GRARA, 7:00PM, at the Red Cross chapter house. It will be a casual meeting with the usual officer reports, put also a get together to relive and rag chew over the years radio activities. The club will spring for coffee and sodas, if you want bring any snacks, cookies, etc you like - finger food is best.

For our snowbirds, we will miss you, but hope you are having a warm time in sunnier climates.

Jack, AB8ND

1194. RE: [GRARA] Meeting this Friday

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-12-03 17:33:02 UTC
From: Gary W8GL
Topic: 611 Message: 1194
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Hi Jack,
Planning on attending the GRARA meeting/Christmas party, tonight, with Bob Tiemersma and possibly another friend of Bob's-- Matt Potter (church friend), if that's alright. Matt will already be in the car, because Bob takes him to church every Friday night, as Matt does not drive. Please advise if this will be alright.
PS I was planning on making my famous home made authentic Italian cannolis, but I need to go buy some fresh ricotta cheese for same.

W8GLguitarGARY

To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
From: ab8nd@sbcglobal.net
Date: Thu, 2 Dec 2010 08:36:47 -0500
Subject: [GRARA] Meeting this Friday

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Jack, AB8ND

1195. Want some "on the air" code Practice?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-12-09 15:00:19 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1195 Message: 1195

Many folks in the Lowell Area of SW Michigan should have no trouble checking into this new slow speed net from Indiana.

Note they will slow down to your speed when you check in, so don't be intimidated if you're not quite up to the speed of the Net Control.

It may help to review the "Q" and "QN" signals - such as QNI, QTC, QRU, QNX, etc. These are found on the ARRL web site at

http://www.arrl.org/files/file/Public%2520Service/fsd218.pdf

But, remember, everyone's a newcomer in a slow speed net. So don't be intimidated by anything you hear!

73 de n8xx Hg

-------- Original Message --------
Subject: [qrp-l.org] New Slow Code Net
Date: Thu, 9 Dec 2010 08:41:33 -0500
From: Brian Murrey <kb9bvn@...>
To:

Do you think your CW needs some practice? Would you like to be a little faster?

The Indiana Section has started a Slow Code Net that is held every night at 00:00Z on a frequency of 3535 Khz. The net runs about 40 minutes or so, and the speed is 10-13 WPM. They will take slower check-ins if that works for you.

At 00:00Z the NCS (Net Control Station) will begin sending the net preamble. The net preamble basically explains what the net is, when it meets, who the NCS for the session is, and all that. At the end of the preamble the NCS will start to take check-ins. It is customary to just send the first letter of your suffix. KB9BVN would send B. When you hear the NCS send your letter back, then reply with your full call sign, first name, and QTH. Nets can be a big help in building speed and accuracy. Try it, you'll like it.

Once the list of check-ins has been completed the NCS will go down the list and give a signal report and ask for traffic or comments from each checker inner.

73 de KB9BVN
Brian Murrey

1196. Want some "on the air" code Practice?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-12-09 15:01:02 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1195 Message: 1196

Many folks in Grand Rapdis and other areas of SW Michigan should have no trouble checking into this new slow speed net from Indiana.

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1197. HOT WIRE

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-12-13 06:10:15 UTC
From: pobox740
Topic: 1197 Message: 1197

Hello,
Dose anyone know of a curcit to make a wire RED HOT? (or close to it)
Simuler to a car lighter.
I need it to be powered from a 9V batt, or lowerif posible.
Am working on a portable hot water heater.
TNX
Timothy-kb8afs

1198. Re: [GRARA] HOT WIRE

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-12-13 13:39:03 UTC
From: Green Gator
Topic: 1197 Message: 1198

A nine-volt battery does not carry the amperage to heat water. A direct short with a wire across the terminals of a nine-volt battery would cause the wire to get hot, but it could cause the battery to overheat and be dangerous. That is, if the battery did not go dead first.

----- Original Message -----
From: pobox740
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Monday, December 13, 2010 1:10 AM
Subject: [GRARA] HOT WIRE

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TNX
Timothy-kb8afs

1199. Re: [GRARA] HOT WIRE

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-12-14 17:30:13 UTC
From: Steven Kaney
Topic: 1197 Message: 1199

It depends on what material it is made of, how long, how big in diameter. Case in point: the Nichrome wire used to ignite model rocket engines will get plenty hot enough using 9V but will destroy itself in the process. I have a cup heater that plugs into my cigar lighter in my car that warms my coffee or hot chocolate which doesnt get that hot but survives the effort. Its doable but you would need a lot of specialized knowledge in the Engineering Materials Science area. All of us Engineers were required to take one semester on the subject but some people specialize in that and take all their elective classes, masters classes, and doctors classes on the subject. It is non-trivial.

One might think to ask what are you going to do with it? I hope you're not trying to build a bomb.

de N7MUT

From: Green Gator <tigerfan158@...>
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Mon, December 13, 2010 8:39:03 AM
Subject: Re: [GRARA] HOT WIRE

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>Timothy-kb8afs
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1200. Re: [GRARA] HOT WIRE

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-12-14 17:35:21 UTC
From: Steven Kaney
Topic: 1197 Message: 1200

P.S. If you have ever shorted out a 9V (easy to do by accident since both poles are on the same side) they get so hot that you cant touch it. That should be enough energy to heat a cup of coffee but it would probably be a one shot affair - the 9V would have given its life in the effort.

de N7MUT

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1201. Re: [GRARA] HOT WIRE

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-12-14 17:59:26 UTC
From: Green Gator
Topic: 1197 Message: 1201

This is my suggestion: I stop at McDonalds and get a senior coffee for sixty-nine cents. It costs less than a 9V alkaline battery.

I'm in Florida where we had about 8 hours of freezing weather last night, with another 8 hours predicted for tonight. Most of the tropical plants in our retirement park are dead. I am watching my queen palm trees which can freeze and die. My tangerine tree seems to be okay, but I expect in a few days, many of its leaves will fall. The tangerines are still good. My grapefruit tree is okay. My heating bill is going to be huge, since we heat with FORCED AIR ELECTRIC. I may get some ear plugs to block all the complaints my wife is giving me. Yes, as all men know, when something goes wrong it's always our fault.

-Gator (GR in the summers)
----- Original Message -----
From: Steven Kaney
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Tuesday, December 14, 2010 12:35 PM
Subject: Re: [GRARA] HOT WIRE

P.S. If you have ever shorted out a 9V (easy to do by accident since both poles are on the same side) they get so hot that you cant touch it. That should be enough energy to heat a cup of coffee but it would probably be a one shot affair - the 9V would have given its life in the effort.

de N7MUT

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1202. Re: HOT WIRE

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-12-14 18:02:27 UTC
From: Jim
Topic: 1197 Message: 1202

Gentlemen,

Heating water requires energy, no matter how you accomplish it.

The Imperial system unit of heat, the British Thermal Unit or BTU, is the amount of heat required to raise the temperature of one pound of water through 1 degree Fahrenheit at sea level.

1 BTU = 1055.06 Joules = 0.293 watt-hours

The heating element's temperature does not really matter, providing it is above your desired temperature AND it eventually delivers enough energy.

The energy contained in a 9V battery is about 19,278 Joules, or 18.3 BTU, enough to raise the temperature of one pound of water (128 fluid ounces) 18.3 degrees, or to raise 32 oz of water 73 degrees from 45 F from the tap to 118 F in the container.

Some energy will be lost due to resistance of the wires, radiation and convection from the container, but you get the idea...

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1203. Re: [GRARA] Re: HOT WIRE

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-12-15 00:40:26 UTC
From: Steven Kaney
Topic: 1197 Message: 1203

I had no idea we were talking about a pound of water, I was thinking about 1/3 of that. If you cant find an immersion heater at an Auto Supply store then McDonald's is a great option.

de N7MUT

From: Jim <jrheyl@...>
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
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1204. THE SANTA NET Dec 24th

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-12-15 05:08:19 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 1204 Message: 1204
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

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"CALLING ALL HAMS"

On December 24, 2010 @ 2200 hrs local time.

Gather your children, and grandchildren, around your radios
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While Santa is delivering presents around the world,
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Elf Radar Frank, N8UVI, will be giving Santa's location using
NORAD, along with Elf Techno Dave, KC8PCL, scribing, both located
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You can find the "Santa Net" on the Lowell repeater 145.270 pl 94.8;
also use IRLP node 4635; & Echolink node 87878.

73

The originator & Elf - N8UVI Frank
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1205. Node changes for THE SANTA NET Dec 24th

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-12-15 05:53:14 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 1205 Message: 1205
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

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1206. Handy bit of info

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-12-17 12:58:16 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 1206 Message: 1206

http://www.bandplans.com/index.php?band=All

1207. Hot Wire

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-12-22 05:59:11 UTC
From: W8GLgary
Topic: 1207 Message: 1207

Try holding the terminals of a fresh 9 vt against a clump of fine steel wool. Good way to start a fire!

1208. Reminder: THE SANTA NET Dec 24th

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-12-23 00:49:14 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 1208 Message: 1208
Attachments: 2 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

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1209. Re: [GRARA] Reminder: THE SANTA NET Dec 24th

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-12-23 02:35:17 UTC
From: Dave S
Topic: 1208 Message: 1209
Attachments: 2 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Hi Tom,
    You forgot to mention about the live video and audio on the Santa net, web addy is =
http://www.ustream.tv/channel/kc8pcl

--- On Wed, 12/22/10, Wilson <kd8deg@...> wrote:

From: Wilson <kd8deg@...>
Subject: [GRARA] Reminder: THE SANTA NET Dec 24th
To: WMSAT@yahoogroups.com, WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, "Montcalm Yahoo group"
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GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Date: Wednesday, December 22,
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1210. Re: [GRARA] Reminder: THE SANTA NET Dec 24th

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-12-23 02:55:59 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 1208 Message: 1210
Attachments: 2 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Ahhh Crap!!!!! That's why I ask you and Frank to look it over to see if anything needed correcting or added. We will just announce it at the beginning of the net, and many times during the net.

Tom

----- Original Message -----
From: Dave S
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Wednesday, December 22, 2010 9:35 PM
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1211. (no subject)

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-12-24 02:46:22 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 1211 Message: 1211
Attachments: 2 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

"A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR"

73
de KD8DEG Tom

1212. Dec 24

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-12-24 14:04:19 UTC
From: David Brace
Topic: 1212 Message: 1212

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and for all who have yet to learn code...MERRY CHRISTMAS
de Dave
W8RUZ

1213. Pet Rock Sorint - Jan 1 - 1500 - 1800 Z

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2010-12-31 06:35:13 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1213 Message: 1213

If you want to "go back" to the 50's and earlier for a bit of nostalgia, or if you're a die hard "QRP Build it Yourself-er" or you just want to have some fun on New Year's day, you might like to partook of the upcoming QRP ARCI Pet Rock sprint.

Details should be on qrparci.org web site, but, just in case there's a glitch, they're repeated here.

2011 QRP-ARCI(sm) PET ROCK CELEBRATION

Date/Time: 1500Z to 1800Z on Saturday 1 January 2011. That's 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Eastern Standard Time

Mode: HF CW only.

Exchange: Members send: RST, State/Province/Country, ARCI member number
Non-Members send: RST, State/Province/Country, Power Out

QSO Points:
Member = 5 points
Non-Member, Different Continent = 4 points
Non-Member, Same Continent = 2 points

Multiplier: SPC (State/Province/Country) total for all bands. The same station may be worked on multiple bands for QSO points and SPC credit.

Power Multiplier:
>5 Watts = x1
>1 - 5 Watts = x7
>500 mW - 1 Watt = x10
>200 mW - 500 mW = x15
>55 mW - 200 mW = x20
<55 mW = x25

Suggested Frequencies: Please remember this is a contest is focusing on rock-bound transmitters/transceivers.

80m 3560 kHz
3568 kHz
3579 kHz
40m 7030 kHz
7040 kHz
20m 14060 kHz
15m 21060 kHz
10m 28060 kHz

Bonus Points: For crystal controlled gear add 2,000 points for using rockbound receiver; add 3,000 points for using rockbound transmitter; or

add 5,000 points for using rockbound transceiver. These bonus points are available per band.

If you are operating PORTABLE using battery power AND a temporary antenna, add 5000 points to your final score. (You can NOT be at your shack operating from battery power using your home station antenna to qualify for this bonus.) This is to help level the playing field for contesters who work from the field against contest stations with 5 element yagis at 70 ft.

Score: Final Score = Points (total for all bands) x SPCs (total for all bands) x Power Multiplier + Bonus Points

Categories: Entry may be All-Band, Single Band, High Bands (10m-15m-20m) or Low Bands (40m-80m)

How to Participate: Get on any of the HF bands except the WARC bands and hang out near the QRP frequencies. Work as many stations calling CQ QRP or CQ TEST as possible, or call CQ QRP or CQ TEST yourself! You can work a station for credit once on each band.

Email Log Submission: Submit Logs in plain text format along with a summary stating your Callsign, Entry Category, Actual Power and Station Description along with score calculation to contest@...

Snail mail Log Submission: Submit Logs along with a summary stating your Callsign, Entry Category, Actual Power and Station Description along with score calculation to:

QRP-ARCI Pet Rock Sprint
c/o Jeff Hetherington, VA3JFF
139 Elizabeth St. W.
Welland, Ontario
Canada L3C 4M3

Deadline: Entries must be postmarked on or before 15 January 2011. (Note this is 14 days after the contest runs)

Results: Will be published in QRP Quarterly and shown on the QRP-ARCI website.

Certificates: Will be awarded to the top scoring entrant in each category. Certificates may be awarded for 2nd and 3rd place if entries are sufficient in a category.

1214. Posting from N1TUP [CTFoxhunter] Foxhunt Reminder

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-01-01 04:15:16 UTC
From: W8DER
Topic: 1214 Message: 1214

Fox hunters,

you may be interested in this posting by Paul Gibson, N1TUP, manager of the annual New Years Day Foxhunt near Manchester, Connecticut. In the past, their New Years Day Hunts have been very successful. You can see pictures of past hunts on their Yahoo Page at: http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ctfoxhunter/

This is the group that first brought my attention to the "FoxBox" built into an ammo box. They are also doing an interesting "2-week" hunt in the summer that we may try.

Another interesting thing they are doing is having the fox transmit on the input frequency of their local repeater. That way it is easy for everyone to listen-in and follow the hunt. (Good PR for the next time.)

The following is their posting about tomorrow's Annual New Years Day Hunt. Paul is very helpful in promoting out fox hunting efforts. I am sure he would answer any questions you have.

Mike@...

----- Original Message -----
From: Paul Gibson
To: CTFoxhunter@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Friday, December 31, 2010 12:40 PM
Subject: [CTFoxhunter] Foxhunt Reminder

Hello Foxhunters,

Just a reminder of the annual New Years Day foxhunt to be held beginning at 1 pm, January 1, 2011.

We will gather at the Wapping Elementary School, 91 Ayers Road, South Windsor, CT. The roll call of foxhunters will begin at 1 pm. Most hunters arrive in advance of the starting time to allow for set-up and getting acquainted with each other. The fox will not be transmitting prior to the start time but hunters will be on the 145.11 MHz repeater, PL 77.0 Hz if anyone needs assistance.

The fox will be making all transmissions on the repeater listed above. Please listen to the input frequency 144.51 MHz while taking your headings. Listening to the output frequency will just lead you to the repeater location, and the fox will not be there. The same repeater is used for information sharing between hunters and any fixed based stations which may choose to participate.

Sharing of information is encouraged but not required. We do ask that once you have spotted the fox, you discontinue all further transmissions. Listen carefully to the communications as much of it

will prove helpful. If someone says they are going to checkout say a particular school and you never hear from them again, they either found the fox, or drove off the edge of the earth. Foxes frequently lie or provide meaningless information, it is unusual for the hunters who are functioning as a team to mislead the rest of the team.

The actual hunt time is usually about an hour so dress to be comfortable during the driving part of the hunt. We then socialized outdoors at the foxes den for about an hour so. This may include standing on packed snow, given the recent weather event, so please dress to be comfortable for this part of the hunt as well.

This is a fun event, please drive carefully. Experience has shown that the winner (first one in) usually has driven the fewest miles. Working carefully and following the signal is a better approach than running around checking out spots you "think" the fox might be. The fox may ask for your starting odometer reading during initial check-in. The last three digits including tenths is sufficient or zero if you are resetting a trip odometer.

Have fun, be safe, and we will see you at the den with some nice hot soup and other refreshments.

Good Luck,
Paul, N1TUP

1215. January MiQRP Contest - 8 Jan to 9 Jan 2011

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-01-05 00:14:26 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1215 Message: 1215

QST QST de N8XX

Be advised that the Michigan QRP Club is sponsoring their annual January CW Contest 1200Z 01/8/11 to 2359Z 01/9/11.

Yup, you read correctly, it's a 36 hour marathon, but you may operate any or all of the time period.

Rules are at http://www.miqrp.org

Scroll down and click on the left side for this party.

Be aware that there is a RTTY roundup and a North American QSO Party (CW) running concurrently with part of this time period, so the bands may be full of RTTY and high power CW stations. Note that neither n8xx personally nor MiQRP club had anything to do with these concurrent events.

Hope to see as many folks as possible.

72/73 de n8xx Hg

1216. Re: [GRARA] January MiQRP Contest - 8 Jan to 9 Jan 2011

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-01-05 02:57:48 UTC
From: Steven Kaney
Topic: 1215 Message: 1216

Will either the W8DC or Lowell radio rooms be open?
de N7MUT

From: Hank Greeb <n8xx@...>
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Tue, January 4, 2011 7:14:26 PM
Subject: [GRARA] January MiQRP Contest - 8 Jan to 9 Jan 2011

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1217. KB8AFS is not a SK.....

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-01-06 03:46:54 UTC
From: timothy courtier
Topic: 1217 Message: 1217

QST all who have heard that I have joined the list of the SK.
I was informed this evening from Jack AB8ND, that my name was in the OBITS in the Kzoo paper.
At this point, I am of good health and doing well.
Unless I get hit by a truck, or something.
Thank You to all that have been concerned about me, and may have read the notice.
73's
Timothy KB8AFS

1218. Station list

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-01-06 08:09:56 UTC
From: Steven
Topic: 1218 Message: 1218

Hello guys,

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Thanks
Steven
KD8MEY

1219. Re: [GRARA] KB8AFS is not a SK.....

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-01-06 14:19:10 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1217 Message: 1219

You and Mark Twain will make good company. He wrote something like,
"The rumors of my death have been greatly exaggerated."

Great to hear from you.

73 de n8xx Hg

On 1/5/2011 10:46 PM, timothy courtier wrote:
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> QST all who have heard that I have joined the list of the SK.
> I was informed this evening from Jack AB8ND, that my name was in the
> OBITS in the Kzoo paper.
> At this point, I am of good health and doing well.
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> the notice.
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1220. HOLLAND AMATEUR RADIO CLUB - WINTER 2011 CLASS SCHEDULES

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-01-06 17:16:49 UTC
From: Carpoolqueen
Topic: 1220 Message: 1220

HOLLAND AMATEUR RADIO CLUB 2011 WINTER CLASSES ANNOUNCED
TECHNICIAN - GENERAL - MORSE CODE CLASSES OFFERED
Pass the word to friends and relatives that they too can get a HAM RADIO LICENSE without too much effort. HARC again offers an opportunity to become a licensed Amateur Radio Operator with classes to prepare you for a Technician License. These classes, lead by Jim, N8QMD, begin Wednesday January 12, 2011 and end March 30, 2011.
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LOCATION AND TIME: ;All of these classes will be held at the Ottawa County Red Cross Building, 270 James Street in Holland, Michigan. Classes begin promptly at 7:00 pm. Please come early to enjoy some refreshments and to relax beforehand. If time is an issue, feel free to bring your supper along.
FEES: There are no fees for the CW class, but please remember to bring paper and a writing instrument. There is a $20 fee for each Technician or General class. A study book for each class is available for an additional charge. Let Ed know if you need to order a book.
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REGISTRATION: Please contact Ed Heyboer, KF8EV by email KF8EV@... or telephone (616) 772-4811.
REGISTRATION FOR THESE CLASSES IS NOW OPEN!! It is not too early to plan for some education this Winter. Let's fill up the classroom at the Red Cross. We will be running this announcement a few more times before classes begin.
Ed, KF8EV232;Education Committee Chair Megan, WO0MEG President Holland Amateur Radio Club

1221. Re: [GRARA] Station list

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-01-06 20:43:55 UTC
From: Steven Kaney
Topic: 1218 Message: 1221

Software? I didn't know there was software. I programmed mine manually with the frequencies from hfpack.com and then added a couple of the local 2m repeaters. The hfpack frequencies just happen to be the same ones as buddipole uses.

de N7MUT

From: Steven <scubalargo@...>
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Thu, January 6, 2011 3:09:56 AM
Subject: [GRARA] Station list

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1222. HOLLAND AMATEUR RADIO CLUB - WINTER 2011 CLASS SCHEDULES

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-01-06 22:08:45 UTC
From: Carpoolqueen
Topic: 1220 Message: 1222

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1223. RTTY Roundup @ W8DC?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-01-06 22:47:38 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1223 Message: 1223

The ARRL's RTTY Roundup is this weekend - Begins 1800 UTC Saturday, ends 2400 UTC Sunday (January 8-9, 2011). For those who still thing "Eastern Time" that's 1 p.m. Saturday to 7 p.m. Sunday. Rules are at http://www.arrl.org/rtty-roundup

I know that W8DC was (and probably is) set up for RTTY, so might I suggest this as a good test of this mode?

Anyone interested? Anyone know how to set up things for macros, etc., which are useful for the contest?

I know zilch about how to operate with whatever software/hardware combo is @ W8DC, so some expert would have to be around for the effort.

Lettuce discuss this @ the meeting tomorrow evening. In the meantime, thimk about this opportunity with an open mind.

73 de n8xx Hg

1224. Coming back!

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-01-07 00:00:27 UTC
From: frankthompson18
Topic: 1224 Message: 1224

Hello,My Name is Frank. After many years away from Ham Radio,I am coming back to it. It also means relearning every thing I need to learn to obtain a licence to operate a Ham Station. The equipment I used to use was an Yaesu 102 with a manual antenna tuner hooked up to an inverter V long wire. I also had a one(1)gallon pail filled with oil for a dummy load. With this information, what would be some good choices in choosing good UESED EQUIPMENT to get started again. Also I am on fix income and home bond. Thanks to all who are able to help. Frank

1225. Re: [GRARA] RTTY Roundup @ W8DC?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-01-07 02:58:50 UTC
From: Steven Kaney
Topic: 1223 Message: 1225

I'm up for it. There are some good videos on youtube that I've watched, otherwise I no other RTTY experience. I think I have my laptop set up for RTTY w/ Icom and selected Yeasu radios.
de N7MUT

From: Hank Greeb <n8xx@...>
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Thu, January 6, 2011 5:47:38 PM
Subject: [GRARA] RTTY Roundup @ W8DC?

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1226. Re: [GRARA] RTTY Roundup @ W8DC?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-01-07 12:54:07 UTC
From: Jack Kunnen
Topic: 1223 Message: 1226

I would be interested, but can not make it this week end.
We can check at the meeting for operators

Jack, a8nd

On Jan 6, 2011, at 5:47 PM, Hank Greeb wrote:

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1227. Re: [GRARA] Station list

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-01-09 21:42:49 UTC
From: Steven Kaney
Topic: 1218 Message: 1227

After you get your FT817 and have played with it a bit to know what you like and don't, be sure to check out W4RT. The 817 has an almost cult like following and has an incredible number of 3rd party accessories available.

de N7MUT

From: Steven <scubalargo@yahoo.com>
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Thu, January 6, 2011 3:09:56 AM
Subject: [GRARA] Station list

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Thanks
Steven
KD8MEY

1228. Re: Coming back!

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-01-14 19:58:50 UTC
From: frankthompson18
Topic: 1224 Message: 1228

--- In GRARA@yahoogroups.com, "frankthompson18" <frankthompson18@...> wrote:
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> Hello,My Name is Frank. After many years away from Ham Radio,I am coming back to it.It means relearning every thing I need to,to obtain a licence to operate a Ham Station.The equipment I used to use was an Yaesu 102 with a manual antenna tuner hooked up to an inverter V long wire.I also had a one(1)gallon pail filled with oil for a dummy load. With this information,what would be a good choice in choosing good UESED EQUIPMENT(solid-state) to get started again. Also I am on fix income and home bond. Thanks to all who are able to help. Frank P.S.(This is an up-date messege).I have look at the equiment that is being sold on e-bay,this is becoming very confusing,because I do not know what I am looking for. Is there a soild-state radio that is close to the ease of operation as the yuase ft102.I am open to suggestion on the type of equipment I am looking for: makes and models.Thanks for help you can give me,Frank

1229. Coming Back

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-01-15 14:27:52 UTC
From: David Brace
Topic: 1229 Message: 1229

Frank

Glad to hear of your renewed interest in Ham Radio. I'm a come back kid also. Was originally licensed in 1950 and with college, marriage and kids, let the license lapse. A year ago thanksgiving I gave a used laptop to a friend who said he was going to use it for Ham radio. I was intrigued but having lost my hearing about 12 years ago I figured I would not be able to pass a code test. Good news is that there is no longer a code test required. Long story short I took all 3 elements this year and now am operating extra class.

I would be happy to help you get back on the air. I have all the test study manuals that i will lend you, and help with study and setup any way I can. I'm retired so I am available most days.

Email me at penmaker1@.... We can discuss the situation further privately that way.

73

Dave Brace
W8RUZ

1230. Grade A slightly off topic stuff...

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-01-20 00:18:55 UTC
From: K8TB
Topic: 1230 Message: 1230

It's 19 degrees outside. Time for some Internet time wasting material...

OFF TOPIC MATERIAL - BUT ELECTRONIC RELATED

o January 10, 1946: Radio signals were first bounced
off the moon and detected back on earth only 65 years ago:
http://www.infoage.org/html/diana.html

o How Lexar memory chips are made, a fascinating six
minute video:
http://tinyurl.com/LexarChipMfrging

o IEEE's picks Top 11 Technologies of the Decade:
http://tinyurl.com/TopTechEleven

Wanna win the bar bet on any thing Apollo 11?

http://history.nasa.gov/alsj/a11/

tom k8tb

1231. Re: [GRARA] Grade A slightly off topic stuff...

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-01-20 03:32:34 UTC
From: R. Mark Barnett
Topic: 1230 Message: 1231

Hummm 19 degrees? Time to think about an antenna project.... I have all the parts I need, but I'm waiting for the worst blizzard of the decade.... I need to put something for my 10 meter rig on the car too...

Mark B. N8PGV

1232. Anyone have a receiver for 437 MHz?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-01-20 19:57:30 UTC
From: n8xxham
Topic: 1232 Message: 1232

NASA would like our help.

See

http://www.spaceref.com/news/viewpr.html?pid=32522

for an article describing a plea for hams to monitor a solar sail vehicle signal at around 437MHz.
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1233. Re: [GRARA] Anyone have a receiver for 437 MHz?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-01-21 01:09:00 UTC
From: Charles Rich
Topic: 1232 Message: 1233

Shouldn't most scanners cover this frequency??? Mine does!!

Chuck, W8GCW
 CHECK MY PROFILE AT WWW.QRZ.COM
Be sure to check out my Ham Radio Page AT http://chuckrich.net/radio.htm
Licensed by the FCC since 1950

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From: n8xxham <n8xx@...>
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Thu, January 20, 2011 2:57:30 PM
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1234. Re: Anyone have a receiver for 437 MHz?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-01-21 02:09:35 UTC
From: n8xxham
Topic: 1232 Message: 1234

I didn't find what kind of modulation was on the 437.xx MHz. channel, nor the exact frequency. Since that's in the ham band, perhaps AMSAT would know something about it? Do we have any members of AMSAT in our group?

73 de n8xx Hg

--- In GRARA@yahoogroups.com, Charles Rich <chucksvideo@...> wrote:
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> Chuck, W8GCW
> Â CHECK MY PROFILE AT WWW.QRZ.COM
> Be sure to check out my Ham Radio Page AT http://chuckrich.net/radio.htm
> Licensed by the FCC since 1950
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> From: n8xxham <n8xx@...>
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1235. Linked repeater system, West Michigan

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-01-22 15:04:32 UTC
From: David E
Topic: 1235 Message: 1235

Can anyone tell me if I can monitor or talk on the system using Echolink and if so can you give me any instructions.
I am in Florida for the winter.
Thanks,
Dave Ed
AC8AB

1236. Re: [GRARA] Linked repeater system, West Michigan

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-01-23 11:41:27 UTC
From: Jack Kunnen
Topic: 1235 Message: 1236

Dave,

I think there is a 440 link, but not sure what the Call or Code numbers are. I'll check

Jack, AB8ND

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1237. N1L for FYBO, February 5, 2011

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-01-23 13:09:54 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1237 Message: 1237

Yup, a group of hams (perhaps of questionable sanity?) from the Greater Grand Rapids area are going to be using the call "N one L" or N1L, a pseudonym for "N)ot 1)n L)og. during the upcoming F)reeze Y)our B)... O)ff (You fill in the ...'s) event on Saturday, February 5, 2011. The event officially begins at 1400Z (9 a.m.) and ends at 2400Z (7 p.m.) "Rules" for the event are at http://www.azscqrpions.org/FYBO2010.htm Note the rules are for 2010, the event is promulgated by a group of operators who like to operate with low power, and they seem to like to operate more than they like to keep up their web site, but, c'est le guerre!

Why N1L? That's a looooonnnnngggggggg story,but, the short answer is, "What the "L" why Not N1L?" Contesters often are bemoan when the sponsor's log checking team finds "Not In Log" (NIL), so why not have a legitimate N1L in the log?" :)

Anyway, please look for N1L during FYBO, 1400Z thru 2359::59Z Saturday, February 5, 2011. Several of us will be operating as N1L from a site a few miles south of the Megalopolis of Saranac, MI ((Population 1326 - 2000 US Census)) on all bands from 80 thru 10 metres. Probably 80/75 metres will be best for the GRARA members in Michigan - we'll try to check at 2100Z, 2200Z, and 2300Z on or around 3560 KHz or 3895 KHz ? QRM.

If you'd like to know the exact location, it is at the corner of Morrison Lake Road and Grand River Drive about 5 miles south of Saranac. Longitude: -85.21408 W (-85? 12' 51'' W). Latitude : 42.88647 N (42? 53' 11'' N), QTH locator : EN72jv. If you'd like to come out with us, Bob Robinson, KD8HNF, says we must be sure to have a valid passport, Visa, and Parking pass (we're expecting great crowds?) so please lettuce no of your intent if at all possible. Otherwise, just come on out. Maybe the State Police will let you through the blockades they're planning to set up to try to control the throngs (*of political supporters?**- **Of psychiatric care givers? - because of the common belief that all hams are suspect, and those who go out in the field during the dead of winter are even more suspect?* *Or, maybe, just maybe, because the writer of this announcement is known to say things in jest?*)

That's the plan. Hope 2 c many GRARA members during FYBO 2011. Remember *"N1L."*

72/73 de n8xx Hg

1238. Re: [GRARA] Linked repeater system, West Michigan

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-01-23 23:24:57 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 1235 Message: 1238

Hi Ed!!!!

Click on the URL below.

de KD8DEG Tom

http://www.w8hvg.org/echolink.htm

----- Original Message -----
From: Jack Kunnen
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Sunday, January 23, 2011 6:41 AM
Subject: Re: [GRARA] Linked repeater system, West Michigan

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1239. Enjoy! Ham buys new radio

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-01-27 18:16:54 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1239 Message: 1239

http://southgatearc.org/news/january2011/ham_buys_new_radio.htm

1240. Upcoming on the air events

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-01-27 19:26:03 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1240 Message: 1240

Possible items of interest to GRARA members this weekend -

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CQ WW 160-Meter DX Contest (CW)
Jan 28, 2200z to Jan 30, 2200z
Rules: http://www.cq160.com
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The SSB event seems to have been held earlier. There's a RTTY contest

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CQ WW RTTY WPX Contest
Feb 12, 0000z to Feb 13, 2359z
Rules: http://www.cqwpxrtty.com/
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I sent a compleat list of other contests which may be of interest to
Mike, W8DER, for inclusion on the GRARA web site at http://www.w8dc.org

There's several state QSO parties, etc., within the next few weeks.

73 de n8x Hg

1241. Re: [GRARA] Enjoy! Ham buys new radio

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-01-28 01:53:21 UTC
From: Steven Kaney
Topic: 1239 Message: 1241

Is that funny or sad? I can't tell.
de N7MUT

From: Hank Greeb <n8xx@...>
To: GRARA Group <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Thu, January 27, 2011 1:16:54 PM
Subject: [GRARA] Enjoy! Ham buys new radio

http://southgatearc.org/news/january2011/ham_buys_new_radio.htm

1242. Re: [GRARA] Enjoy! Ham buys new radio

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-01-28 23:37:26 UTC
From: timothy courtier
Topic: 1239 Message: 1242

"UMMM"..... "YEAHHH"...

--- On Thu, 1/27/11, Steven Kaney <sfkaney@yahoo.com> wrote:

From: Steven Kaney <sfkaney@...>
Subject: Re: [GRARA] Enjoy! Ham buys new radio
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Date: Thursday, January 27, 2011, 8:53 PM

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From: Hank Greeb <n8xx@...>
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Sent: Thu, January 27, 2011 1:16:54 PM
Subject: [GRARA] Enjoy! Ham buys new radio

http://southgatearc.org/news/january2011/ham_buys_new_radio.htm

1243. (no subject)

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-01-29 03:24:00 UTC
From: ROBERT JOHNSON
Topic: 1243 Message: 1243

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1244. Radio Room and Meeting Notice

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-02-01 13:32:41 UTC
From: Jack Kunnen
Topic: 1244 Message: 1244

There will be NO Open Radio Room this week due to the impending
weather and the man with the key is a wimp.

Friday is the regular meeting 6:30 pm coffee clutch and 7 pm meeting.
I believe Ryan, KB8RCR will be speaking.

Jack, AB8ND

1245. Re: [GRARA] Radio Room and Meeting Notice

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-02-01 14:33:03 UTC
From: David Brace
Topic: 1244 Message: 1245

On 2/1/2011 8:32 AM, Jack Kunnen wrote:
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Jack
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73

Dave B W8RUZ

1246. Re: [GRARA] Radio Room and Meeting Notice

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-02-01 14:39:34 UTC
From: ab8nd@sbcglobal.net
Topic: 1244 Message: 1246

Yes, but that should be a Red Cross call out. Plus if it is a storm and not the weather service crying wolf again the fewer vehicles on the road to be rescued the better.

Jack, AB8ND
Sent from my Verizon Wireless BlackBerry

-----Original Message-----
From: David Brace <penmaker1@...>
Sender: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Date: Tue, 01 Feb 2011 09:33:03
To: <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Reply-To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: Re: [GRARA] Radio Room and Meeting Notice

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Dave B W8RUZ

1247. Re: [GRARA] Radio Room and Meeting Notice

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-02-01 15:28:04 UTC
From: David Brace
Topic: 1244 Message: 1247

On 2/1/2011 9:33 AM, David Brace wrote:
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> Dave B W8RUZ
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I agree with you Jack I was being sarcastic about the media over blow,
I am still waiting for the first snowflake.

73
DaveB

1248. Re: [GRARA] Radio Room and Meeting Notice

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-02-01 16:25:57 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1244 Message: 1248

For those who are sarcastic about the impending weather, and more so about emergency preparedness, please remember the Blizzard of January 1978......

I don't know how it was here in Michigan, but in SW Ohio we had an estimated 7" of sn*w, which wouldn't be a problem normally, but it was preceded by about 2" of frozen rain, which collected on streets and highways. Combined with 40+ MPH winds, there were drifts of more than 3 feet on top of glare ice. No one except folks with 4WD vehicles were permitted on the roads for more than 24 hours, and on side streets for several more days. The City and county offices were shut down except for emergency personnel. My employer was closed except for security and maintenance personnel for the first time in about 150 years - except once when a flood hit the Ohio River and its tributary, causing 8' of water in the manufacturing plant (in 1937). I was fortunate to have a neighbor with 4WD vehicle, he took me to Red Cross hq, and some 36 hours later I was relieved of duty when help arrived. We communicated for police and national guard, who had their own communications but couldn't cross communicate. National Guard vehicles were taking medicine to the home bound, supplying ambulance service to communities without 4WD equipment, etc. This lasted for 3 days until most of the roads were cleared. We also communicated with Ohio Disaster Services in Columbus, OHio on HF. One new licensee got his baptism by fire whilst receiving a 140+ word message from State DSA to Hamilton County on the Ohio Single Sideband Net.

Yup, we get complacent, pooh pooh emergency preparedness, but in SW Ohio, as late as 2004 we were needed to do damage assessment. In 1999 a tornado wiped out communications to whole communities, in 1997 a flood along the Ohio River and tributaries caused the telephone system to become non existent in some places, and overloaded in many places so the only emergency communications were via amateur radio. Even cell phones were useless when a worker at a shelter insisted on using his phone for hours, while a supply truck was being loaded with supplies. I had to travel some 30 miles out of my way from another shelter to tell the "clown" to get off his phone so he could advise what supplies were actually needed.

Yes, we all think communications links are 100% reliable now a daze, but all too frequently their deficiencies are brought to light.

Lettuce knot forget one of the main reasons amateur radio exists - to provide communications when all else fails.

We have the Red Cross Communications Team, in need of more volunteers. IF we were called out by Red Cross, who would have enough training in

handling emergency communications to be of service?

73 de n8xx Hg
On 2/1/2011 8:32 AM, Jack Kunnen wrote:
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> Jack, AB8ND
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1249. Re: [GRARA] Radio Room and Meeting Notice

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-02-01 16:40:41 UTC
From: Dave Ed
Topic: 1244 Message: 1249

Jack,
 I could not see that bad weather coming as I look at my outdoor thermometer and see its 77 degrees and sunny at 11:30 AM Tuesday. Maybe you all should come on down to Florida,
Dave
AC8AB

--- On Tue, 2/1/11, Jack Kunnen <ab8nd@...> wrote:

From: Jack Kunnen <ab8nd@sbcglobal.net>
Subject: [GRARA] Radio Room and Meeting Notice
To: "GRARA Yahoo" <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Date: Tuesday, February 1, 2011, 8:32 AM

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Jack, AB8ND

1250. Re: [GRARA] Radio Room and Meeting Notice

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-02-01 16:48:43 UTC
From: Jack Kunnen
Topic: 1244 Message: 1250

Dave,

You are Mean.
Hope all is well down there.

Actually, the way my knees are this winter, I'm thinking about a warm
dry place next year.

Jack, AB8ND

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1251. Re: [GRARA] Radio Room and Meeting Notice

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-02-01 21:56:17 UTC
From: Green Gator
Topic: 1244 Message: 1251

It hit 83 in central Florida today. I see the bad weather coming when it will drop to the mid 50's tonight! In all fairness, I hope all of you and especially my children and grandchildren are safe during the bad weather in Michigan.
-Gator
----- Original Message -----
From: Dave Ed
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Tuesday, February 01, 2011 11:40 AM
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1252. Feb 14, Valentines Day Dinner is for Hams.

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-02-04 01:10:01 UTC
From: K8TB
Topic: 1252 Message: 1252

So you bought your significant other that last wilted rose from the greeter at Walmart, added 5 Tootsie Roll Midgies, and you think this might be enough?

Well, it's not.

Join a bunch of us dysfunctional people Feb 14th (a Monday night) at the Golden Bell buffet restaurant starting at 6:23PM. The Golden Bell Buffet is located on the SE corner of US 31 and Felch street, in the NW corner of the Westshore Mall. For under $ 10.00 each, they have Chinese, Mexican and American food, plus really nice fruit and veggie and dessert bars.

But I don't have a significant other!
We don't care.
But I want to bring my kids!
We don't care.
I won't pay my bill.
Now we care.

This is open to all of us silly hams in the West Michigan area.
Grand Rapids, Holland, Grand Haven, Muskegon, Allegan and Hooterville.

Tom K8TB

1253. Plan B - FYBO 2011 - Saturday Feb 5

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-02-04 15:26:18 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1253 Message: 1253

Due to the "Blizzard of 2011" - the site we were planning to use outside of Saranac for FYBO 2011 is socked in with up to 2' of sn*w. The fellow who owns the place is having difficulty with his sn*w plow, so the place won't have any parking area.

We looked at several other possibilities, but couldn't find any with shelter from wind - low temperatures don't bother nearly as much as a brisk wind.

Therefore, we're turning into a bunch of w1mps and will be operating indoors @ W8LRC, 11535 E Fulton Suite 101, Lowell. Any and all interested hams are invited to join us. This site seems more popular, so we'll have a pot luck lunch about 1 p.m. - bring something to share.

Map to the place can be found at http://tinyurl.com/4boa2j2

We'll be operating Multi-2 2 rigs on 2 bands.

The FYBO starts at 9 a.m. Saturday 9 a.m. and runs until 7 p.m.

73 de n8xx Hg

1254. One Week Notice: Feb 14, Valentines Day Dinner is for Hams.

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-02-07 23:43:08 UTC
From: K8TB
Topic: 1254 Message: 1254

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Tom K8TB

1255. Pictures from the FYBO Contest

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-02-08 21:04:38 UTC
From: Jack Kunnen
Topic: 1255 Message: 1255

Just a little Flash web page with a few pix

Jack, AB8ND

http://ab8nd.us/freezeyour/fybo2011.htm

1257. Are you an Icom Lover ?...

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-02-10 17:52:01 UTC
From: K8TB
Topic: 1257 Message: 1257

Click on this link for a PDF tour of the Icom factory in Japan. I wonder if they gave out any door prizes?

http://www.nsarc.ca/hf/icom2010.pdf

vy 73 de tom K8TB, with an IC-910H !

1259. Re: Are you an Icom Lover ?...

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-02-12 17:24:58 UTC
From: kf8ql
Topic: 1257 Message: 1259

Looks like almost every electronics board fab facility I've been in. They all look the same - making radios, or industrial automation equipment!

Thanks for posting Tom.

de KF8QL

--- In GRARA@yahoogroups.com, K8TB <k8tb@...> wrote:
>
> Click on this link for a PDF tour of the Icom factory in Japan. >

1260. Contests this weekend

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-02-12 17:46:37 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1260 Message: 1260

There are a bunche of contests going on this weekend. Take your pick.l Looketh like you could run Louisiana, OMISS, and New Hampshire in one swell foop. Both Silly Side Band and Corn Whiskey are permissible in each of these.

If you want some "real" fun, look @ the rules for the North American Sprint, Silly Side Band version. I tried the Corn Whiskey version last week, and it was a real challenge with 100 or so stations crammed into 15 KHz between 7025 and 7040 (two other contests were going on in other parts of the band), especially since I had my rig cranked down to <5 watts! If one were to use 100 watts or more, plus having the entire Phone band in which to operate, one probably could make a respectable showing.

Louisiana QSO Party CW/SSB Feb 12, 1500Z - Feb 13 0300Z Rules http://laqso.w5yl.org

OMISS QSO Party CW/SSB Feb 12, 1500Z - Feb 13 1500Z Rules: http://www.omiss.info

New Hampshire QSO CW/SSB Party Feb 12, 1500Z - Feb 13 1500Z Rules http://www.w1wqm.org

FISTS CW Winter Sprint CW Feb 12, 1700Z - Feb 12 2100Z Rules: http://www.FISTS.org

RSGB - First 1.8 MHz Contest CW/SSB Feb 12, 2100Z - Feb 13 0100Z Rules: http://www.rsgbcc.org (http://www.rsgbcc.org)

North American Sprint - SSB Feb 13, 0000Z - Feb 13 0400Z Rules: http://www.ncjweb.com

1261. Build a Burger - March 4, Grand Rapids

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-02-12 18:02:59 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1261 Message: 1261

Midwest Amateur Radio Alliance presents -

Build Your Own Burger - Friday March 4th 2011 - 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM
$5.00 Adults, $3.00 Kids Under 12
Burger , Chips, Coleslaw, Juice, Coffee and Dessert

At 5th St. Hall Located on the Northwest Corner of - 5th and Davis Sts.- Grand Rapids, MI 49504

Directions at http://tinyurl.com/4euw2fn
(put your starting address in the box instead of "Grand Rapids, MI" and click on "Get Directions" to be told where to go. :)

73 de n8xx Hg

1262. Upcoming Contests, Feb 18-20Z

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-02-14 22:40:22 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1262 Message: 1262

Upcoming Contests for next weekend. Note the BIGGIE! The ARRL DX Contest/CW.

73 de n8xx Hg

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Russian PSK WW Contest
Feb 18, 2100z to Feb 19, 2100z
Rules:
http://www.epc-ru.ru/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=562&Itemid=192
Or, if that gets truncated: http://tinyurl.com/4hukx3e
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ARRL International DX Contest (CW)
Feb 19, 0000z to Feb 20, 2359z
Rules:http://www.arrl.org/arrl-dx
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Feld Hell Club Sprint (Feld Hell)
Feb 19, 2000z to 2200z
Rules:http://sites.google.com/site/feldhellclub/Home
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1263. A Political Plug

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-02-20 23:06:17 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1263 Message: 1263

Jim Weaver, K8JE, is running for another term as Director of the Great Lakes Division, ARRL.

See http://www.k8je.com/ for details.

1264. A direct threat to our Amateur Radio spectrum

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-02-24 00:20:37 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 1264 Message: 1264

Hello everyone,

> At the request of ARRL President Kay Craigie, N3KN, we are
> asking ARRL
> members to contact their local Representative asking them
> to oppose HR
> 607 in its current form.
>
> If you go to http://www.arrl.org/sample-letters you
> will find resource
> tools to assist you in your letter writing. These
> include:
>
> A sample letter opposing HR 607
> in its current form
> A link to the ARRL Webpage that
> gives the ARRL member the
> contact information for their Members of Congress
> A link to information sending
> their letters to our Washington
> lobbyist to hand-deliver to Capitol Hill
>
> A couple of key points to remember when discussing our
> opposition to HR
> 607:
>
> We understand and support the
> principle that Public Safety and
> First responders should have the D-Block frequencies.
> Our opposition to the bill
> stems from the inclusion of the
> 420-440 MHZ Amateur allocation as part of the proposed
> "frequency
> swap".
>
>
> Time is of the essence on this request, as the bill is
> gathering steam
> in Congress.
>
> Once you have finished editing
> your letter, we request that you
> send it to our Washington representative at Chwat &
> Co. This allows
> your letter to be hand-delivered to the appropriate

> legislative offices
> without a lengthy delay. It takes between 6 and 8
> weeks for letters
> mailed through the regular US mail to clear security
> screening off-site
> before being delivered to Congressional office.
>
> By US Mail - Send to:
> John Chwat
> Chwat & Co.
> 625 Slaters Lane
> Suite 103
> Alexandria, VA 22314
>
> By Fax - Send to: 703-684-7594
>
> You may also send a signed letter via email to: arrl@...
>
> Due to the urgency of this matter, I would recommend that
> you either
> send it by Fax or E-mail as this would be faster.
>
> Thanks and 73
> John, W3ML
> Indiana Section Manager

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1265. Kenwood TS - 830S for sale

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-02-24 16:04:05 UTC
From: DaveS
Topic: 1265 Message: 1265

I am selling some equipment for a friend. I have a TS-830S for sale. The radio has new output tubes and a new driver tube, it has the WARC bands enabled, and a new relay installed. On a scale of 1-10, the radio is a 9.8. The asking price is $400.00. if interested, Please contact me at kc8pcl@yahoo.com. 73.
Dave

1266. Grade A off Topic stuff

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-02-26 16:35:21 UTC
From: K8TB
Topic: 1266 Message: 1266

For a cold Saturday night:

The rear-mounted camera on the third engine shows
what happens when this train went through
a tornado. Location unknown:
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VbnwffeEH1M

A remarkable and delightful call to 911 by a five year
old girl:
http://www.maniacworld.com/stay-calm-dad.html

Outstanding photos from the International Space Station
by Astronaut Doug Wheelock:
http://tinyurl.com/WheelockPhotos

You will never look at shooting stars the same way again,
ever. We guarantee it:
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U8Md3-qljyU

Pictures of the shuttle and ISS, taken by an amateur photographer:
http://www.pbase.com/polakis/satellites

Voice of America video: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=icrr6lZBMuQ

73 de tom K8TB

1267. Fw: [HARC] HARC 2-Meter Net 147.060, 2/28/2011, 7:30 pm

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-02-28 03:55:07 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 1267 Message: 1267

----- Original Message -----
From: k8daa@yahoogroups.com
To: k8daa@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Sunday, February 27, 2011 7:26 PM
Subject: [HARC] HARC 2-Meter Net 147.060, 2/28/2011, 7:30 pm

Reminder from: k8daa Yahoo! Group

Title: HARC 2-Meter Net 147.060

Date: Monday February 28, 2011
Time: 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm
Repeats: This event repeats every week.
Location: 147.060
Notes: This is an open net. You do not need to be a member to participate. Please join us whether you are mobile, portable, or at your home station.

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1268. Fw: LINK TO AES SUPERFEST FLYER

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-03-01 23:00:47 UTC
From: Charles Rich
Topic: 1268 Message: 1268

I have attended this event for many years, and find it quite rewarding. You will especially enjoy the many forums which they offer. I have brought many of these forums back to Michigan on video to share with West Michigan clubs.

All the new gear will be on display from all major manufacturers, and reps to answer your questions.

It's a half day drive, but worth it. (I go up the night before.) Special hotel rates available at the Radisson Inn. (One of the best in town)

It's all FREE, and even a drawing for door prizes.

Give it a try...!!! CU There!!
Chuck, W8GCW
 CHECK MY PROFILE AT WWW.QRZ.COM
Be sure to check out my Ham Radio Page AT http://chuckrich.net/radio.htm
Licensed by the FCC since 1950

----- Forwarded Message ----
From: rayk9khw <rayk9khw@...>
To: rayk9khw@...
Sent: Tue, March 1, 2011 4:23:34 PM
Subject: LINK TO AES SUPERFEST FLYER

Just copy and paste this link to your browser

http://www.aesham.com/superfest/SUPERFEST.pdf

Ray Grenier, K9KHW - AES

1269. [WMSAT] West Michigan SATERN Net, 3/2/2011, 8:00 pm

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-03-02 23:00:31 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 1269 Message: 1269

----- Original Message -----
From: WMSAT@yahoogroups.com
To: WMSAT@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 8:00 AM
Subject: [WMSAT] West Michigan SATERN Net, 3/2/2011, 8:00 pm

Reminder from: WMSAT Yahoo! Group

Title: West Michigan SATERN Net

Date: Wednesday March 2, 2011
Time: 8:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Repeats: This event repeats every week.
Location: 146.880 Mhz PL 141.3
Notes: Please join us on the West Michigan SATERN net every Wednesday Night at 8:00 pm local time on the N8WJ 146.880 Repeater. PL 141.3 Net Control Station is AB8WF with back-up Net Control Station KC8SIV.

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1270. Meeting Friday

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-03-03 19:48:18 UTC
From: Jack Kunnen
Topic: 635 Message: 1270

I reminder that this Friday, 4 March, is the next meeting of the Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association, 6:30 PM get together, 7 PM meeting.
Club dues were owed at the end of February, Rich, KC8NKA will be more than glad to except them at the meeting.
Many things to discuss, Marshal Swap, Dayton and FIeld Day just to start.

Don't forget the MARA “Build Your Burger” at the 5th street hall.
Corner of 5th street and Davis NW.
5 PM - 8 PM Plenty of time before the meeting.
MARA has some excellent cooks and their deserts are not to be missed.

Jack, AB8ND

1271. Re: [GRARA] Meeting Friday

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-03-04 00:50:34 UTC
From: William Hayes
Topic: 635 Message: 1271

I was at the last meeting and no one was taking money for dues.
I had sinus surgery on Monday and will not be at the Marchmeeting.

Bill Hayes

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From: Jack Kunnen <ab8nd@sbcglobal.net>
To: GRARA Yahoo <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Thu, March 3, 2011 2:48:18 PM
Subject: [GRARA] Meeting Friday

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1272. ARRL DX Contest, SSB, this weekend

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-03-04 20:10:21 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1272 Message: 1272

The ARRL DX contest is being held this weekend. Anyone interested in operating @ W8DC?

Starts at 0000Z Saturday (7 p.m. EST Friday evening) and ends at 2400Z Sunday (7 p.m. EST Sunday evening). Details at http://www.arrl.org/arrl-dx

It's all SSB, so this should give folks who like to talk with their vocal chords rather than diddle their fingers a chance to try. Anyone interested?

Please talk this up. We could adjourn to the radio room after the meeting this evening. All that is needed to operate one one person with a general class or higher license. Anyone who is thinking about getting a General Class License or higher can operate.

73 de n8xx Hg

1273. Three Amateur Radio satellites lost

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-03-05 23:49:00 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 1273 Message: 1273

http://www.southgatearc.org:80/news/march2011/3_ar_satellites_lost.htm

1274. Cortland explains SWR

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-03-06 17:49:48 UTC
From: Jack Kunnen
Topic: 1274 Message: 1274

I little HD video from Fridays GRARA meeting.

Thank you Cortland for the demonstration

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D2lMqqma72E

Jack, AB8ND

1275. Contests, contests, contests

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-03-07 03:57:17 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1275 Message: 1275

Some contests which may be of interest to the local ham fraternity

Idaho QSO Party (Ph/CW/Dig)
Mar 12, 1900z to Mar 13, 1900z
Rules: http://www.nx7tt.com/main_page_link/rules.htm
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North American Sprint (RTTY)
Mar 13, 0000z to 0400z
Rules: http://www.ncjweb.com/sprintrules.php
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****
Daylight saving starts Mar 13, 2011 - 0200 AM
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Wisconsin QSO Party (CW/SSB)
Mar 13, 1800z to Mar 14, 0100z
Rules: http://www.warac.org/index.htm
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Feld Hell Club Sprint (Feld Hell)
Mar 19, 12:00 to 2:00 PM Local Time
Rules: http://sites.google.com/site/feldhellclub/Home
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Oklahoma QSO Party (CW/Digital/Phone)
Mar 19, 1300z to Mar 20, 0200z and
Mar 20, 1300z to Mar 20, 1900z
Rules: http://www.okdxa.org
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North Dakota QSO Party (CW/PH)
Mar 19, 1800z to Mar 20, 1800z
Rules: http://www.w0cq.com/
~~~~~~
Virginia QSO Party (CW/SSB/Dig)
Mar 19, 1800z to Mar 21, 0100z
Rules:
http://www.qsl.net/sterling/VA_QSO_Party/2011_VQP/2011_VQP_Main.html
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1276. Video

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-03-07 20:49:27 UTC
From: Jack Kunnen
Topic: 1276 Message: 1276

A little HD video of MARA's Build-a-Burger last Friday.

It is a 1080p HD so it might stop and start a few times,
let it play then once in cache it should play though the next time.

Jack, AB8ND

1277. Re: [GRARA] Video

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-03-07 20:52:07 UTC
From: Jack Kunnen
Topic: 1276 Message: 1277

I'll bet a link would be nice.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M-uue55QbPc

On Mar 7, 2011, at 3:49 PM, Jack Kunnen wrote:

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>
> Jack, AB8ND
>
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>

1278. Re: [GRARA] Video

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-03-07 23:51:44 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1276 Message: 1278

Good show, except for that fellow at the end.? :)

73 de n8xx Hg

p.s. the burger and fixin's were FB OM, FB!

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Jack, AB8ND

1279. Janice Weaver, XYL of K8JE, Great Lakes Division Director

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-03-08 00:15:34 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1279 Message: 1279

I regret to have to tell you that Janice died at about 4 AM this morning at Bethesda North Hospital. She was admitted to the hospital the afternoon of the 4th and seemed to be doing better by the 6th. At about midnight she took a turn for the worse and became critical just about 4. She was alert and comfortable until the very end. Her funeral is tentatively planned for this Friday at St. Susanna Church in Mason. Visitation is being planned for the hour preceding the Mass of Christian Burial. She will be buried at Gate of Heaven Cemetery in Montgomery, OH. I thought you would want to know.
Jim
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Jim Weaver, K8JE
5065 Bethany Rd.
Mason, OH 45040 - Tel. 513-459-1661
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1280. Re: [GRARA] Video

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-03-08 17:58:14 UTC
From: Charles Rich
Topic: 1276 Message: 1280

So, what's soooo special --Isn't this what hams "do:...!!! Hi!

 CHECK MY PROFILE AT WWW.QRZ.COM
Be sure to check out my Ham Radio Page AT http://chuckrich.net/radio.htm
Licensed by the FCC since 1950

From: Jack Kunnen <ab8nd@...>
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Mon, March 7, 2011 3:52:07 PM
Subject: Re: [GRARA] Video

I'll bet a link would be nice.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M-uue55QbPc

On Mar 7, 2011, at 3:49 PM, Jack Kunnen wrote:

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1281. Re: [GRARA] Video

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-03-08 20:46:17 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1276 Message: 1281

Chuck:

Yep, Eating is what hams do. Some of us (not on camera) were drinking brown 807's while eating. If you don't know what a "Brown 807" is, you're a youngster. :)

The special thing is that the folks from MARA were doing the work - we from GRARA and other places were grateful recipients of their labor.

73 de n8xx Hg

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1282. [HARC] Walkie talkie disrupts safety system at Davis-Besse nuclear plant

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-03-08 21:15:10 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 1282 Message: 1282

----- Original Message -----
From: Steve Vanderhill
To: Holland Club K8DAA
Sent: Tuesday, March 08, 2011 8:44 AM
Subject: [HARC] Walkie talkie disrupts safety system at Davis-Besse nuclear plant

March 5, Cleveland Plain Dealer - (Ohio) Walkie talkie disrupts safety system at Davis-Besse nuclear plant. The Davis-Besse nuclear power plant in Oak Harbor, Ohio went "radio-inactive" March 3 - losing its emergency water cooling system for 2 minutes - due to a technician's walkie talkie. The technician used his walkie talkie in a room containing a back-up or auxiliary control panel for a system designed to automatically pump water into the reactor in the event of a catastrophic accident. The radio wave disrupted the signal from the control panel to special pumps and emergency valves that even on stand-by are electrically alive for an instantaneous reaction. In two bursts of conversation lasting 8 seconds and 19 seconds during a 2-minute period, the technician rendered the plant's entire emergency shutdown system inoperable, the company told federal regulators March 3. The company posted a sign on the door to the room warning all employees not to key radios near the sensitive control panel, a company spokesman said. The incident should have never happened, said a nuclear safety engineer with the Union of Concerned Scientists. He said such incidents occurred many times in the early 1980s, so much that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) issued a warning bulletin in December 1983. "This hasn't happened in decades," he said. "We will definitely be looking into this," said a spokeswoman for the NRC's regional office in Chicago. Source: http://www.cleveland.com/business/index.ssf/2011/03/davis-besse_nuclear_power_plan_1.html

1283. Space Station

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-03-08 23:08:31 UTC
From: Jack Kunnen
Topic: 1283 Message: 1283

Look at what happened from 1998 until 2008. In just ten years it has grown and grown.Watch the pieces come together as they are sent up from Earth. This is the International Space Station (ISS) Assembly diagram, piece by piece.I had no idea the Space Station had grown to this size.This is really cool.....

http://i.usatoday.net/tech/graphics/iss_timeline/flash.htm

Jack, ab8nd

1284. Re: [GRARA] Video

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-03-09 01:28:57 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 1276 Message: 1284

"If you don't know what a "Brown 807" is, you're a youngster. :)"

Not all that youngster. There's four of us here 55 - 65 and nobody here
has a clue!!!

Jack NY8D

Jack Amelar
13110 Victory Woods Dr NE
Lowell, MI 49331-8857
Home: (616)897-6885
Cell: (616)438-1464
E-mail: mailto:jamelar@localnet.com

----- Message from n8xx@... ---------
Date: Tue, 08 Mar 2011 15:46:17 -0500
From: Hank Greeb <n8xx@...>
Reply-To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: Re: [GRARA] Video
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com

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1285. 6 open with aurora

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-03-11 00:20:44 UTC
From: K8TB
Topic: 1285 Message: 1285

Like wispy cw? 6 is open, lots of VE's via aurora

tom k8tb

1286. [HARC] HARC 2-Meter Net 147.060, 3/14/2011, 7:30 pm

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-03-13 23:32:02 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 1286 Message: 1286

----- Original Message -----
From: k8daa@yahoogroups.com
To: k8daa@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Sunday, March 13, 2011 7:26 PM
Subject: [HARC] HARC 2-Meter Net 147.060, 3/14/2011, 7:30 pm

Reminder from: k8daa Yahoo! Group

Title: HARC 2-Meter Net 147.060

Date: Monday March 14, 2011
Time: 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm
Repeats: This event repeats every week.
Location: 147.060
Notes: This is an open net. You do not need to be a member to participate. Please join us whether you are mobile, portable, or at your home station.

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1287. Hidden Transmitter hunt, April 9th, 9:30 to 11:30 + after glow.

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-03-15 13:48:23 UTC
From: W8DER
Topic: 1287 Message: 1287

Guys and gals,

I am all fired-up about the fox hunt coming up on Saturday, April 9th. I always look forward to the first hunt of the season as an opportunity to get the equipment "tuned-up" for the summer.

On fox team for this hunt, Chuck (AJ8W) and James (K8JHR), have a new twist in store for the event -- Two hidden transmitters. Although this is common in other parts of the country, I think it is the first time two foxes have been used in West Michigan. Come see how it is done!

Check-out the details at the MichiganFoxHunter web page:

http://www.MichiganFoxHunter.com

Hope to see you there. Don't have any equipment? Come anyway. Somebody will need another team-mate.

See you in Marshall this weekend.

Mike@...

1288. Re: [GRARA] Hidden Transmitter hunt, April 9th, 9:30 to 11:30 + after glow.

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-03-15 15:06:32 UTC
From: Jack Kunnen
Topic: 1287 Message: 1288

Mike,

I took the liberty to post the "Hunt" on the GRARA Facebook page.

Jack, ab8nd

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1289. Re: [GRARA] Hidden Transmitter hunt, April 9th, 9:30 to 11:30 + after glow.

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-03-15 17:09:45 UTC
From: David Brace
Topic: 1287 Message: 1289

How do I access the grara facebook page

Dave W8RUZ

1290. 6 KW backup generator

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-03-15 19:14:37 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1290 Message: 1290

6 Kw, cheepie. Some colleagues say it's a great buy. Noisy, but for backup power, if you ain't got electricity from the grid, a few dB of noise from the back yard can be tolerated.

http://aldi.us/us/html/offers/58_13815_ENU_HTML.htm

73 de n8xx Hg

1291. Re: [GRARA] Hidden Transmitter hunt, April 9th, 9:30 to 11:30 + after glow.

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-03-15 20:18:04 UTC
From: Jack Kunnen
Topic: 1287 Message: 1291

David,

If you have a Facebook page, search for Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association then . If not

Jack ,ab8nd

On Mar 15, 2011, at 1:09 PM, David Brace wrote:

> How do I access the grara facebook page
>
> Dave W8RUZ
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> Yahoo! Groups Links
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1292. Some contests this weekend

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-03-16 06:05:33 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1292 Message: 1292

The following may be of interest to hams in the vicinity:

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Feld Hell Club Sprint (Feld Hell)
Mar 19, 12:00 to 2:00 PM Local Time
Rules:http://sites.google.com/site/feldhellclub/Home
(If you want to have a h... of a good Sprint!
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Oklahoma QSO Party (CW/Digital/Phone)
Mar 19, 1300z to Mar 20, 0200z and
Mar 20, 1300z to Mar 20, 1900z
Rules:http://www.okdxa.org
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North Dakota QSO Party (CW/PH)
Mar 19, 1800z to Mar 20, 1800z
Rules:http://www.w0cq.com/
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Virginia QSO Party (CW/SSB/Dig)
Mar 19, 1800z to Mar 21, 0100z
Rules:
http://www.qsl.net/sterling/VA_QSO_Party/2011_VQP/2011_VQP_Main.html
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1293. Swan 350 hf tranciever for sale

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-03-17 16:59:01 UTC
From: DaveS
Topic: 1293 Message: 1293

Hello,
I have a Swan 350 with ac power supply for sale. All tube have been tested, and are up to spec. The radio is in great condition and is fully functional. Asking price is $300.00. I have the operators manual and the service manual on a CD. If interested, please email me at kc8pcl@.... 73.
Dave

SWAN Model 350
FREQUENCY RANGES:

80 meters 3.5 to 4.0 mc LSB
40 meters 7.0 to 7.5 mc LSB
20 meters 13.85 to 14.350 mc USB
15 meters 21.0 to 21.5 mc USB
10 meters 28.5 to 29.0 mc USB

POWER INPUT:

Single Sideband, Suppressed Carrier is 400 watts PEP minimum on all bands.
CW, 320 watts, dc input on all bands.
AM, Single Sideband with Carrier, 125 watts dc input on all bands.

1294. From ARRL Letter, March 17, 2011

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-03-17 21:52:55 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1294 Message: 1294

+ Public Service: After Devastating Earthquake, Japan's Radio Amateurs Provide Communications Support

After the 8.9 earthquake that struck near Sendai, Japan at 2:46 PM JST (0546 UTC) on Friday, March 11, the island nation is trying to recover. Soon after the earthquake -- which the US Geological Survey is calling the largest to hit the island nation in 140 years -- Japan has been rocked by tsunamis and power outages caused by trouble at a nuclear power station. Reports from Japan tell of phone and Internet service still up in most parts of the country. Even so, the Japan Amateur Radio League (JARL) -- that country's IARU Member-Society -- has asked that 7.030 MHz be kept clear for emergency use. Other reports are asking that these additional frequencies be kept clear: 3.525, 7.030, 7.077, 7.087, 7.097, 14.100, 21.200 and 28.200 MHz.

JA1RL, the JARL HQ station -- along with other amateurs throughout the island nation -- is maintaining the effort to support the disaster relief operation, according to IARU Region 3 Secretary Ken Yamamoto, JA1CJP. "In less damaged areas, the electric power supply is being restored gradually and local amateurs have started to establish stations at shelters," he said. Yamamoto said that JA1RL continues to operate as an emergency traffic center on 7.030 MHz, as well as 2 meters and 70 cm. It is receiving and reporting news from Japanese amateurs who are in the affected area. Using battery power or small generators, Japanese stations are active and are using various frequencies to exchange rescue and disaster relief operation information with JA1RL and others.

This map shows Japan and the areas affected by the 8.9 earthquake that struck the island nation at 2:46 PM (JST) on Friday, March 11. [Map courtesy of the US Geological Survey]

"While 3.525, 7.030, 7.043 and 7.075 MHz have been mentioned as in use, it's wise to keep those -- and all of the Center of Emergency frequencies -- clear of normal and non-urgent traffic," said IARU Region 3 Disaster Communications Committee Chairman Jim Linton, VK3PC, who added that there is no call for additional foreign radio amateurs in Japan.
For more on how radio amateurs in Japan are providing communications support after earthquake, click here (http://www.arrl.org/news/radio-amateurs-in-japan-provide-communications-support-after-earthquake). For information on how US amateurs are helping out, click here (http://www.arrl.org/news/japan-asks-radio-amateurs-to-keep-frequencies-clear-as-country-goes-into-recovery-mode-after-devasta). For more on how Japan, Hawaii and the Western US dealt with the immediate aftereffects of the earthquake and tsunami, click here (http://www.arrl.org/news/massive-earthquake-hits-japan-tsunami-warnings-issued).

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1295. Crossroads (Marshall) Hamfest, Saturday, March 19

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-03-18 13:04:39 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1295 Message: 1295

Last minute reminder:

Crossroads Hamfest
Saturday, March 19, 2011
Marshall Activity Center (MAC)
15325 W. Michigan Avenue,
Marshall, Michigan 49068
Vendor set-up: Friday, March 18th, 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Saturday, March 19th, 6:00 AM - 8:00 AM
General Admission: Saturday, March 19th, 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM

More information:
http://www.w8df.com/hamfest.html

1296. Re: [GRARA] Crossroads (Marshall) Hamfest, Saturday, March 19

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-03-18 17:12:01 UTC
From: W8DER
Topic: 1295 Message: 1296

Hank, we will see you there. Look for the MichiganFoxHunter.com Table
----- Original Message -----
From: Hank Greeb
To: GRARA Group
Sent: Friday, March 18, 2011 9:04 AM
Subject: [GRARA] Crossroads (Marshall) Hamfest, Saturday, March 19

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1297. Cadillac Hamfest, Sat May 7, 2011

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-03-21 01:26:46 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1297 Message: 1297

The Wexaukee Amateur Radio Club Announces 2011 Cadillac Hamfest

When:
Saturday May 7th
Doors Open at 8 AM

Where:
Cadillac Jr. High School
500 S. Chestnut St.
Cadillac, Mi 49601

Costs:
Admission: $5 at the door
Tables are $10 each (must pre-pay)

Table request for at
http://www.wexaukeearc.org/documents/hamfest2011-table-request.pdf

Flyer with more details at:
http://www.wexaukeearc.org/documents/swap2011-flyer.pdf

1298. Contest this weekend

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-03-23 22:48:06 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1298 Message: 1298

And, it's Phone, SSB, all bands.

CQ WW WPX Contest, SSB: 0000Z, Mar 26 to 2359Z, Mar 27

Single Op: 36 hours with off times of at least 60 minutes
Multi-Op: 48 hours

Details @ http://www.cqwpx.com/rules.htm

Fire up that SSB rig and make a GO! for it!

73 de n8xx Hg

1299. Activities of Interest this weekend

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-03-30 14:29:10 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1299 Message: 1299

Several operating events,and one important Hamfest this weekend:

2011 Missouri QSO Party
1800 UTC April 2, 2011 to 0500 UTC April 3, 2011,
and from
1800 UTC to 2359 UTC April 3, 2011
Rules @ http://www.w0ma.org/mo_qso_party.htm

Also, If you like operating with <5 watts,
QRP ARCI Spring QSO Party
Apr 2, 1200Z - Apr 3, 2400Z
Rules @ http://www.qrparci.org/content/view/8347/118/

And if you are, or like working Tottering Olde Fogeys (Yup, I'm one of 'em)
QCWA Spring QSO Party
Apr 2, 1800Z - Apr 3, 1800Z
Rules @ http://www.qcwa.org/qso-party.htm

But, before you dive into any or all of these Operating Events
Be sure to support the youth at the
ARGYL Hamfest
Saturday, April 2, 0800EDT - Noon
Lowell High School
11700 Vergennes St.
Lowell, MI 49331
Details and map @ http://www.argyl.org/hamfest.html

1300. DX.. 10 is open..

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-04-01 19:35:54 UTC
From: K8TB
Topic: 1300 Message: 1300

Just heard 5Y3GT on 28.022

de k8tb

1301. Re: [GRARA] DX.. 10 is open..

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-04-01 20:42:08 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 1300 Message: 1301

Jack Amelar
13110 Victory Woods Dr NE
Lowell, MI 49331-8857
Home: (616)897-6885
Cell: (616)438-1464
E-mail: mailto:jamelar@...

----- Message from k8tb@... ---------
Date: Fri, 01 Apr 2011 15:35:54 -0400
From: K8TB <k8tb@...>
Reply-To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [GRARA] DX.. 10 is open..
To: k8daa@yahoogroups.com, GRARA@yahoogroups.com,
westMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com

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> de k8tb
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----- End message from k8tb@... -----

1302. Re: DX.. 10 is open..

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-04-01 20:45:46 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 1300 Message: 1302

Should have one hot glowing report for this contact.

Jack NY8D

----- Message from k8tb@... ---------
Date: Fri, 01 Apr 2011 15:35:54 -0400
From: K8TB <k8tb@...>
Reply-To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [GRARA] DX.. 10 is open..
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----- End message from k8tb@... -----

1303. Re: [GRARA] DX.. 10 is open..

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-04-01 21:32:08 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1300 Message: 1303

Yup, and I heard 5R4GY and 872 shortly thereafter. These folks soon shorted out all the 28 MHz AC and converted it to Direct Current.

On 4/1/2011 3:35 PM, K8TB wrote:

Just heard 5Y3GT on 28.022

de k8tb

1304. Fwd: [PaQSO] WØS Special Event - April 9 - 10

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-04-05 16:49:08 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1304 Message: 1304

Thought this might be of interest to folks.

73 de n8xx Hg

-------- Original Message --------

Subject:

[PaQSO] WØS Special Event

Date:

Tue, 5 Apr 2011 10:09:49 -0400

From:

Pete

To:

paqso

99th Anniversary of the Titanic Disaster -- W0S

(http://www.wzeros.com/Square1net/Titanic_Special_Event.html)

This event will take place on Saturday, April 9th starting at 1300Z to Sunday, April 10thending at 0000Z. The Special Event Station will be located at the World's Largest Titanic Museum Attraction on Highway 76 in Branson, MO. April 14, 1912 was the night the Titanic met her demise with a huge iceberg on her maiden voyage from South Hampton, English. Radio operators played a large part during this disaster. It was one of the first times the new international distress call "SOS" gained popularity by radio operators around the world.

Three stations will operate simultaneously using SSB,and CW. All stations will be manned by operators from a consortium of clubs and non-club members from Southwest Missouri, as well as licensed visitors from outside the area. All are welcome to come join us in this Special Event, taking it into the 100th Anniversary. A very nice QSL card for each contact. This will continue each year until it's 100th Anniversary. QSL card information can be found at

(http://www.wzeros.com).

Operators at the Titanic Museum will be stationed in full view of the visitors at it's entrance. A massive media promotion is planned by the owners of the museum to cover local, regional and news media. Amateur Radio will be the featured event in this promotion.

NEW THIS YEAR!! A sister station, W4S, will be operating from the Titanic Museum in Pigeon Forge, TN. TEN-TEC will be providing 3 new EAGLE radios plus matching tuners for the operator's use.

For more information and future updates the website:

(http://www.w4sspecialevent2011.bravehost.com)

Updates will follow as new information becomes available. For questions and more information on operating frequencies, schedules, and equipment, send an email to or visit (http://www.wzeros.com). We will also be live on our Website during the event. Please come see the fun and excitement!

TITANIC SPECIAL EVENT

We will start at 8AM Saturday and continue through 16:00 Sunday.

Operating frequencies will be as follows for SSB and CW.

14.260 ssb +/- 3KC
7.260 ssb # +/- 3KC
3.860 #ssb #+/- 3kc

CW will be running split, "If need"

14.060 CW UP 2kc
7.060 CW UP 2kc
3.560 CW UP 2kc

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de NL7XM

PaQSO mailing list
Home: http://mailman.qth.net/mailman/listinfo/paqso
Help: http://mailman.qth.net/mmfaq.htm
Post: mailto:PaQSO@...

This list hosted by: http://www.qsl.net
Please help support this email list: http://www.qsl.net/donate.html

1305. Table Repair

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-04-05 19:27:59 UTC
From: Jack Kunnen
Topic: 1305 Message: 1305

The people at The Home School Building, where the club has the Swap has asked us for help in repairing a few of the broken tables. There is a man working on them, but can use some help as they have a big event coming up a week from Saturday, 16 April. The problem is they have events going on in the evening so we would be needed in late morning or early after noon next week Thursday. Let me know if anyone can help with the project.

Jack, AB8ND

1306. Re: [GRARA] Table Repair

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-04-06 14:23:50 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 1305 Message: 1306

I am assuming "next week Thursday" means April 14. Although being late morning, early afternoon, it shouldn't interfere with the evening M-57 Road Side Pickup alternate date in case of rain on Tuesday April 12. Anyway, I should be available to help with the tables IF OTHERS IN THIS CLUB ARE ALSO WILLING. I know most are at their jobs during the day on Thursday, but not everybody. 'Nuff said.

73 Jack NY8D

----- Message from ab8nd@... ---------
Date: Tue, 5 Apr 2011 15:27:59 -0400
From: Jack Kunnen <ab8nd@...>
Reply-To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [GRARA] Table Repair
To: GRARA Yahoo <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>

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----- End message from ab8nd@... -----

1307. Re: [GRARA] Table Repair

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-04-06 15:21:39 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1305 Message: 1307

I can help for a few hours on Thursday, the 14th. I gather this is at 5625 Burlingame, SW, Wyoming, MI 49509-9702. Who do we ask to see?

Any other suckers.... err. volunteers for the task? I know there must be some other olde fogeys who are retired, and not too tired to help. The more the merrier!

Lettuce no the proposed start time, and the contact person, and I'll be there!

73 de n8xx Hg.

On 4/6/2011 10:23 AM, Jack Amelar wrote:

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Jack, AB8ND

1308. Re: [GRARA] Table Repair

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-04-06 15:34:21 UTC
From: Jack Kunnen
Topic: 1305 Message: 1308

The proposed time is 10:30 AM, yes at the 5625 Burlingame SW address.
They have tools, but bring a cordless drill and a variety of screw
drivers if you can.

Jack, ab8nd

On Apr 6, 2011, at 11:21 AM, Hank Greeb wrote:

> I can help for a few hours on Thursday, the 14th. I gather this is
> at 5625 Burlingame, SW, Wyoming, MI 49509-9702. Who do we ask to see?
>
> Any other suckers.... err. volunteers for the task? I know there
> must be some other olde fogeys who are retired, and not too tired to
> help. The more the merrier!
>
> Lettuce no the proposed start time, and the contact person, and I'll
> be there!
>
> 73 de n8xx Hg.
>
> On 4/6/2011 10:23 AM, Jack Amelar wrote:
>
>> I am assuming "next week Thursday" means April 14. Although being
>> late morning, early afternoon, it shouldn't interfere with the
>> evening M-57 Road Side Pickup alternate date in case of rain on
>> Tuesday April 12. Anyway, I should be available to help with the
>> tables IF OTHERS IN THIS CLUB ARE ALSO WILLING. I know most are at
>> their jobs during the day on Thursday, but not everybody. 'Nuff said.
>>
>> 73 Jack NY8D
>>
>> ----- Message from ab8nd@... ---------
>> Date: Tue, 5 Apr 2011 15:27:59 -0400
>> From: Jack Kunnen <ab8nd@sbcglobal.net>
>> Reply-To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
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>> To: GRARA Yahoo <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
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1309. 50th GA QSO Party This Weekend

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-04-06 22:24:33 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1309 Message: 1309

Courtesy AC0W, Minnesota Wireless Association.

Hello all:

This weekend will be the 50th GA QSO Party, the first one having been organized by Rusty Epps, K4BVD, now W6OAT in May, 1962. All information can be found at: http://gqp.contesting.com. This year, there are some pecial events to mark the 50th GQP. There will be 18 one-by-one calls, W4, N4, K4 calls ending in G-E-O-R-G-I-A. A special certificate will be issued to every entrant who works at least seven of these one-by-one call signs so that the suffixes spell out the state name. Also, special certificates will be issued to every entrant who sends a log this year and who also made QSOs in GQP in 1962. We have tried to identify those who are still active and sent e-mails to them, but it is possible we may have missed some, so let us know if you think you qualify, but no special claim will be needed for those we have identified if your call is still the same or we have identified your past and current call signs.

In addition to those fun activities, the traditional QSO party will be continue and we have promised activity from at least one fixed, portable, or mobile station from each of GA's 159 counties. GA has more counties than any other state except Texas and the counties are relatively small so mobiles can cover many counties in the 10 hours on Saturday and 10 hours on Sunday.

Counties as multipliers are counted once on CW/digital and once on Phone. If you have any questions or problems, e-mail me or the GQP manager Mike, NE4S.

The GA QSO Party is co-sponsored by the SECC and the SEDXC.

73,

John, K4BAI.

1310. Sunny and warm for Saturday's first fox hunt of 2011

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-04-07 00:21:36 UTC
From: W8DER
Topic: 1310 Message: 1310

Fox Hunters,

Would you believe it? We can look forward to perfect weather for Saturday's first FOX HUNT of 2011. Bill Steffen is projecting a sunny day with the temperature in the high 60's.

Or fox team, Chuck, AJ8W and James, K8JHR must have a special arrangement with Mother Nature. Let's see if they can hide as well as they choose super Saturdays. This will be a two-fox hunt among the fields of Jenison/Hudsonville. What a fantastic kick-off for our summer of challenging hidden transmitter hunting.

I hope you will be joining us on the corner of Port Sheldon and 28th Avenue for the start at 9:30 am. Look for Jim Leys, KD8CAN, our official starter. He will need you odometer reading and your trip meter reading as well as the name of each team member.

Yes, this is a 2 fox hunt! Check the rules on the web site. You can find either fox first and then the other. Odometer readings will be taken at the post race meeting "joint". (meeting place will posted by each fox and announced on the air.)

For more information pse check the http://www.MichiganFoxHunter.com web site.

I am READY! See you there.

Mike, W8DER, for MichiganFoxHunter.com

1311. Re: [GRARA] 50th GA QSO Party This Weekend

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-04-08 01:52:33 UTC
From: Steven Kaney
Topic: 1309 Message: 1311

I'm thinking I'm disappointed the GQP is this weekend. I tried to get on the air last weekend and had no luck. The Misery (MO) QSO Party was on and there was such a ruckus noone heard my measly 2.5W. Listening to the brag, I heard they were using big gun antennas like TH7's and at least 100W and a large number were running linears. No wonder no one heard me.

de N7MUT

From: Hank Greeb <n8xx@...>
To: GRARA Group <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Wed, April 6, 2011 6:24:33 PM
Subject: [GRARA] 50th GA QSO Party This Weekend

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1312. Hamfest?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-04-08 02:03:41 UTC
From: Green Gator
Topic: 1312 Message: 1312

Is there going to be a hamfest at Hudsonville this year?
-Thanks!

1313. Re: [GRARA] Hamfest?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-04-08 02:34:49 UTC
From: wd8usa@aol.com
Topic: 1312 Message: 1313

I think you are thinking of the IRA Hamfest which is in Hudsonville last weekend in June?

-----Original Message-----
From: Green Gator <tigerfan158@...>
To: GRARA <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Thu, Apr 7, 2011 10:03 pm
Subject: [GRARA] Hamfest?

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Is there going to be a hamfest at Hudsonville this year?
-Thanks!

1314. Hudsonville Hamfest, June 2th, 2011

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-04-08 02:53:04 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1312 Message: 1314

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From http://www.w8hvg.org/IRAfest2k.htm

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1315. QRP ARCI Spring QSO Party - N8XX SOAB

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-04-08 02:57:02 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1315 Message: 1315

QRP ARCI CONTEST SUMMARY SHEET
QRP ARCI CONTEST: QRP ARCI Spring QSO Party MODE: CW
CALL: N8XX S/P/C(QTH): MI QRP #/POWER: 6116 ENTRY: All band

BAND	POINTS	S/P/C
160	0	0
80	101	16
40	196	20
20	124	17
15	0	0
10	0	0
6	0	0
Totals	421	53

Total X Total X Power + Bonus = Final
Points S/P/C Mult Points Score

421 X 53 X 7 + 0 = 156191

TOTAL OPERATING TIME: 09:33:36
TRANSCEIVER: DRAKE TR-5 WITH HEATH HM-9 POWER METER POWER OUTPUT 5
ANTENNA(S): INVERTED V DIPOLE FED WITH OPEN WIRE LINE

COMMENTS: LOUSEY PROPAGATION ON 20 - DISCOURAGED MANY FOLKS. DID
MANAGER TO WORK TWO EUROPEANS ON 20 METRES.

1316. Re: [GRARA] Hudsonville Hamfest, June 2th, 2011

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-04-08 12:25:48 UTC
From: Green Gator
Topic: 1312 Message: 1316

Thank you! I'm leaving Florida for my Michigan home soon, and didn't know if the hamfest was still on for this year!
----- Original Message -----
From: Hank Greeb
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Thursday, April 07, 2011 10:53 PM
Subject: [GRARA] Hudsonville Hamfest, June 2th, 2011

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1317. Re: [GRARA] Hamfest?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-04-08 14:48:22 UTC
From: Dave Ed
Topic: 1312 Message: 1317

According to their web site, it is June 4th, 2011.
Dave
AC8AB

--- On Thu, 4/7/11, Green Gator <tigerfan158@...> wrote:

From: Green Gator <tigerfan158@...>
Subject: [GRARA] Hamfest?
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Date: Thursday, April 7, 2011, 10:03 PM

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1318. Re: [GRARA] Hudsonville Hamfest, June 2th, 2011

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-04-09 21:15:52 UTC
From: R. Mark Barnett
Topic: 1312 Message: 1318

I ALWAYS seem to be out of state when these are held.... THIS year I will be in Colorado. I think I need to find a proxy buyer!!! LOL

Mark Barnett N8PGV
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>From: Hank Greeb <n8xx@...>
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1319. Re: [GRARA] Hudsonville Hamfest, actually June 4, 2011

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-04-09 21:24:37 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1312 Message: 1319

The web site hasn't been updated, the "actual" date of the first Saturday in June is June 4. Should have checked .\

73 de n8xx Hg

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1320. Table Repair

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-04-11 18:22:37 UTC
From: Jack Kunnen
Topic: 1305 Message: 1320

I scheduled the table repair for Thursday 14 April at 10:30 AM. Check in with Whitney she can direct everyone to the work area, I think going in the side door we used at the swap.

Jack, ab8nd

1321. New Prefixes for the Royal Wedding

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-04-15 20:10:02 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1321 Message: 1321

If you're a prefix hunter, you may wish to pick up some "Royal wedding"
prefixes:

See: http://www.etcc.rsgb.org/RoyalWedding/

for details.

72/73 de n8xx Hg

1322. May 7, 2011 Drill

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-04-16 13:07:06 UTC
From: KD8CAN
Topic: 1322 Message: 1322

Hi Guys
Just a reminder to mark your calendars for the upcoming drill on May 7, Sat morning. Please meet at the chapter at 8:15. Please RVSP to me if you are planning on attending. This will be a drill involving other departments from the Red Cross and some from Ottawa county. This should be a great fun drill and we can use as many "hams" as possible. This drill will be open to any interested members of GRARA and of course the RCCT Team. Any questions or ideas please contact Joe Bell or me.
Thanks and hope to see you all there.
Jim Leys

Hello all Disaster Volunteers!

I would like to extend an invitation to participate in an upcoming Chapter Disaster Response Exercise the morning of May 7th. The basic idea is that we need to practice in order to be ready when the need arises, and we want to test our readiness while engaging as many of our volunteers as possible (and to have some fun!). Some details of the exercise are being kept secret in order to maintain an element of surprise, so all we ask is that you show up at the Chapter (1050 Fuller Ave. NE) 8:15am May 7th, prepared to participate. Field activities will occur between 9-12am. If you plan on attending the Exercise, please RSVP to me (adavis@...) as soon as possible. A free lunch will be provided.

We hope you can join us!

I'll be in touch.

Drew

Drew Davis | Staff Services Coordinator
American Red Cross of Greater Grand Rapids

(p) (616) 456-8661 ext. 8972 or 3001
(f) (616) 235-2355
www.redcrossggr.org

1323. Tulip Time Parades

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-04-20 00:09:08 UTC
From: Jim Miller
Topic: 1323 Message: 1323

Greetings!

We are getting down to the last couple of weeks and are looking for a few more volunteers to help with the Tulip Time Parades.

Below this email is a more detailed description of the events, but for those that like to skip to the important part, here it is:

Here is what we need:

Wednesday May 11, 2011
-We need 3 more volunteers for this event Thursday May 12, 2011
-We need 5 more volunteers for this event Saturday May 14, 2011
-We need 13 more volunteers for this event If you can only make one parade, we would really appreciate the help on Saturday. This is the biggest and longest event of the week and without your help we will leave some rather lengthy stretches without support to the spectators and/or participants.

Did I mention that you get a FREE LUNCH on Saturday?? Boars Head is donating lunch similar to the ones we have had in the past!

If you would like to help, please send me an email indicating which date you would like to work, your call sign, and preferred location if you have one. I will do my best to get you as close to that spot as possible.

More detailed information:
As in the past the Amateur Radio Operators and the American Red Cross will be providing support along the parade routes during the three Tulip Time parades.

The first parade (Volksparade) is scheduled for Wednesday, May 11, which we will need twelve Amateur Radio Operators to work as a Team with two American Red Cross First Aid Responders in covering a one block section of the parade route. Along with two Net Control Operators, we will need a total of fourteen Amateur Radio Operators, during the time frame of approximately 1:00pm until 3:30pm.

The second parade (Kinderparade) is scheduled for Thursday, May 12, which we will need the same number of Amateur Radio Operators as the Wednesday parade, during the same approximate time frame. The rain date for this parade will be Friday, May 13.

The third, the largest, and the longest parade (Muziekparade) is schedule for Saturday, May 14, which we will need twenty-four Amateur Radio Operators to cover a one-block section of the expanded parade route, along with two-three Net Control Operators. Also during this parade we need packet radio stations setup and operating at the American Red Cross Tulip Time Headquarters, Holland High School, and at Net Control.

Also for the Saturday parade, Amateur Radio Operators are needed to assist with parade lineup. This group will be working within their own net, and on a different frequency than the parade route Teams. We need approximately ten operators, six assigned to specific

Division Parade Marshals, one to work with the floats, one to assist the TV Crew with their coverage, one to work with the cars, one to work directly with the Grand Marshal, and two Net Control Operators. Adding up the various activities on Saturday, we need approximately forty Amateur Radio Operators just to cover what we currently know needs to be covered.

As one can see, this is large operation in which one Club or Group cannot handle on their own. Please we need your help in getting the word out to all area Amateur Radio Operators of this need. Many have done this festival for years and have their favorite spots to serve. If you are willing to serve, and have a favorite spot, please let me know I will to my best to assign you to that specific position. For those that are new to the hobby or those that have sat on the sidelines in the past years, please consider giving it a try. It is fun, and is a great way to brush up on your net operating procedures while providing a highly visible community service.

Thanks in advance!

Jim Miller
w8jrm@...

1324. upgrade to General

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-04-25 20:59:05 UTC
From: William
Topic: 1324 Message: 1324

Looking to upgrade to General. Who knows how to do the math? I will be getting a new calculator today. It has been a long time I had to do this math.

1325. Re: [GRARA] upgrade to General

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-04-25 21:10:02 UTC
From: ab8nd@sbcglobal.net
Topic: 1324 Message: 1325

Not having looked at the General for awhile I can't say for sure, but I don't think there is math requiring a calculator. If there is the ARRL study guides should explain it.

Jack, ab8nd

Sent from my Verizon Wireless BlackBerry

-----Original Message-----
From: "William" <wbchayes@...>
Sender: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Date: Mon, 25 Apr 2011 20:59:05
To: <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Reply-To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [GRARA] upgrade to General

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1326. Re: [GRARA] upgrade to General

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-04-26 01:54:01 UTC
From: David Brace
Topic: 1324 Message: 1326

Amazon Kindle has a book of the formulas for all exams. You can download the Kindle ap to your computer and get this free booklet> it really helped me with the formulas for the extra exam.

73

Dave - W8RUZ

1327. Major Tornado activity in Alabama

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-04-27 22:39:54 UTC
From: K8TB
Topic: 1327 Message: 1327

Watching this live http://www.foxalabamalive.com/

This looks huge...

tom k8tb

1328. State QSO Parties,anyone?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-04-28 00:32:13 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1328 Message: 1328

State State parties galore, 5 in the next couple weak endz:

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Florida QSO Party (CW/Phone)
Apr 30, 1600z to May 1, 0159z and
May 1, 1200z to 2159z
Rules: http://www.floridaqsoparty.org/
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Nebraska QSO Party (CW/SSB/Digital)
Apr 30, 1100z to May 1, 1700z
Rules: http://www.hdxa.net/neqso/index.htm
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And, The following weekend, May 7/8, 2011, three State QSO Parties

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7th Call Area QSO Party (Ph/CW/Dig)
May 7, 1300z to May 8, 0700z
Rules: http://www.codxc.com/new/page.asp?content=dryland7s
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Indiana QSO Party (All) ...
May 7, 1600z to May 8, 0400z
Rules: http://www.hdxcc.org/inqp/
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New England QSO Party (Phone/CW)
May 7, 2000z to May 8, 0500z
May 8, 1300z to May 8, 2400z
Rules: http://www.neqp.org/
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The 7QP, InQP, and NEQP can be logged in one programme using N1MM logger (maybe others? I dunno).

73 de n8xx Hg
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1329. Any N1MM experts out there? I need help again, please!

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-05-02 01:06:10 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1329 Message: 1329

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1330. Re: [GRARA] Any N1MM experts out there? I need help again, please!

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-05-02 13:02:09 UTC
From: Rich Douglas
Topic: 1329 Message: 1330
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Hi Henry,

To change modes, simply type what you want in the call sign box. CW gets you CW and SSB gets you USB or LSB depending on the band. One other thing, just entering the frequency in the call sign box will also change it on the transceiver and if set up correctly will also set the mode. I hope you have your transceiver interfaced. N1MM will also track your transceiver when you make adjustments there. Good luck in the contest. I wish I had the time.

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1331. Re: [GRARA] Any N1MM experts out there? I need help again, please!

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-05-02 13:55:49 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1329 Message: 1331

Thanks, Rich:

I'll hook up my keying circuit and try these various aspects of the N1MM software. I'll probably operate only CW, unless sunspots are truly up and the ionosphere works much much better than this past weekend. QRP and SSB doesn't work very well unless propagation is great!

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1332. Re: Any N1MM experts out there? I need help again, please!

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-05-04 03:42:52 UTC
From: n8xxham
Topic: 1329 Message: 1332

Thanks to all who "told me where to go" for help with N1MM logging programme.

I think I've all the info I need to run with the NE/IN/7QP's this week end.

73 de n8xx Hg

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1333. GRARA meeting notice

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-05-05 22:35:44 UTC
From: AB8ND
Topic: 1333 Message: 1333

Members and Friends,

Tomorrow, Friday 6 May is meeting night for GRARA. 7:00 PM meeting, 6:30 PM gab session.

Jack, AB8ND

1334. A short little video

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-05-07 18:51:48 UTC
From: Jack Kunnen
Topic: 1334 Message: 1334

From Last evenings meeting.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=86XJxjnwrAc

Should run as a full HD.

Jack, AB8ND

1335. Re: [GRARA] A short little video

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-05-07 21:27:56 UTC
From: William Hayes
Topic: 1334 Message: 1335

Nice video.
Thank you Jack.

Bill Hayes KD8PZK

From: Jack Kunnen <ab8nd@...>
To: GRARA Yahoo <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Sat, May 7, 2011 2:51:48 PM
Subject: [GRARA] A short little video

From Last evenings meeting.

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Should run as a full HD.

Jack, AB8ND

1336. Hidden Transmitter Hunt, Saturday, May 14 at 10:00 AM

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-05-07 23:37:54 UTC
From: K8TB
Topic: 1336 Message: 1336

The hunt last month was a warm up. Now, dust off the equipment one more time and join in the second hunt for West Michigan this year.

Details:

Congregate time: 9:30 am, May 14, 2011
Fox on air time: 10:00 am
Start location: Same as last time, Family Fare at 28th and Port Sheldon in Hudsonville
(Hint, there is an ice cream place right across the street)
Fox will be within 8 airline miles
Lowest mileage wins
Maximum Fox Hunt Time of 2 hours
Fox will be using Robo Fox, 1 min on, 2 min off
Fox will be located in a car, on publicly accessible land or water.
OK, the Fox will actually be a Vixen. One guess.

Sincerely,

The Vixen and her Fox

1337. K8EB Antennas for sale

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-05-09 21:51:01 UTC
From: K8TB
Topic: 1337 Message: 1337

Erv, K8EB has several antennas for sale. Please contact him with his phone number listed at the end.

Antennas For SaleHF-VHF-UHF-Microwave

20meter 5 ele HyGain large antenna \ no damage but no hardware needs cleaning and hardware kit 100.00 firm

15 meter 5ele HyGain very nice has stainless hardware 150.00 firm

Butternut vertical w/ 17 & 30 m add kit150.00 obo

2 meter Cush craft 4 ele have two available $ 75.00ea

2 meter Cushcraft 13-b2's have set of 4 two will need some repair but have all new parts to complete repairs

Make an offer on all 4

6 meter HyGain 6 ele with stainless hardware ready to go up first $150.00

432/440 19 ele very nice smaller antenna$75.00

2 meter M2 18XXX this is a very big 2 meter antenna no better antenna for 2 meters $200.00 firm

220 M2 222-7WL the very best for 220mhz $175.00 firm

432 M2 432-13WLA super antenna for 432 $175.00 firm ---- also have H-frame and lots of aluminum tubing --Please only serious calls 616-581-7598

Several microwave dishes of different sizes and feeds

Contact Erv, K8EB

1338. Could we try for Fox Hunting Pictures in CQ Magazine next year?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-05-10 13:26:20 UTC
From: W8DER
Topic: 1338 Message: 1338

Fox hunters,

We have gotten good coverage in CQ Magazine the last two years (May, 2010, 2011) thanks to the clever writing of Tom and Sheila Bosscher. I wonder if we can step it up one notch this year with a picture or two getting published. They are asking for pictures.

What quality does it take to publish a digital photo in a magazine like CQ?

It is easy to see what type of picture they select. There is always one with tape measure antennas, group pictures, one action shot and maybe a unique hiding place. Do we have a fox hunter who is good at taking pictures?

Information on where to send pictures and stories for next year's article is on Joe Moell's (K0OV) web site http://www.homingin.com

Mike@...

DON'T FORGET THE FOX HUNT THIS SATURDAY. SEE INFORMATION ON
http://www.michiganfoxhunter.com .

1339. How to Not drop a Tower..

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-05-11 22:05:29 UTC
From: K8TB
Topic: 1339 Message: 1339

Some days, things just don't go right. Keep this in mind if you ever
take down a tower...

http://www.springfieldnewssun.com/news/springfield-news/ohio-edison-tower-demo-fails-falls-wrong-way-999816.html

73 de tom K8TB

1340. Upgrade

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-05-12 05:48:04 UTC
From: R. Mark Barnett
Topic: 1339 Message: 1340

I need to upgrade pretty soon (or renew). When is my next chance to be tested in the area?

Mark Barnett N8PGV
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1341. Re: [GRARA] Upgrade

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-05-12 10:17:38 UTC
From: Rich Douglas
Topic: 1339 Message: 1341
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Hi Mark,

Thanks for asking. The next examination is tomorrow, Friday, May 13, 2011 at the Red Cross Building room L-4. We start around 6:30 PM. The address is 1050 Fuller, NE; Grand Rapids, MI. I hope to see you there. Make sure you bring a COPY of your current license and of course, proper ID. The cost of the exam is currently $15.00 and covers one shot at all of the elements.

73,
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1342. Re: [GRARA] Upgrade

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-05-12 13:52:21 UTC
From: Megan Heyl
Topic: 1339 Message: 1342

Contact the Allegan ARC. They offer tests almost monthly - Jim Gillis is the president.. he will have the details for you. AC8AG - # 269-673-5539. (He mentions his number on the air so I posted it here).
WO0MEG

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1343. Re: [GRARA] Upgrade

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-05-13 03:12:15 UTC
From: wd8usa@aol.com
Topic: 1339 Message: 1343

The club VE tests every 2nd Friday of the month at the Red Cross bldg, 1050 Fuller NE in GR

-----Original Message-----
From: R. Mark Barnett <orgelkraft@...>
To: GRARA <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Thu, May 12, 2011 1:48 am
Subject: [GRARA] Upgrade

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1344. Re: [GRARA] Upgrade

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-05-14 01:58:46 UTC
From: Steven Kaney
Topic: 1339 Message: 1344

Great call sign, good thinking.
de N7MUT

From: Megan Heyl <jester1380@...>
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Thu, May 12, 2011 9:52:21 AM
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1345. Re: [GRARA] Upgrade

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-05-14 03:03:46 UTC
From: Megan Heyl
Topic: 1339 Message: 1345

THANKS!

On May 13, 2011, at 9:58 PM, Steven Kaney wrote:

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> From: Megan Heyl <jester1380@gmail.com>
> To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
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1346. Re: [GRARA] Upgrade

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-05-14 03:10:25 UTC
From: R. Mark Barnett
Topic: 1339 Message: 1346

Thank you, and thank you to all who have replied... I couldn't make it tonight because I had a birthday party... MINE, so I couldn't duck out! We just finished up...
It gives me time to brush up on another element.... I passed all of them once and couldn't get my code portion... I love CW... but I'm no good at it.... I would like to get my novice call back.... KB8MFY.... Try PGV on voice..... simply terrible.... always comes across EEE.

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--- On Thu, 5/12/11, Rich Douglas <rich@...> wrote:

From: Rich Douglas <rich@...>
Subject: Re: [GRARA] Upgrade
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Date: Thursday, May 12, 2011, 6:17 AM

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1347. Re: [GRARA] Upgrade

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-05-14 03:17:25 UTC
From: R. Mark Barnett
Topic: 1339 Message: 1347

Thanks Megan! I will check with Jim and see when they offer testing. It might work out better.

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From: Megan Heyl <jester1380@...>
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1348. Re: [GRARA] Upgrade

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-05-14 03:32:38 UTC
From: Megan Heyl
Topic: 1339 Message: 1348

You're welcome, and best of luck!
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1349. 462.5625

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-05-17 03:24:47 UTC
From: pobox740
Topic: 1349 Message: 1349

How many of us (hams and non hams) have the ability, to listen in on 462.5625 Mhz nfm.
This freq is channel 1 of the FRS (family radio service) radio service.
A low power, non license short range use service.
And is used by family, and busnisses alike.
As for the rest of the "TEC STUFF", I will let you look it up on your own.
"What an I getting at?"
As some of you know, I live next to the White Pine Trail.
And I see people that have the FRS radios with them when thay are on the trail, to keep in contact with friends/family that are also on
the trail(or near by).
This service is also uesd by hunters in the game area, camping families, and moms at the park.
Just to name a few.
My thought is this...
If you live near a public recreation site, or in the area of one,
keep an ear tuned to this channel.
You never know when you may hear someone in need of help, and you may be the only one who hears it.
I am NOT saying that you need to get one, but if you have one sitting around, turn it on.
Most 440 HTs can tune the frequince in, along with dule band units
and scanners.
And eventhou you can not talk to a person in need, you can tell the
911 dispatcher what you herd.
"Why this channel?"
There is a lot of "radio groups" that have pushed for this channel to be the "EMERGENCY" channel, and contact channel.
As far as I have researched, the FCC dose not have any ruleing for an "emergency channel" for the FRS service.
And I have not found any FRS clubs, national or otherwise.
However, there is a lot of FRS radio companies that have CH1 as the emergency channel in the users guidbook.
With the weather getting warmer, I have noticed a small rise in use on this band.
And thought that maybe this would be another way us hams could help our community.
73's
Timothy kb8afs

1350. Re: [GRARA] 462.5625

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-05-17 14:24:01 UTC
From: Charles Rich
Topic: 1349 Message: 1350

This is a GREAT idea. Most of us have this availability. I am going to program it into my radio, today. When I'm out "hanging loose" I'm scanning, anyway.

Chuck, W8GCW

CHECK MY PROFILE AT WWW.QRZ.COM
Be sure to check out my Ham Radio Page AT http://chuckrich.net/radio.htm
Licensed by the FCC since 1950

From: pobox740 <pobox740@...>
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Mon, May 16, 2011 11:24:47 PM
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1351. Re: 462.5625

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-05-18 03:11:24 UTC
From: DaveS
Topic: 1349 Message: 1351

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1352. Re: [GRARA] Re: 462.5625

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-05-18 03:30:23 UTC
From: wd8usa@aol.com
Topic: 1349 Message: 1352

Great thought Tim! I agree- kind of like "Wilderness Protocol" on the ham bands- Too bad that on 146.52 there are high power base stations that use this freq as a chit chat channel in Kent Co driving informal monitors off the freq.
Sorry- couldn't resist the comment- Your FRS monitoring for emergencies made me think of this-

-----Original Message-----
From: DaveS <kc8pcl@...>
To: GRARA <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Tue, May 17, 2011 11:11 pm
Subject: [GRARA] Re: 462.5625

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1353. Re: [GRARA] Re: 462.5625

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-05-18 04:49:34 UTC
From: timothy courtier
Topic: 1349 Message: 1353

Dave,
Thanks for sharing my message with the net.
From what I have been reading, I have started a movement. (hi hi)
True, that there are some limatations that by law can not be changed.
But maybe one of us would be able to help someone, some day.
timothy kb8afs

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1354. CQ WPX CW Contest this weekend

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-05-26 14:44:56 UTC
From: n8xxham
Topic: 1354 Message: 1354

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CQWW WPX Contest (CW)
May 28, 0000z to May 29, 2359z
Rules: http://www.cqwpx.com/
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All HF bands, except 60 metres and the WARC bands, CW only (start exercising that left foot NOW!), High power, Low Power, QRP Single op categories, plus several multi-op categories.

If you have one of those "interesting" prefixes, like the call I'll be using (WQ8RP) this can be a very fulfilling adventure.

I've even entered it with my garden variety N8 prefix, and have had fun!

Give it a try, you won't be disappointed.

73 de n8xx Hg

1355. Re: [GRARA] CQ WPX CW Contest this weekend

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-05-26 14:48:25 UTC
From: ab8nd@sbcglobal.net
Topic: 1354 Message: 1355

For awhle the AB pre was very popular.
Sent from my Verizon Wireless BlackBerry

-----Original Message-----
From: "n8xxham" <n8xx@...>
Sender: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Date: Thu, 26 May 2011 14:44:56
To: <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Reply-To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
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1356. June 4, IRA Swap Fox Hunt

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-06-01 00:35:42 UTC
From: K8TB
Topic: 1356 Message: 1356

More details to follow, but word has it that two guys who think
they can pull the wool over anyone's eyes, are planning a fox hunt this
Saturday, June 4, with the start point being the IRA swap in
Hudsonville. Airtime is to be 1:30PM. Find time, less than 30 minutes....:)

Be there..

de tom K8TB

1357. June Meetings

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-06-02 20:08:44 UTC
From: Jack Kunnen
Topic: 1357 Message: 1357

Hi all,

Just a reminder that the June meeting will be held after the IRA potluck tomorrow, 3 June, at the Hudsonville Fairgrounds.

VE testing will be next week at the Red Cross chapter house as usual.

The DAPR club will meet for breakfast at the New Beginnings Restaurant on Port Sheldon Road at 7 AM on 4 June before the IRA Swap.

Jack, AB8ND

1358. QRP IN THE PARK EVENT! - Saturday, June 18th 6:30PM

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-06-02 21:45:43 UTC
From: K8TB
Topic: 1358 Message: 1358

Hi Everyone,

Please join us at Helder Park from 6:30 PM to DUSK on Saturday, June 18th 2011. We will be firing up the grills and putting our amateur radio skills into action. If you ever wanted to work low power portable on CW, SSB phone, or the digital modes with HF, UHF, VHF bands; and to get some practice in before field day... we invite you to stop by and see us!

Where? HELDER PARK
3751 104th Avenue
Holland, Michigan

When? SATURDAY JUNE 18TH 2011 - 6:30 PM TO DUSK

Note: This event is weather permitting and will cancel if severe weather is expected for the area. Please monitor this reflector and 147.06 K8DAA repeater the evening of the event for any changes of times or event cancel.

See You There!

Joe AC8JD
Jeff KB8QAP

1359. June VHF contest this coming weekend

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-06-06 19:37:36 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1359 Message: 1359

Dig out those IC-706's, or try that 6M band daylight rigs and get on the air this weekend.

The ARRL June VHF contest is coming. Starting 1800z June 11 through 0300z June 13. Last year we had some of the best 6M Eskip propagation I've ever experienced in this contest. Some parts of the country also got a nice 2M Eskip opening as well. There we a handful MRRC'ers that made a few hundred contacts on 6, so let's hope we get great condx again this year.

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Try it, you may like it.

1360. Morley site cleanup, N24HC, Field Day

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-06-09 02:39:02 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 1360 Message: 1360

Morley receive site grounds maintenance with campout.
It's time once again for grounds maintenance at the 250ft commercial tower NE of Morley owned by T&W Electronics which, among other radio services, hosts the Lowell 145.27- (94.8Hz) Morley remote receiver 144.67 MHz. And now includes the K8SN 442.075 (103.5Hz) repeater!
Part of our arrangement with T&W is upkeep of the grounds.
Being the site is a mix of field and woods located in a rural area near Amish families and an Elk-Deer-Buffalo farm, some of us combine this with a camping trip.
The main cleanup day will be Saturday, June 11. Figure start around 10AM. Rolls and coffee will be provided in the morning, Burgers and beverages for lunch. The "better half" and kids are certainly welcome.
There are no toilet facilities here, but I will have the rest room in my motorhome available. It's not a problem, really!
I plan to arrive Thursday or Friday and not leave "until I'm ready to".
Anyone else interested in a cheap non-crowded campsite is welcome.
Electricity is available. Questions? My cell phone is (616)438-1464.
On the cleanup agenda this time. Mowing. Clearing trees and brush growing under the south guy wires and cutting / clearing fallen trees near the south anchor. If time and energy permits, the same for the east guy wires.
An extra mower (in case the one I bring breaks down, been there, done that) as well Extra chain saws and operators a BIG plus.

HOW TO GET THERE?

Use your preferred mapping program and input: 3800 155th Ave, Morley, MI 49336 Or follow the Google Maps with the tinyurl links below.

Directions from Grand Rapids via US-131 Expressway are simple. If your arriving from Lowell, the "from Lowell" directions use paved county roads and really is the shortest, quickest way. But I know some people will go 100 miles out of the way to use expressway. Decide for yourself.

FROM GRAND RAPIDS to Morley receive site.
http://tinyurl.com/m7zff9
Head north on US-131 expressway to Morley exit 125, Jefferson Rd.

Turn right / east for 1 1/2 miles to Northland Dr. in the center of Morley.
Just before passing thru Morley, give a shout on the Lowell repeater to see if we need Ice or anything from a gas station / convenience store.

Jog left / north then right / east. Continue on Jefferson Rd for another 1 3/4 miles.

Turn left / north on 155th Ave for 2 1/2 miles.

Turn right in the drive and park. You will have spotted the tower well before you arrived.

FROM LOWELL to Morley receive site
http://tinyurl.com/kv7sxx

Head north on Lincoln Lake Ave, for 20 miles, crossing Hwy M-44 and M-57 along the way.

Turn left / west on 18 Mile Rd., toward Cedar Springs, for 1 mile.

Turn right / north on Meddler Ave for 4 miles. Meddler ends at 22 Mile Rd.

Turn left / west on 22 Mile Rd for 1/2 mile. 22 Mile Rd borders Kent and Montcalm Counties.

Turn right / north on Amble Rd, entering Montcalm County, for 2 miles.

Turn left / west on Briggs Rd for 1 mile.

Turn right / north on Bailey Rd for 4 1/2 miles, passing through the village of Coral.
Just before passing thru Coral, give a shout on the Lowell repeater to see if we need Ice or anything from the gas station / convenience store.

Turn right / east on Church Rd for 1 mile.

Turn left / north on Amble Rd for 7 1/2 miles. **If Amble Rd were a thru street, I would not have routed you thru Coral!** You will cross Hwy M-46 along the way. Past M-46, you will enter Mecosta County where Amble Rd becomes 150th Ave.

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Saturday, June 18
The National 24 Hour Challenge (N24HC) http://www.n24hc.org is a 126 1/2 mile bicycle route through Barry County that takes place on the day / Saturday before Fathers Day that attracts about 400 riders plus their support crews. Amateur Radio communications is an important part of the logistics of this annual event taking place this year on June 18.
As I type this, the following communications positions are in need of volunteers for 3 check points and 3 vehicles (supplied with driver).
The event coordinators provide shirts, limited refreshments, and Friday evening spaghetti dinner. Please contact the Ham Radio Communications Director, Jack NY8D, if you are willing to help.
mailto:jamelar@...?subject=N24HC
Phone (616)897-6885, cell (616)438-1464

Thanks
73 Jack NY8D

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Saturday, Sunday, June 25 and 26.
FIELD DAY WEEKEND!!!! The Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association is coordinating a combined FD event with the Lowell Amateur Radio Club, and possibly others. Location is Calvin College. More details as available.

1361. Re: [GRARA] June VHF contest this coming weekend

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-06-12 03:11:10 UTC
From: Steven Kaney
Topic: 1359 Message: 1361

I was hoping to have some fun today but the day in CT started with quite pregnant clouds and it started drizzling about 1pm just before the contest started. Too wet for radio in the park. Tomorrow is likely to be just a little nicer. I dont think the bands were all that good today either - I couldn't hear much from the apt.

Question: Is it OK to use both a Heil competition mic element AND the compression in the radio at the same time?

de N7MUT

From: Hank Greeb <n8xx@arrl.org>
To: GRARA Group <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Mon, June 6, 2011 3:37:36 PM
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1362. 1 x 1 call for Field Day?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-06-13 22:58:59 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1362 Message: 1362

Has a 1x1 call been selected for the combined effort of several clubs in the Grand Rapids area?

72/73 de n8xx Hg

1363. Field Day Locator

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-06-13 23:04:04 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1363 Message: 1363

I also note that there are NO, NIL, ZILCH, NADA, stations listed within a 25 mile radius of Grand Rapids on the ARRL Field Day locator map. Is Grand Rapids a dead zone for Field Day?

See http://www.arrl.org/field-day-locator

And put in your information.

72/73 de n8xx Hg

1364. Re: [GRARA] Field Day Locator

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-06-14 11:28:50 UTC
From: Jack Kunnen
Topic: 1363 Message: 1364

We are listed as W8DC for now

Jack , AB8ND

On Jun 13, 2011, at 7:04 PM, Hank Greeb wrote:

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1365. 4Th of July backyard fun.

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-06-15 23:53:50 UTC
From: pobox740
Topic: 1365 Message: 1365

Hello,
I am going to run an unoffical, 4Th of July backyard event station.
DATE: 7/4/2011
TIME 08:00 - 15:00 EST (04:00 - 19:00 UTC)
FREQ: 28.440 USB, 147.450, Node 335539 Ecolink.
CALL: KB8AFS
Hope to hear you.
73's Timothy kb8afs

1366. Re: [GRARA] 4Th of July backyard fun. time correction

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-06-16 00:06:40 UTC
From: timothy courtier
Topic: 1365 Message: 1366

--- On Wed, 6/15/11, pobox740 <pobox740@...> wrote:

From: pobox740 <pobox740@...>
Subject: [GRARA] 4Th of July backyard fun.
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Date: Wednesday, June 15, 2011, 7:53 PM

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1367. July 1th meeting?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-06-17 00:02:23 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1367 Message: 1367

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73 de n8xx Hg

1368. Re: [GRARA] July 1th meeting?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-06-17 00:05:20 UTC
From: ab8nd@sbcglobal.net
Topic: 1367 Message: 1368

Yes

Jack, ab8nd
Sent from my Verizon Wireless BlackBerry

-----Original Message-----
From: Hank Greeb <n8xx@arrl.org>
Sender: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Date: Thu, 16 Jun 2011 20:02:23
To: GRARA Group<GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Reply-To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [GRARA] July 1th meeting?

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1369. Re: [GRARA] July 1th meeting?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-06-17 19:34:50 UTC
From: William Hayes
Topic: 1367 Message: 1369

I think we should cancel the meeting.

Bill Hayes
KD8PZK

From: Hank Greeb <n8xx@...>
To: GRARA Group <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 16, 2011 8:02 PM
Subject: [GRARA] July 1th meeting?

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1370. (no subject)

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-06-18 16:15:47 UTC
From: ROBERT JOHNSON
Topic: 1370 Message: 1370

whenis filed day

1371. Re: [GRARA]

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-06-18 18:08:58 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1370 Message: 1371

Mr. Johnson:

Field day is:

June 25 & 26 2011
June 23 & 24 2012
June 22 & 23 2013 (Yes it's the fourth full weekend in June, NOT necessarily the LAST weekend in June)
June 28 & 29 2014
et. nausea.

I'm sure someone else will determine the setup schedule, but, sorta traditionally, we have set up starting early Saturday morning (sometime between 8 and 10 a.m., typically) to be ready to go by the 2 p.m. EDST start time.

It is at the east campus of Calvin college, somewhere near the Prince Conference Centre. K8DMR will know the eggzakt details and be happy to tell you where to go. I'm very sorry I don't have those details, becuase I LOVE to tell people where to go. :)

73 de n8xx Hg

On 6/18/2011 12:15 PM, ROBERT JOHNSON wrote:

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1372. Field Day

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-06-19 12:21:44 UTC
From: KD8CAN
Topic: 999 Message: 1372

Hi Guys
We have permissiom to use the Red Cross generator for Field Day.
Will need someone with a truck and others to help load and unload it.
We can set up at time Sat morning to meet at The Red Cross.
Thanks
Jim KD8CAN

1373. Re: [GRARA] Field Day

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-06-20 03:09:16 UTC
From: Kathleen-
Topic: 999 Message: 1373

Hey Jim- When the guys are done with the generator please fefill with gas and add "stable" to the gas so it will stay fresh- No telling when it will be used again-
On another note- I will not be attending GRARA's FD as I will be participating in the FD effort for the Tri-County ARES/RACES event at Grose Park.

You are in charge to make sure our equipment is handled safely and care is taken-
Have you and Ray got on D-Star yet?? Let me know when you plann on it and I might join in-
JB

-----Original Message-----
From: KD8CAN <jm_leys@...>
To: GRARA <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Sun, Jun 19, 2011 8:21 am
Subject: [GRARA] Field Day

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Will need someone with a truck and others to help load and unload it.
We can set up at time Sat morning to meet at The Red Cross.
Thanks
Jim KD8CAN

1374. Field Day Stuff for sale

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-06-20 12:35:50 UTC
From: Phillip
Topic: 1374 Message: 1374

Hi All
I have a MFJ-948 Tuner that would be good for field day. This is the first of the 948 series. $50

Also a sat dish mount that would be great for a mast or smaller ant.
It is a galvenized steel frame with a short vert. pipe on one side. You could clamp a mast on the side or slide a mast over it. This is a ballast mount. Meaning you use cement blocks to hold it down. The more blocks, the more it will support. The mount is easy to carry and not really big. Google Dish ballast mounts and you can see how they work. $20

I am located in Dutton, 1 block south of 68th st.

73
Phil
WU8P

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1375. ARLX003 2011 W1AW Field Day Bulletin Schedule

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-06-20 16:34:58 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1375 Message: 1375

Be sure to have someone (or several folks) copy the W1AW Field Day bulletin. You can even do it b4 the day of field - on Friday.

Probably less QRM from Field Day Stations if you do it on Friday.

73 de n8xx Hg

-------- Original Message --------

Subject:

ARLX003 2011 W1AW Field Day Bulletin Schedule

Date:

Mon, 20 Jun 2011 12:08:36 -0400 (EDT)

From:

ARRL Web site

To:

hgreeb@...

SB SPCL @ ARL $ARLX003
ARLX003 2011 W1AW Field Day Bulletin Schedule

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Special Bulletin 3 ARLX003
>From ARRL Headquarters
Newington CT June 20, 2011
To all radio amateurs

SB SPCL ARL ARLX003
ARLX003 2011 W1AW Field Day Bulletin Schedule

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K6KPH Field Day Bulletin Schedule

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W1AW will operate on its regularly published frequencies.

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Digital frequencies are 3.5975, 7.095, 14.095, 18.1025, 21.095, 28.095 and 147.555 MHz.

Phone frequencies are 1.855, 3.990, 7.290, 14.290, 18.160, 21.390, 28.590 and 147.555 MHz.

W1AW will transmit the Field Day bulletin using 45.45-baud Baudot, PSK31 in BPSK mode and MFSK16.

The Maritime Radio Historical Society station K6KPH will transmit the 2011 W1AW Field Day bulletin for the benefit of West Coast stations on 3.5815, 7.0475, 14.0475, 18.0975 and 21.0675 MHz using CW.

K6KPH will transmit the Field Day bulletin using Baudot, FEC AMTOR, BPSK31 and MFSK16 on 7.095 and 14.095 MHz.

The K6KPH schedule is accurate as of June 20, 2011.

Any additional transmissions or changes in the schedule will be posted on the web in PDF format at, http://www.arrl.org/files/file/Field-Day/2011/2011_W1AW_Sked.pdf.
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1376. Re: [GRARA] ARLX003 2011 W1AW Field Day Bulletin Schedule

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-06-21 01:21:22 UTC
From: Kathleen-
Topic: 1375 Message: 1376

A reminder also- An NTS radiogram sent to Dale Williams WA8EFK RE: the Club FD operation will give the club 100 more points!
JB

-----Original Message-----
From: Hank Greeb <n8xx@...>
To: GRARA Group <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Mon, Jun 20, 2011 12:37 pm
Subject: [GRARA] ARLX003 2011 W1AW Field Day Bulletin Schedule

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1377. Re: Field Day

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-06-21 10:02:11 UTC
From: ka5s
Topic: 999 Message: 1377

I will be bringing my 1KW Honda ☐ it's QUIET!

Cortland

--- In GRARA@yahoogroups.com, "KD8CAN" <jm_leys@...> wrote:
>
> Hi Guys
> We have permissiom to use the Red Cross generator for Field Day.
> Will need someone with a truck and others to help load and unload it.
> We can set up at time Sat morning to meet at The Red Cross.
> Thanks
> Jim KD8CAN
>

1378. Is TV going crazy the Norm around here?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-06-22 01:15:16 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1378 Message: 1378

Seems like whenever there's even a remote possibility of a tornado or a reasonably heavy storm around here, the TV Weathermen go bonkers and all, yes all, commercial stations switch to non-stop weather.

Shucky durn, from whence cometh I (SW Ohio) we needed a confirmed tornado with actual visible damage to start such activity from the weather people. There seemed to be one unconfirmed tornado in Allegan County, yet every station, including Channel 41 in Battle Creek, went to continuous weather. Don't the TV stations have anything better to do?

Pardon the rant, but from whence I come, today's weather was "run of the mill."

73 de n8xx Hg

1379. Re: [GRARA] Is TV going crazy the Norm around here?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-06-22 01:41:30 UTC
From: K8TB
Topic: 1378 Message: 1379

Hank,

It's TV. If it bleeds, it leads. Consultant based news driven by
folks from Atlanta. It will not get better.

But, the TV weather folks in Ohio are just as bad with the Chicken
Little yelling. Same ownership, same consultants.

tom K8TB, who works for a TV station that has no video :)

On 6/21/2011 9:15 PM, Hank Greeb wrote:
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> a reasonably heavy storm around here, the TV Weathermen go bonkers and
> all, yes all, commercial stations switch to non-stop weather.
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1380. Re: [GRARA] Is TV going crazy the Norm around here?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-06-22 03:15:02 UTC
From: Steven Kaney
Topic: 1378 Message: 1380

No they don't have anything better to do. It's not just there, if it starts to rain they're all 'Oh no we're going to die' and the same with wind or snow. Same with the news.
de N7MUT

From: Hank Greeb <n8xx@...>
To: GRARA Group <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Tue, June 21, 2011 9:15:16 PM
Subject: [GRARA] Is TV going crazy the Norm around here?

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1381. Re: [GRARA] Is TV going crazy the Norm around here?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-06-22 10:37:10 UTC
From: ab8nd@sbcglobal.net
Topic: 1378 Message: 1381

I remember after the Standale tornado when there was any thought of one we where send home from school. At home the farthest we could go outside was the front porch. That was a but of over kill, but today because of the weather service "crying wolf" so much no one even listens to warnings let alone watches.
Hank is right about the over done coverage, but then the weather is much better programing than what is normally on.

Jack, ab8nd
Sent from my Verizon Wireless BlackBerry

-----Original Message-----
From: Hank Greeb <n8xx@arrl.org>
Sender: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Date: Tue, 21 Jun 2011 21:15:16
To: GRARA Group<GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Reply-To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [GRARA] Is TV going crazy the Norm around here?

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1382. Re: [GRARA] Is TV going crazy the Norm around here?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-06-22 11:02:41 UTC
From: Richard Brown
Topic: 1378 Message: 1382

and they are creating an adversarial view of nature..a thunderstorm is a thunderstorm..enjoy

On 6/22/2011 6:37 AM, ab8nd@... wrote:
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> one we where send home from school. At home the farthest we could go
> outside was the front porch. That was a but of over kill, but today
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1383. Rockford triathalon help needed

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-06-25 13:49:50 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1383 Message: 1383

Since this is in my back yard, I'm planning to help, presuming I'm still
on the "living" side of the life expectancy curve.

Anyone else? See info below. Sign up directly.

73 de n8xx Hg

-------- Original Message --------
Subject: [Kcares_general] Rock tri help all info
Date: Sat, 25 Jun 2011 08:17:45 -0400
From: Kent County RACES General List <kcares_general@...>
Reply-To: no_reply@...
To: ksar_members@..., kcares_general@...

***** This is the General Announcement List from the Kent County ARES / RACES / SAR Groups
to be removed see the information at the bottom of this email *****
Here is a compilation of a few of the emails I have sent out in the
pas regarding the Rockford Tri. I sent yesterday's email out early and
I guess I wasn't fully awake. This should have all the information.

All
So far we have six people signed up to work the Rockford Area Kids
Triathlon. We still could use 10 more people. Please take a minute and check
your calendar and see if you might be available to help. This is a great
event that helps to fund some great programs. This event is run by members
of the KCSD, Rockford Police, MSP, Kent County CERT, Kent County MRC,
KCRACES, and a few others. This is a great opportunity for our groups to
work together and get some exposure with the community. Please sign up at
http://vrm.cc/rockfordtri if you can help. As always please feel free to
contact me with any questions and thank you.

All
Summer is underway and it is time to start planning for our summer events.
This year's Rockford Area Kids Triathlon is Saturday July 9th at the
Rockford High School. RACES, CERT, and MRC have once again been asked to
help out with this year's event. We will be helping in many areas of the
event, so there is something for everyone to do. This is a great way for our
groups to get out into the community. More information about the Rockford
Area Kids Triathlon is available at http://www.rocktri.com/

We will be needed between 6 and 6:30AM to help with setup. The final awards
ceremonies will start at 12:30, so most of us will be done before then.
There will be additional information as the event draws nearer. If you are
able to help out please sign up at http://vrm.cc/rockfordtri

As always if you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

--
Karl Palma
616-209-8615
Treasurer/Special events
www.kcest.org

1384. Re: [Buddipole] A Goat's FD

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-06-28 02:49:51 UTC
From: Steven Kaney
Topic: 1384 Message: 1384

What fun! I wish my knees weren't shot so I could enjoy some of that.

I spent a couple of hours on 15m SSB QRP with a VersaTee full size vertical from a Low Hill in CT. It was almost a drive up. I got out as far as SC, IL, MI and parts between. I was using a small 26W folding solar panel w/ battery backup. If it had started earlier I could have kept it going for 10 to 12 hours but by 4 or 5pm the shadows from the trees were blocking my panel.

de N7MUT

From: wg0at_rooster_peanut <qrp.wg0at@...>
To: Buddipole@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Mon, June 27, 2011 2:36:57 PM
Subject: [Buddipole] A Goat's FD

Rooster & Peanut went the wire route for this FD:

https://picasaweb.google.com/goathiker/FD2011#slideshow/5622924806302175666
Stiil fun time had by all! ...wGOAT

1385. Re: [Buddipole] A Goat's FD

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-06-28 04:20:43 UTC
From: n8xxham
Topic: 1384 Message: 1385

Good show! Glad you had an enjoyable day in the Field!

73 de n8xx Hg

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1386. July Meeting

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-06-28 10:45:53 UTC
From: KD8CAN
Topic: 1386 Message: 1386

Is there going to be a Club meeting on July 1?

1387. Re: [GRARA] July Meeting

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-06-28 11:39:50 UTC
From: Jack Kunnen
Topic: 1386 Message: 1387

There will be a meeting as usual on Friday, 1 July.
We need to work on and get more things going for the September Swap, sounds like a long way off, but it is not as far as swap work goes.

Jack, AB8ND

On Jun 28, 2011, at 6:45 AM, KD8CAN wrote:

> Is there going to be a Club meeting on July 1?
>
>

1388. Re: [GRARA] July Meeting

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-06-28 12:25:48 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1386 Message: 1388

Programme?? (FieldDay recap would be grrrr8!)

On 6/28/2011 7:39 AM, Jack Kunnen wrote:

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Jack, AB8ND

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1389. Re: [GRARA] July Meeting

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-06-28 13:07:49 UTC
From: W8DER
Topic: 1386 Message: 1389

Thanks Jack & Jim, I updated the web site.

http://www.w8dc.org

Mike@W8DER.Net
----- Original Message -----
From: Jack Kunnen
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Tuesday, June 28, 2011 7:39 AM
Subject: Re: [GRARA] July Meeting

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1390. RE: [GRARA] Field Day event

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-06-28 19:39:30 UTC
From: Richard MI Ranta
Topic: 1386 Message: 1390

I want to personally thank the GRARA club and Jack, AB8ND in particular for
putting on this past weekends Field Day event and inviting LARC and MARA.
I've heard some of our members actually showed up. Glad to hear it.

Thanks for putting on a wonderful Field Day.

Who said our club's don't get along together!

Richard K8JX

And scooter the cat.

If you have built castles in the air, your work need
not be lost; that is where they should be. Now put foundations under them.
- Henry David Thoreau

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Visit <http://www.foreverhomesamoyed.org> http://www.foreverhomesamoyed.org
"Bring the kids?"

"Want an exciting hobby?"
visit <http://www.W8USA.ORG> http://www.W8USA.ORG

1391. 4th of July backyard event.

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-06-29 12:15:02 UTC
From: pobox740
Topic: 1391 Message: 1391

CQ Hello,
I am hosting an improv event on July 4Th.
It will be called the "Backyard fun event"
Time: 08:00-15:00 EST.
Freq: 28.440 USB, 147.450 FM, 335539 Ecolink node.
QTH: 10431 Neptune Rockford, M.I.
2 1/2 Miles north of Rockford, M.I. in grid sq. EN73.
Stop by if you are in the area.
Call: kb8afs
WHY?: To remember the ones who died, and who still fight for
my freedom of speach.
73's
Timothy kb8afs

1392. Welcome New GRARA Member

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-07-02 01:20:16 UTC
From: 20WPMorBust
Topic: 1392 Message: 1392

We want to welcome new GRARA member, Ron Easley, KD8PIZ.

Good to meet you tonight at the club meeting Ron.

Ron has decided to stay in Grand Rapids after retiring from the Military and the post office and is preparing his first tower for a raising.

1393. Field Day - Items You May Have Left Behind !

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-07-03 00:36:58 UTC
From: bob_kd8hnf
Topic: 1393 Message: 1393

Wow what a great event.

While cleaning out my rig I may have found that item you have been looking for.

1. Set of dentures or plate.

2. Jacket.

3. Nice pair of sun glasses.

4. Radio.

5. Antenna Tuner.

6. 80 meter dipole.

You may claim your item by giving a detailed description of the item, and making a large donation to the radio club.

Contact me at KD8HNF at arrl dot net

Bob

1394. pj6d is very strong on 50.106

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-07-04 00:23:10 UTC
From: K8TB
Topic: 1394 Message: 1394

They were up to a S9 a few minutes ago (8:15 pm local)

1395. Re: Field Day - Items You May Have Left Behind !

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-07-04 14:25:55 UTC
From: bob_kd8hnf
Topic: 1393 Message: 1395

Everything but the sun glasses has been claimed.

If you are still looking for them, email me.

KD8HNF

--- In GRARA@yahoogroups.com, "bob_kd8hnf" <bob_kd8hnf@...> wrote:
>
> Wow what a great event.
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> 5. Antenna Tuner.
>
> 6. 80 meter dipole.
>
> You may claim your item by giving a detailed description of the item, and making a large donation to the radio club.
>
> Contact me at KD8HNF at arrl dot net
>
> Bob
>

1396. Re: Field Day - Items You May Have Left Behind !

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-07-04 14:23:29 UTC
From: bob_kd8hnf
Topic: 1393 Message: 1396

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If you are still looking email me.

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> Contact me at KD8HNF at arrl dot net
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> Bob
>

1397. Field Day Pictures 2011

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-07-05 12:03:16 UTC
From: 20WPMorBust
Topic: 1397 Message: 1397

Thanks to Jim Leys, KD8CAN, and Peter Helder, W8PD, for the great field day pictures. You can find them on the GRARA Website:

http://www.w8dc.org/

1398. IARU HF World Championship This weekend

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-07-05 22:30:24 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1398 Message: 1398

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Attention all Amateurs,

This weekend will feature

IARU HF World Championship (CW/SSB)
Jul 9, 1200z to Jul 10, 1200z
Rules: http://www.arrl.org/iaru-hf-championship

This is an ARRL DX contest on steroids - in that any station may contact any other station in the world.

And, it's only 24 hours instead of some DX contests which last 36 to 48 hours total.

CU on the bands.

73 de n8xx Hg

1399. A bit of Ham radio History

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-07-06 15:55:24 UTC
From: maryann.gaither@emulex.com
Topic: 1399 Message: 1399
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

To Whom it May be of Interest:

I found this newspaper clipping in my mother's old photo album.
It was written by my father, Arthur Ogden, who lived in Grand Rapids, Michigan.
Unfortunately, there is no date or the name of the paper included. The address is where my parents lived in GR in the 30s and 40s.

Maryann Gaither

1400. Heads-up on a cool "internet" GRR police/fire/ambulance/hospital sanner

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-07-10 23:42:35 UTC
From: 20WPMorBust
Topic: 1400 Message: 1400

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Mike@...

http://www.ustream.tv/channel/ScanMichigan---Live

1401. IARU N8XX SO CW QRP

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-07-11 02:50:34 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1401 Message: 1401

IARU HF World Championship

Call: N8XX
Operator(s): N8XX
Station: N8XX

Class: SO CW QRP
QTH: MICHIGAN
Operating Time (hrs): 12

Summary:

Band	CW Qs	Ph Qs	Zones	HQ Mults
160:	0	0	0	0
80:	13	0	3	1
40:	62	0	7	6
20:	64	0	8	10
15:	18	0	5	3
10:	0	0	0	0
Total:	157	0	23	20 Total Score = 12,943

Club: Mad River Radio Club

Comments:

Rotten conditions for most part, Especially when running <5 watts to a wire antenna, Participation seemed much less than last year, worked out most of the run stations, and slim pickin's for last 4 or 5 hours. With a mediocre antenna it was hard to get heard even in Europe. But, fun, fun, fun. Tnx 2 the organizers.

Note: I figured that, with QRP and a wire antenna <40 feet up, I'd not radiate much of a signal. However, just for the fish (halibut) I called CQ a few times during the waning hours of the event, because it seemed I had worked all the signals who were loud enough to be able to hear me.

On the reverse beacon network, I was very surprised to see my call several times with >10 dB above the noise, at several places. I worked about 4 or 5 Q's during this period, though "most" of the folks who could hear me had either given up or had already worked me, or weren't doing S&P.

Some of the results:

WZ7I N8XX 14011.6 CQ 11 dB 22 wpm 1118z 10 Jul
<snip>

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W3LPL N8XX 7031.5 CQ 20 dB 22 wpm 1110z 10 Jul
<snip>
N4ZR N8XX 7031.5 CQ 17 dB 22 wpm 1110z 10 Jul
K3MM N8XX 7031.5 CQ 13 dB 22 wpm 1110z 10 Jul
<snip>
N7TR N8XX 7046.5 CQ 12 dB 21 wpm 1055z 10 Jul
K3LR N8XX 7046.6 CQ 19 dB 21 wpm 1055z 10 Jul
N4ZR N8XX 7046.5 CQ 14 dB 21 wpm 1055z 10 Jul
W3UA N8XX 7046.5 CQ 14 dB 21 wpm 1055z 10 Jul
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1402. ROAD SIDE PICKUP

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-07-11 09:01:50 UTC
From: KD8CAN
Topic: 1402 Message: 1402

ROAD SIDE PICKUP

LOTS OF HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK!

Section of Hwy M-57 / 14 Mile Rd east of US-131 from Ritchie Ave to Myers Lake Ave.
Thursday, July 14. Meet at 6PM at the Mobil Gas Station NE corner of
M-57 and Northland Dr. Talk-In 147.26+(94.8Hz).

At conclusion of pick-up, meet for Beer & Bull at the Crazy Horse Saloon on the north side of M-57 between US-131 and Northland Dr.

No Rain date!

Contact Tom N8DGD for more info. 616.291.8538

1403. Re: [GRARA] Heads-up on a cool "internet" GRR police/fire/ambulance/hospital sanner

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-07-12 03:26:42 UTC
From: timothy courtier
Topic: 1400 Message: 1403

You also mite want to try www.radioreference.com I have 5 areas in my list that i listen to.

--- On Sun, 7/10/11, 20WPMorBust <mike@w8der.net> wrote:

From: 20WPMorBust <mike@...>
Subject: [GRARA] Heads-up on a cool "internet" GRR police/fire/ambulance/hospital sanner
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Date: Sunday, July 10, 2011, 7:42 PM

During the stand-off the other night, I was put wise about a neat Kent/Ottawa police scanner. You might want to give it a try. It is a free basic service and works quite well considering all the stations it scans.

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1404. 45 watt solar panel for $169

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-07-13 17:32:26 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1404 Message: 1404

Some folks say that a 45 watt solar panel for $169, including a regulator for several voltages is a good deal. This is from Harbor freight..

See *http://tinyurl.com/6ko3jyx

I can provide a link to the coupon if you can't find it on their web site.

72/73 de n8xx Hg
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1405. Re: [GRARA] 45 watt solar panel for $169

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-07-14 00:04:10 UTC
From: Steven Kaney
Topic: 1404 Message: 1405

Not exactly portable. I bought a Brunton 26W folding panel that runs my radios real good (except maybe for the Icom 7000 which sucks as much power as my old Icom 756.

1406. Fox Hunt Saturday Morning

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-07-14 12:48:05 UTC
From: W8DER
Topic: 1406 Message: 1406

The work is done, now let's have some fun!

Hope you can come to the July fox hunt this Saturday in Hudsonville.

It seems that we have had a lot of hunts starting at this location recently, but it is central to several ham clubs and makes for a fun ham outing.

INFO: http://www.MichiganFoxHunter.com

You are more than welcome to come and take part. This is not a specific club activity, but rather, a loosely knit group of guys and gals that just have a lot of fun hunting for hidden transmitters.

Hope to see you Saturday.

Mike@...

1407. North American QSO Party - Saturday (Tomorrow) July 16

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-07-15 22:22:43 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1407 Message: 1407

Methinketh W8DC hath RTTY capabilities? Anyone going 2 operate from the shack during this event?

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North American QSO Party (RTTY)
Jul 16, 1800Z to Jul 17, 0600Z
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72/73 de n8xx Hg

1408. Re: [GRARA] North American QSO Party - Saturday (Tomorrow) July 16

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-07-16 02:27:23 UTC
From: Steven Kaney
Topic: 1407 Message: 1408

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de N7MUT

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To: GRARA Group <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Fri, July 15, 2011 6:22:43 PM
Subject: [GRARA] North American QSO Party - Saturday (Tomorrow) July 16

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1409. Re: [GRARA] North American QSO Party - Saturday (Tomorrow) July 16

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-07-16 04:40:06 UTC
From: timothy courtier
Topic: 1407 Message: 1409

I will be on for a few hours on saturday eve, on 146.490, 146.550, 146.580, & 145.670 F.M.
From EN73.
Timothy kb8afs

--- On Fri, 7/15/11, Steven Kaney <sfkaney@...> wrote:

From: Steven Kaney <sfkaney@...>
Subject: Re: [GRARA] North American QSO Party - Saturday (Tomorrow) July 16
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Date: Friday, July 15, 2011, 10:27 PM

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1410. Re: [GRARA] North American QSO Party - Saturday (Tomorrow) July 16

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-07-16 04:55:25 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1407 Message: 1410

More often than not, it's software and an interface box, or homebrew cables. Typically uses a computer to generate tones into a rig in the SSB mode to generates AFSK. There are ways to use FSK, but that often requires digging into a rig, unless it's specially designed for RTTY and other FSK modes.

for the NAQP, it's only HF.

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1411. Re: [GRARA] North American QSO Party - Saturday (Tomorrow) July 16

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-07-16 10:48:43 UTC
From: ab8nd@sbcglobal.net
Topic: 1407 Message: 1411

You nd a teletype machine and lots of paper for it.
No, only a data cable with a compatible din plug for your radio or a cable that goes into the mix socket depends on your interface and radio. The interface is the same as for PSK. You also need a serial port on your computer, there are USB to serial converters - some work with RTTY some don't. There are interfaces, such as the Signalink at the club shack that are sound cards themselves so the compiter is just a dumb terminal and USB is used.

Jack ab8nd
Sent from my Verizon Wireless BlackBerry

-----Original Message-----
From: Steven Kaney <sfkaney@yahoo.com>
Sender: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Date: Fri, 15 Jul 2011 19:27:23
To: <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Reply-To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: Re: [GRARA] North American QSO Party - Saturday (Tomorrow) July 16

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1412. Re: [GRARA] North American QSO Party - Saturday (Tomorrow) July 16

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-07-16 22:39:13 UTC
From: Steven Kaney
Topic: 1407 Message: 1412

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From: Hank Greeb <n8xx@...>
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Sat, July 16, 2011 12:55:25 AM
Subject: Re: [GRARA] North American QSO Party - Saturday (Tomorrow) July 16

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1413. Re: [GRARA] North American QSO Party - Saturday (Tomorrow) July 16

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-07-16 23:31:55 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1407 Message: 1413

I made my own interface with cables, an isolation transformer, and an 60 dB inline attenuator, all available from Rat Shack. A bit unwieldy, and I had to figure out what went where each time I wanted to use Feld Hell, RTTY, PSK31, et. nausea. But, it worked, co$t less that $25, and was locally available.

RTTY with direct FSK inside the radio is a bit better, but, it either takes a radio which has the internal connections built in, or needs a hack job to gain access to the innards. Note that the best time to experiment with a new mode is NOT during a contest. :)

72/73 de n8xx Hg

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1414. W8HVG Huge Tool Sale list

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-07-21 04:02:40 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1414 Message: 1414

---- Original Message -----
From: Marc Gergen
To: undisclosed recipients
Sent: Wednesday, July 20, 2011 6:57 PM
Subject: Fw: W8HVG Huge Tool Sale list

here is a chance to get back at some of those old work tools of Abes!!!!!!See you there!

Marc Gergen
wØwch@...

--- On Tue, 7/19/11, cabraczi@... wrote:

From: cabraczi@...
Subject: W8HVG Huge Tool Sale list
To: mike@...
Cc: ka8ysm@..., w0wch@...
Date: Tuesday, July 19, 2011, 2:03 PM

Hi Mike, Tom, and Marc,

Here is the information on my dad's big tool sale. Feel free to pass this along to any of my dad's ham friends.

HUGE TOOL SALE (W8HVG Abe Estate)
4295 Kentridge S.E. (near 44th St. & Kalamazoo)
Grand Rapids, MI 49508

Hours: Friday, July 22 & Saturday, July 23 8AM-5PM

Sears Craftsman drill press
Sears Craftsman 12-inch band saw-sander
Sears Craftsman 6-inch jointer
Vintage De Walt MBC21 radial arm saw (circa 1955)
Sears Craftsman 8-drawer project center with critt-vise (New in box!)
Sears Craftsman routers
grinders
drills
chisels
miter saw
wet saw
reciprocating saw
hand saws
socket sets
Hundreds of misc. tools
lawn & garden equipment (lawn mower, mulcher, leaf blower)

CASH ONLY (No Ham Equipment)

1415. Pictures of QRP in the Park

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-07-24 18:06:48 UTC
From: K8TB
Topic: 1415 Message: 1415

Here is a link to some pictures of the Zeeland QRP in the park yesterday:

http://www.michiganbroadcasttowers.com/amateur/qrpintheparkjune23.htm

1416. REMEMBERING 911

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-07-26 03:24:13 UTC
From: pobox740
Topic: 1416 Message: 1416

COMMEMORATIVE EVENTS: REMEMBERING THE FIRST DECADE SINCE 911

This coming September 11th will be the 10th anniversary of the al-Queda backed terrorist attacks of September 11th of 2001. These attacks felled the two World Trade Center tower buildings in New York City and damaged the Pentagon when radical Islamic extremists high-jacked four United States flag carrier jetliners and crashed them into the two structures. Over 3000 American citizens were killed as well as a number of foreign nationals who worked in the twin towers buildings.

Over the years there have been several ham radio operations in remembrance of those whose lives were lost in this senseless and wanton carnage. With this being the first decade anniversary of the September 11th, 2001 tragedy, we here at the Amateur Radio Newsline are trying to compile a list of radio clubs and individual hams who are planning any form of amateur radio memorial operation to honor those whose lives were lost that day. If you have plans to commemorate 911, please drop us an e-mail to newsline at arnewsline dot org and let us know all of the details. We in turn will list as many as we can on our website at www.arnewsline.org.

Those whose lives were lost on 911 deserve to be remembered. We will do our part by providing web-space to list ham radio commemorative activities. It's up to you to do the rest. (ARNewsline)

1417. Hank, When did you say the Ohio QSO Party was?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-08-01 12:31:17 UTC
From: W8DER
Topic: 1417 Message: 1417

Hey Hank, you said something about the Ohio QSO Party at the last GRARA meeting. When did you say it was? Where should I point the beam to get you? Cincinnati? We don't know counties.

W8DER

1418. Re: [GRARA] Hank, When did you say the Ohio QSO Party was?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-08-01 13:48:11 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1417 Message: 1418

Mike:

Thought you'd never ask. From a freind who is trying to drum up
bizziness 4 the OHQP.

And, to work N1L from BROWn county, beam heading would be SSE.
However, best band(s) to work that distance from GRand Rapids area would
be 40 meters in the afternoon and 80/75 meters in the evening.

Oh, if you work me, please spot me on the DX Cluster network - whenever
I got spotted last year it increased the number of contacts
considerably, not as much as on a DXpedition, but every point counts! I
don't know the local DX clusters, my favorite one is dxc.w9zrx.net.
There are some which you can check in via a web browser, I use telnet
and the command "o dxc.w9zrx.net" Please ask someone else what kind of
clusters you can access via a web browser.

Here's the plug from my friend in OhHoHo

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You're invited to a Party!

What: Ohio QSO Party
When: Saturday, August 27th (local noon to midnight)
Where: Anywhere in Ohio
RSVP: http://www.ohqp.org/plannedOpsEntryOhQP.html
Info: http://www.ohqp.org

Please join us for the upcoming Ohio QSO Party. 2010 was a record year
for activity, but we're looking to do even better on 2011. Can you join
the event?

This is a fun event with no QRM (unlike Field Day), and even stealth
antennas and QRP stations will get lots of callers. If you have any
questions about getting on, give me a buzz. And please spread the word
to the your local clubs and other Ohio hams.

Rules and an operating guide can be found on the official OhQP website
http://www.ohqp.org

73, Kenny K2KW
Ohio QSO Party Committee
kenny.k2kw@...

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1419. Hank the out-of-town gunslinger.

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-08-01 20:48:16 UTC
From: W8DER
Topic: 1419 Message: 1419

Hank, yes I know Brown County Ohio! It's about 20 miles SE of Cincinnati along the O-HI-O river.

Do you mean that with a population of 42285, they have to hire a gunslinger from Michigan to cover the county for the Ohio QSO Party?

Heck, if they don't have any hams down yonder, I would let the county go back to the moonshiners!

Now I know why you are using the contest call N1L -- you are in disguise!

I put the following info on my cork board anyway: I will pretend I don't know who you really are......

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73, Kenny K2KW
Ohio QSO Party Committee
kenny.k2kw@...

Mike, W8DER

1420. A fantastic FoxHunt Project with the Scouts

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-08-01 22:04:37 UTC
From: W8DER
Topic: 1420 Message: 1420

Guys and Gals,

I hope you noticed the great article in Augusts' QST Magazine about the "GeoFox Radiosport Rally". (Page 58)

Now that is a great project for promoting ham radio with the youth!

If you haven't seen it yet, it would be well worth your time.

Mike@...

1421. Re: [GRARA] Hank the out-of-town gunslinger.

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-08-03 03:44:28 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1419 Message: 1421

Actually, Mike:

I subscribe to the Minnesota Wireless Association reflector - for reasons which escape me.? But, they have lots of good ideas.

One time they were discussing how many "NOT IN LOG" or NIL subtractions they had in their logs from one of the adjudicated contests, AND the Minnesota QSO party was coming up.? I put 2 and 2 together, and requested N1L for the party.? I advertised that I'd be operating with the call, just so everyone who worked me would have at least one N)ot 1)n L)og (or N1L) in their log.?

It was so much fun that I thought it a good idea to use N1L for the Ohio QSO Party as well.? :)

73 de n8xx Hg
Operating as N1L/BROWn during OHQP 2011

p.s. I don't think there has ever been a "native" fixed station operating during the Ohio QSO party since the early 1990's when I got interested in the "new" OHQP.? I operated there with some other hams for several years as a club project and a second "Field Day" type operation.? I'd not "blame" the BROWn county hams - right in our back yard, MECOsta county has had only very spotty activity, as had NEWAygo county - I activate NEWAygo in 2010 and MECOsta in 2011.?? I am a bit critical of the Mad River Radio Club, who seem to want to encourage their own members to go out mobiling in the rare counties rather that stir up interest in contesting in native operators.? It's like a voice crying in the wilderness.?

On 8/1/2011 4:48 PM, W8DER wrote:

Now I know why you are using the contest call N1L -- you are in disguise!?

1422. Meeting Notice

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-08-04 15:20:21 UTC
From: Jack Kunnen
Topic: 1166 Message: 1422

Members and Friends,

Tomorrow, 5 August, is the clubs meeting night, 6:30 coffee, 7:00 meeting time.
We need work on plans for the Swap and plan other activities or the club this fall.

Jack, AB8ND

1423. Re: [GRARA] Meeting Notice

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-08-04 15:29:54 UTC
From: Rich Douglas
Topic: 1166 Message: 1423
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

I will be there soon or later. Do we cancel the swap, or proceed. I have only one reservation. I am tired and too much on my plate right now to do more. Mailing and flyers are enough. See you there.

73,
Rich, KC8NKA

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> Jack, AB8ND
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1424. Re: [GRARA] Meeting Notice

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-08-04 15:38:00 UTC
From: Jack Kunnen
Topic: 1166 Message: 1424

Proceed

We miss you on Wednesday

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> <rich.vcf>

1425. [QRP-L] North American QSO party - Saturday - August 6 U.S. Time

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-08-05 19:36:26 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1425 Message: 1425

Last minute reminder:

North American QSO Party (CW) ... 100W Max. Aug 6, 1800z to Aug 7, 0600z
Rules: http://www.ncjweb.com/naqprules.php

This is a contest where the MAX power is 100 watts output. So the modest station stands a chance.

Teams of 2 to 5 members (typically from within a club) may be registered. So, gather the conesters from your favorite club and for a team! This can be extra fun!

Lettuce hope we have some propagation - with all the solar flares and other abbe rations on the sun.

73 de n8xx Hg

1426. Aurora wide open on 6 and 2

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-08-05 23:01:14 UTC
From: K8TB
Topic: 1426 Message: 1426

Really nice aurora on 6 and 2 cw/ssb right now. Lot's of stations...QRM via aurora is different.

tom k8tb

1427. [WMSAT] Fw: CQ Radio Article - SA SATERN Relief in Joplin

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-08-06 04:13:21 UTC
From: Tom KD8DEG
Topic: 1427 Message: 1427
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

----- Original Message -----
From: Lucinda Moody
To: WMSAT
Sent: Thursday, August 04, 2011 10:58 AM
Subject: [WMSAT] Fw: CQ Radio Article - SA SATERN Relief in Joplin

Thought you might enjoy this!! 73, AB8WF

1428. A MESSAGE FROM THE VICE DIRECTOR

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-08-07 04:36:41 UTC
From: Tom KD8DEG
Topic: 1428 Message: 1428

> My Fellow Hams,
>
> I have been serving as Vice Director of the Great Lakes Division and
> Director for over a decade, and it has been an honor indeed to
> represent you and amateur radio at the national level. However, this
> past month my 20 year old granddaughter passed away from type 1
> diabetes complications, and it has caused a reevaluation of my
> priorities on a profound scale. Though amateur radio continues to be
> one of the loves and priorities of my life, in the short term I think
> it best if I lay out for at least one term in the capacity of division
> leadership. I do this with regret, yet with anticipation of spending
> more time with my two grandsons and another grandchild on the way soon.
>
>
> The Great Lakes Division is one of the top divisions nationwide and
> deserves top caliber leaders. If you have been reticent about filing
> for division office because you did not want to face an incumbent,
> please throw your hat into the ring. The deadline for doing so is this
> coming Friday, August 12, 2011 at noon Eastern Time, and the directions
> for filing are on page 68 of the August 2011 QST.
>
> I look forward to seeing many of you at the GLD Convention and Findlay
> Hamfest this September. Thank you all for your past support and
> continuing friendships throughout the three states in the division.
>
> Sincerely,
>
> Gary
>
> Gary L. Johnston, KI4LA
> Vice Director
> ARRL Great Lakes Division
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> ----------
>
> I thank Gary for the time and effort he has devoted to Amateur Radio
> and ARRL the past decades. I am sure we all wish him and his family
> the very best in the future. They are in my prayers as they deal with
> their tragic loss.
>
> Jim, K8JE
>
> ---
> ARRL Great Lakes Division
> Director: James E Weaver, K8JE

> k8je@...
> ---
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1429. The Multiband dipole up again

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-08-08 19:08:58 UTC
From: Jack Kunnen
Topic: 1429 Message: 1429

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ycmD1RljHpk

A little video of the work party.

Jack, ab8nd

1430. SPACE STORMS

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-08-10 00:30:57 UTC
From: pobox740
Topic: 1430 Message: 1430

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NOAA satellite eyes Emily: Images aid hurricane forecasters

Meet NOAA IMET Valerie Meyers

NOAA satellites track raging U.S. wildfires, aid firefighters

When the Sun acts up, NOAA knows why

VIDEO: 'When Lightning Strikes'

ArchiveWhen the Sun acts up, NOAA knows why
Peak solar activity expected in 2013

Forecasters from NOAA's Space Weather Prediction Center in Boulder, Colo., use information from many sources to understand and predict potentially dangerous space weather heading toward Earth. This image of the Sun is from NASA's STEREO satellites.

(Credit: NASA)
On a summer day in 1859, a silent surge of power from a major geomagnetic storm fueled by a solar eruption hit telegraph offices around the world. Some telegraph operators got electric shocks. Papers caught fire. And perhaps most amazing, many telegraph systems still sent and received signals even after operators disconnected batteries.

It was as if the very air was charged with electricity.

In some ways it was, said Tom Bogdan, director of NOAA's Space Weather Prediction Center, or SWPC, in Boulder, Colo.

"We now know how powerful space weather can be and how events that begin on the surface of the Sun can end up wreaking havoc here on Earth," said Bogdan. "This is why NOAA has a Space Weather Prediction Center ☐ to forecast when space weather is coming our way, so we can avoid or mitigate damages."

Chris Balch (seated), David Marshall and Meghan Stockman check the latest space weather event reports. The three work as forecasters at NOAA's Space Weather Prediction Center, a 24/7 operational space weather forecasting center in Boulder, Colo . The center advises industries affected by space weather, such as satellite operations, electrical grid operations and airlines.

Download here. (Credit: NOAA)
Bursting with electrical energy

When a burst of charged particles ejected from the Sun's corona (the solar atmosphere) barreled into Earth's magnetic field at more than 5 million miles an hour in 1859, it triggered brilliant auroras ☐ those fascinating displays of light caused by the collision of charged particles in Earth's atmosphere ☐ visible as far south as the Caribbean. The ejection also induced currents that surged through telegraph cables, the electrical systems of the time.

Today, humans rely on many more systems that are vulnerable to space weather:

☐GPS apps on mobile phones and in cars;
☐Power grids that serve critical users such as hospitals and airports;
☐Airline communications; and
☐Military and environmental satellites, to name a few.
In fact, a storm of similar magnitude today could cause $1 to $2 trillion in damage, globally, according a 2008 report of the National Research Council.

Power grid managers and systems operators are keeping a close eye on SWPC forecasts, especially as the Sun enters an active phase of activity that peaks about every 11 years. The next solar maximum is expected in 2013.

When a space weather storm is on the way, satellite operators can switch into standby mode and temporarily forgo communication between ground control and spacecraft in orbit to prevent the garbling of messages . Airlines can reroute planes that normally take fuel-saving polar routes. Along those routes, pilots depend on high-frequency (HF) radio communications that are vulnerable to disruptions by space weather. This impact has already occurred in 2011: during space weather events in February and June, airlines reported loss of HF communication near the Arctic.

An aurora, as seen over the Poker Flat Research Range north of Fairbanks, Alaska, on Feb. 28, 2011.

Download here. (Credit: NOAA)
Here comes the Sun

Teams of forecasters staff SWPC's operations center 24/7, watching monitors intently for "space weather fronts" that might be heading toward Earth. The forecasters rely on data from a network of monitors, including NOAA and NASA satellites, and U.S. Geological Survey sensors that detect magnetic fields (magnetometers). At NOAA's Satellite Operations Facility in Suitland, Md., experts control the spacecraft that closely monitor solar activity and process the data that go into the SWPC forecasts. The SWPC issues space weather alerts, noting triggers that are important to different users. Its forecasters also speak daily with NASA ☐ anyone in low Earth orbit could receive an extra dose of radiation when energized particles sweep by.

Today, Bogdan and his colleagues have several new missions, too, made more critical by people's increasing reliance on vulnerable systems and by the impending solar maximum. They're working with the United Kingdom's Meteorology Office to help the UK set up what could become a long-awaited backup to SWPC. The United States and Britain are collaborating to create a sophisticated new model for more accurate predictions of both terrestrial weather and the effects of space weather on Earth's technological systems.

SWPC is also engaging with users and the general public to promote understanding. This includes the annual Space Weather Enterprise Forum (SWEF) held in Washington, D.C. The theme of this year's forum posed a question that is on many minds: "Solar maximum ☐ Can we weather the storm?"

"I honestly don't know if there's a yes or no answer," said SWPC space scientist Joe Kunches. "But we increase the chances of `yes' with good forecasts and warnings and emergency procedures in place We are working hard here to ensure the greatest probability that we can withstand whatever the Sun doles out."

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1431. K8YSE Demo in the Park

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-08-09 23:59:48 UTC
From: K8TB
Topic: 1431 Message: 1431

Last night, John, K8YSE gave a demonstration of his vehicular satellite operation. Very impressive:

http://www.michiganbroadcasttowers.com/amateur/k8yse/k8yse.htm

tom k8tb

1432. A cool book about morse keys, for free....

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-08-12 00:42:09 UTC
From: K8TB
Topic: 1432 Message: 1432

If you have ever read any article written by Dave Ingram, K4TWJ,
you know he is a very good and fun read. Dave is now a Silent Key, and
his family has released his last book to folks who would like to read
the book for themselves.

This downloadable book is a 91 page, illustrated, all about keys.
Big ones, little ones, weird ones and cool ones.

A great book to read, and for those who can't read, great pictures.

Go to http://www.k4twj.com/books.htm

and click on of the the two yellow "click here" for your choice of
a high or low resolution PDF.

Looking at the pretty pictures, tom K8TB :)

1433. Look at this: "HEATHKIT announces that they are back in the KIT Business! "

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-08-14 14:04:59 UTC
From: K8TB
Topic: 1433 Message: 1433

From QRZ.com:

http://tinyurl.com/3t54y6t

No mention of ham radio equipment, but....

Could there be a SB-105 in the future? :)

tom bosscher

1434. crystels

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-08-15 00:28:15 UTC
From: pobox740
Topic: 1434 Message: 1434

Where is the best place to get some crystels?
i want to swap out the ones in an R/C car for the 6M band.
TNX
Timothy kb8afs

1435. Ohio QSO Party in 2 weeks!

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-08-15 02:47:27 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1435 Message: 1435

The most fun on the radio, the Ohio QSO Party, is just 2 weeks away on August 27th.I hope you will spread the word to your club members and encourage them to get on the air.

The goal of the Buckeye operators is to get fixed stations on from every OhioCounty.The more stations we can get on, the more fun for all.

We welcome any and all participation.Part timers, QRP, indoor antenna, even station from other states to provide us extra multipliers!

Every station will have fun and add to the excitement on the air.

Lettuce fill the bands with Buckeyes and stations trying to contact Buckeyes, (Like Michiganders) and have a great QSO Party.

Information, rules and operating guides can be found on the official website: www.ohqp.org <http://www.ohqp.org/>

Paraphrased from the words of Kenny K2KW, Ohio QSO Party Committee - kenny.k2kw@...

p.s. Look for n8xx, masquerading as N1L/BROWn from BrownCounty.That was you can have a "real" N)ot 1)n L)og contact! AND, if you hear me, be sure to "spot" me on your favorite DX Cluster - this gives an added boost to operators from "rare" counties like BROWn, which hasn't had a fixed station operating from a permanent location is recorded history.

1436. Re: Ohio QSO Party in 2 weeks!

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-08-15 12:30:49 UTC
From: W8DER
Topic: 1435 Message: 1436

Say Hank,

I was looking over the Ohio QSO Party rules and they don't seem to allow digital modes. Are they still living in the dark ages?

I guess I will have to get my ole key out of mothballs.

Am I correct that the exchange is n1l de W8DER/001/MI ?

Mike@...

In GRARA@yahoogroups.com, Hank Greeb <n8xx@...> wrote:
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1437. Re: [GRARA] Re: Ohio QSO Party in 2 weeks!

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-08-15 23:58:40 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1435 Message: 1437

Mike

You had better direct your question about why Ohio QSO party doesn't
recognize digital modes other than CW.

Some QSO parties encourage digital by giving extra multipliers for
counties contacted by digital modes.

Jim can answer the question about "dark ages."

For me, I'd prefer they recognize sp*rk emissions as a separate
category. :)

72/73 de n8xx Hg
Operating as N1L/BROW for OQP 2011

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1438. 9/11 STATION

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-08-17 21:49:22 UTC
From: pobox740
Topic: 1438 Message: 1438

a reminder that this coming September 11th
will be the 10th anniversary of the al-Queda backed
terrorist attacks on September 11th of 2001. Attacks that
felled the two World Trade Center tower buildings in New
York City and damaged the Pentagon when radical Moslem
extremists high-jacked four United States flag carrier
jetliners and crashed them into the two structures and
killing over 3000 American citizens.

Over the years there have been several ham radio operations
in remembrance of those whose lives were lost in this
senseless and wanton carnage. With this being the first
decade anniversary of the September 11th, 2001 tragedy, we
are trying to compile a list of radio clubs and individuals
who are planning any form of ham radio memorial operation to
honor those whose lives were lost that day.

Already a group in Pennsylvania and another in New York City
are planning on-the-air commemorative operations. If you of
any others please drop us an e-mail to newsline at
arnewsline dot org and let us know all of the details. We
in turn will list as many as we can on our website at
www.arnewsline.org starting this week.

Those whose lives were lost on 911 deserve to be remembered.
We will do our part by providing web-space to list ham radio
commemorative activities. It's up to you to do the rest.

I will be on the air from 16:00 - 21:00 E.S.T. on 147.500 FM simplex.
Location will be my front porch.
North of Rockford, MI.
GS is EN73
Timothy kb8afs

1439. Packet stations

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-08-18 12:47:54 UTC
From: t
Topic: 1439 Message: 1439

Does W8DC still have packet stations active?

Anyone know of other packet stations that are running
in the GR/Muskegon area?

Terry
AB8Al

1440. Re: [GRARA] Packet stations

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-08-19 03:30:53 UTC
From: wd8usa@aol.com
Topic: 1439 Message: 1440

Yes- Two active freq's in GR- 147.56 and 147.58 are active with several stations on full time. My own station is on 24/7 on 147.58 Call is
wd8usa-1 The BBS at the GRARA radio room is n8dpr-3
A suggestion- leave your station monitoring these freq;s. Then do a J command and see what pops up. DE WD8USA ...-.-

-----Original Message-----
From: t <ab8al@...>
To: GRARA <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Thu, Aug 18, 2011 8:48 am
Subject: [GRARA] Packet stations

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Terry
AB8Al

1441. Re: [GRARA] Packet stations

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-08-19 13:34:07 UTC
From: Terry
Topic: 1439 Message: 1441

Thanks Joe I will give them a try tongiht.

73 Terry

--- On Fri, 8/19/11, wd8usa@... <wd8usa@...> wrote:

From: wd8usa@... <wd8usa@...>
Subject: Re: [GRARA] Packet stations
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Date: Friday, August 19, 2011, 7:30 AM

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1442. Re: [GRARA] Packet stations

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-08-19 22:15:00 UTC
From: Terry
Topic: 1439 Message: 1442

tried both stations no joy fron NE kent county. Any other stations up this way you know of?

Terry

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Terry
AB8Al

1443. Re: [GRARA] Packet stations

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-08-20 03:22:59 UTC
From: wd8usa@aol.com
Topic: 1439 Message: 1443

First of all where are you located? Unfortunately most high profile digi's have been taken down and are no longer on the air.
If you are in NE Kent you should be able to connect to at least one of the stations on 58- I know of no other stations up in NE Kent-
Suggest you also try the web site mi/drg.org this has much packet and ststion information there- JB

-----Original Message-----
From: Terry <ab8al@...>
To: GRARA <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Fri, Aug 19, 2011 6:15 pm
Subject: Re: [GRARA] Packet stations

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1444. Tower Lights

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-08-28 00:08:54 UTC
From: Tom KD8DEG
Topic: 1444 Message: 1444

Date: Fri, 19 Aug 2011 18:56:07 -0300
From: "Williams, Richard (OAG/CPG)" <Richard.Williams@...>
Subject: Re: [TowerTalk] tower lights

I called the Canadian equivalent of the FAA once about whether I would need lights on an 88 foot Trylon self-supporting tower. The guy answered that if a plane was flying at 88 feet, whether my tower had a light or not wouldn't make much difference.

Rick VE9HF

1445. Fox Hunt This Wednesday, August 31, 2011, 7:00 PM

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-08-28 22:47:21 UTC
From: Michel
Topic: 1445 Message: 1445

Hello all fox hunters,

No, it is not time to put that fox hunting equipment away for the year yet. The August hunt is scheduled for this Wednesday night at 7:00 PM.

Our goal this year is to have at least one fox hunt in west Michigan each month from April through November. We cannot let August slip away without a hunt.

Our August hunt will feature one of our most creative foxes, Laryn, K8TVZ, winner of the July hunt. We are putting the final details together as you read this email. That's often the best kind of hunt!

Pse check with the http://www.MichiganFoxHunter.com for the latest information. We will keep the web site up to date with the rest of the instructions and the results on Thursday.

We hope to see you there. The winner of this hunt will have the first option to be the fox for the September hunt.

Mike@...
Home: 616 583-1909

1446. Wednesday Fox Hunt, Final Details posted

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-08-30 03:38:05 UTC
From: Michel
Topic: 1446 Message: 1446

Just a reminder of the fox hunt Wednesday evening at 7:00 PM. All the details have now been posted on the website.

http://www.MichiganFoxHunter.Com

EVERYONE IS WELCOME! Hope to see you there.

The winner gets the first option to be the Fox for the September Hunt.

1447. Meeting and Radio Room Notice

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-08-30 19:24:00 UTC
From: Jack Kunnen
Topic: 1447 Message: 1447

Reminder, Open Radio Room tomorrow is cancelled. I will be gone north.

The Meeting for this Friday 2 Sept has been moved to the 9th at the Swap set up.

Have a Great Holiday

Jack , AB8ND

1448. Tennessee QSO Party, Sunday, Sept 4

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-08-31 13:09:30 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1448 Message: 1448

In case you missed the Ohio QSO Party last Saturday, here's a chance to work lots of Tennessee Stations and Counties:

Tennesee QSO Party, Sponsored by the Tennessee Contest Group, K4TCG

This event runs from 1800z Sunday, September 4 until 0300z Monday, September 5, 2011, That's 2 p.m. until 10 p.m. Eastern Time, Sunday, September 4.

Rules and other info at http://www.tnqp.org

73 de n8xx Hg

1449. GRA Hamfest Pics

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-09-11 01:25:10 UTC
From: gerry_wb8rxs
Topic: 1449 Message: 1449

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/GRARA/photos/album/1678040902/pic/list

1450. Re: [GRARA] GRA Hamfest Pics

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-09-11 15:21:17 UTC
From: Michel
Topic: 1449 Message: 1450

Hey Gerry, great pictures from the GRARA Hamfest on the Yahoo site. Can I use some of them on the website, http://www.W8DC.Org?

Mike@...

----- Original Message -----
From: gerry_wb8rxs
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Saturday, September 10, 2011 9:25 PM
Subject: [GRARA] GRA Hamfest Pics

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/GRARA/photos/album/1678040902/pic/list

1451. Re: GRA Hamfest Pics

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-09-11 18:24:52 UTC
From: gerry_wb8rxs
Topic: 1449 Message: 1451

Thanks, Mike, and sure, you can use them anywhere. I can send you any you would like in the full size if you want to do some cropping or enhancement.

Gerry

--- In GRARA@yahoogroups.com, "Michel" <mike@...> wrote:
>
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1452. 2011 Arizona Statehood QSO Party Announcement

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-09-11 18:46:59 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1452 Message: 1452

This might be an interesting test for W8DC's new receive antenna?

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1453. 2011 Arizona Statehood QSO Party Announcement

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-09-11 18:50:52 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1452 Message: 1453

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1454. Fw: [W8USA] "Build Your Burger" It's back....

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-09-11 19:00:39 UTC
From: Michel
Topic: 1454 Message: 1454

----- Original Message -----
From: Richard
To: W8USA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Sunday, September 11, 2011 2:27 PM
Subject: [W8USA] "Build Your Burger" It's back....

This coming Friday, September 16th, between 5:00PM to 8:00PM, come on down to the 5th street Hall, localed on the SW corner of 5th st and Davis NW. Once again we're offering a Hamber, with all the fixings, chips, coffee or juice, a salad, and dessert. yum.

for more information, visit WWW.W8USA.ORG and click on build burgers.

yum.

1455. The GRARA website has been updated.

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-09-11 19:45:36 UTC
From: Michel
Topic: 1455 Message: 1455

The GRARA website has been updated with new items including info about MARA's "Build your own Burger" night next Friday.

(and Hamfest Pictures by Gerry, WB8RXS)

1456. September 21 Fox Hunt in West Michigan..

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-09-11 20:58:36 UTC
From: K8TB
Topic: 1456 Message: 1456

OK, it won't be a Fox Hunt, it will be a Vixen Hunt. (Look it up!)

The transmitter goes on the air at 6:30 PM, on Wednesday, September 21, 2011 with the starting point of 28th Ave and Port Shelden in Hudsonville. Frequency is the usual 145.53

And this Vixen has hidden very well in the past. You are warned.

More details to follow at

http://www.michiganfoxhunter.com

Tom K8TB, related to the said Vixen.

1457. Re: [GRARA] GRA Hamfest Pics

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-09-11 22:19:08 UTC
From: Jack Kunnen
Topic: 1449 Message: 1457

Nice shoots, thanks for posting Gerry.

Jack , ab8nd

On Sep 10, 2011, at 9:25 PM, gerry_wb8rxs wrote:

> http://groups.yahoo.com/group/GRARA/photos/album/1678040902/pic/list
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1460. IMG_2441

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-09-12 15:06:19 UTC
From: Frank Sassy Thompson
Topic: 1460 Message: 1460

http://groups.yahoo.coyahm/group/GRARA/photos/album/1678040902/pic/1857805348/view

1461. State QSO party Contests next weekend

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-09-12 23:05:21 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1461 Message: 1461

If you're looking for a State QSO party this weekend,you have three from which 2 choose.

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Connecticut QSO Party (SSB/CW/Dig)
Sep 17, 0000z to 2359z
Rules: http://www.ctqp.org/Rules.html
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South Carolina QSO Party (ALL)
Sep 17, 1300z to Sep 18, 2100z
Rules: http://www.w4cae.com/scqp/scqsoweb.html
~~~~~~
Washington State Salmon Run (CW/SSB/Dig)
Sep 17, 1600z to Sep 18, 0700z
Sep 18, 1600z to Sep 18, 2400z
Rules: http://www.wwdxc.org/
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Have fun!

1462. Re: [GRARA] GRA Hamfest Pics

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-09-13 00:41:15 UTC
From: Steven Kaney
Topic: 1449 Message: 1462

Got any details about the antenna in picture 7? Looks very interesting but I know from experience that a lot of these things catch more hams than QSO's.

de N7MUT/1

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From: Michel <mike@...>
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Sunday, September 11, 2011 11:21 AM
Subject: Re: [GRARA] GRA Hamfest Pics

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the Yahoo site. Can I use some of them on the website, http://www.W8DC.Org?

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1463. Re: [GRARA] 2011 Arizona Statehood QSO Party Announcement

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-09-13 00:47:33 UTC
From: Steven Kaney
Topic: 1452 Message: 1463

Itty bitty is relative. How big is your itty bitty wire and how high is it? Is it a relatively permanent install? If so what do you do to keep it from becoming a lightning magnet?

I'm thinking of putting up an 'itty bitty' wire in the tree outside the apartment here.

de N7MUT/1

From: Hank Greeb <n8xx@...>
To: GRARA Group <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
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1464. Antenna Ideas

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-09-13 01:12:14 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1452 Message: 1464

Steven:

My "itty bitty" antenna is a 135' dipole, fed in the center, with 450 ohm (Nominal) window line. Center is at 28' right now, though I've had it at 32' at times.

Lightning protection is to throw the feedline outside and attach it to a ground steak whenever there's a chance of electrical activity in the atmosphere.

For three or so years I used a 67' dipole, fed in the center with similar window line, between two trees at ~ 35 feet at each end. The one end had a marine pulley with a rope, and a paint bucket full of sand for a weight so it would flex in the wind. The problem with that is feeding it on 80 metres - the impedance is highly reactive, and choice of feedline length was critical to be able to match it with any reasonable choice of inductance and capacitance on 3.5 to 4.0 Mhz. And, 80/75 metres is one of my favorite bands. I bought 80 feet or so of military surplus fibreglass reinforces plastic mast at the Dayton Hamvention a few years ago, and it has served well for home and field supports for antennae.

One antenna which KA5S and I have used is fashioned from a 32' collapsible fishing pole, with a wire running down the pole. The ones we use are called "jackite poles" which are used as anchors for kites, as well as fishing pole. They are available at your local kite store or from http://www.jackite.com/product_info.php?products_id=132. The neat thing about these poles is that they collapse to about 3', easily transportable. A quarter wave counterpoise at ground level works best, though I've used a ground steak at the bottom in lieu of an artificial ground at times. This will tune on 40 through 10 metres with a LDG autotuner at the bottom of it. To get it to work on 80 metres a coil (of ~ 30 feet of wire) reduces the capacitive reactance and allows it to work with the autotuner. We've only used this in field operations, but, depending on conditions, we've been able to make "reasonable" number of contacts. Cortland has made vertical beams for 20 metres with two or three of them - look of "bobtail curtains" on the internet for details.

Good luck on your endeavors.

72/73 de n8xx Hg

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1465. (no subject)

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-09-13 14:02:02 UTC
From: wd8usa@aol.com
Topic: 1465 Message: 1465

http://mamashighstrung.com/blog/wp-content/plugins/extended-comment-options/hptclsq.htm

1466. Is this a real message?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-09-13 14:17:44 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1465 Message: 1466

Joe,

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1467. Adrian Hamfest, Sunday, September 18

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-09-13 14:38:22 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1467 Message: 1467

2011 Adrian Hamfest - Sunday, September 18, 2011, 8:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M. or ? Set-up starts at 6:30 A.M. Sunday morning

Location: Lenawee County Fairgrounds, 602 N. Dean Street, Adrian, MI 49221
Talk-in 145.370- PL 85.4 W8TQE

Prices: $10.00 per (1) Table
$5.00 per (1) Trunk Space
$5.00 per Ticket (Advance tickets receive 2 stubs)

Hamfest Chair: Mark Hinkleman, NU8Z, cqnu8z@...

VE Licensing Exams: Walk-in VE Licensing Exams, starting 9:00 A.M.
Registration at 8:45 A.M.
Bring Photo ID, $15.00, and Photo copy of existing license if upgrading.
Questions? Contact Kevin Brooks (kbrooks@...)
Phone 517-467-7695

There will be no half tables or half spaces offered. You must purchase a whole 8ft. space. Each vendor MUST purchase one ticket per person regardless of how many tables or trunk spaces purchased. Limited wall space and electricity is available for inside space. A food vendor will be provided during the ham fest on Sunday! Get a printable form to reserve your table(s).

Visit our website at: http://www.adrianhamfest.com

1468. Re: [GRARA] Is this a real message?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-09-13 16:16:19 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 1465 Message: 1468

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Date: Tue, 13 Sep 2011 10:17:44 -0400
From: Hank Greeb <n8xx@...>
Reply-To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [GRARA] Is this a real message?
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com

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> [14] http://docs.yahoo.com/info/terms/
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----- End message from n8xx@... -----

1469. Re: [GRARA] Is this a real message?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-09-13 16:41:59 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1465 Message: 1469

Jack:

Well, I made it to the "o'dark thirty" part of the hamfest Saturday morning - helped with GRARA booth, etc. Had to leave to help with an all afternoon event at our church.

Didn't make it to the setup - because I figured I'd be too pooped to pop Saturday morning.

When I clicked on the link I got a "page working" - and closed it because, even though I have up to date anti-virus programme installed. I figure valor is the better part of discretion.

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1470. How did the hamfest go?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-09-13 16:53:46 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1465 Message: 1470

It seemed that things were selling fairly well @ the GRARA booth. N8DGD seemed quite pleased with the sales from an estate.

Did we make any money for our moneybags treasurer/treasury?

I purchased a virgin copy of Windoze 98 Second Edition to upgrade my itty bitty and very ancient laptop which still runs nicely, eggzept it won't run any of the WiFi adapters because Windoze 98 first edition doesn't know what WiFi i all about. Total outlay $8, including an entrance ticket.

BTW, my "itty bitty" ancient laptop is a BIT later vintage than my first sp*rk gap rig. :)

(I figure the above sentence is needed lest the assembled multitude would wonder why I was keeping a computer which originated in 1998.) :)

73 de n8xx Hg

1471. Re: [GRARA] How did the hamfest go?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-09-13 18:38:11 UTC
From: R. Mark Barnett
Topic: 1465 Message: 1471

Sorry to butt in, but your lappy sounds like a good candidate for Linux. I'm running all my old Windows programs with WINE on PCLinuxOS and I love the speed boost and stability.... And that's on an old HP laptop running at 433 Mhz. With Windows the thing was so slow I wanted to toss it out the window. It's no speed demon with Linux either, but fast enough to use. (OK, coming off the i5 machine it IS noticeably slower) LOL

Mark Barnett N8PGV
GET SWABBED!!! Save a Life by becoming a bone marrow donor. A child near YOU is DYING for a transplant! http://www.dkmsamericas.org/ Organize a Bone Marrow Donor Drive in YOUR Town or Church!

--- On Tue, 9/13/11, Hank Greeb <n8xx@...> wrote:

From: Hank Greeb <n8xx@...>
Subject: [GRARA] How did the hamfest go?
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Date: Tuesday, September 13, 2011, 12:53 PM

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1472. Swap Video

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-09-13 20:35:29 UTC
From: Jack Kunnen
Topic: 1472 Message: 1472

http://youtu.be/Gds50IBh4e8

A short little HD video from the Swap

Jack, ab8nd

1473. Re: [GRARA] Is this a real message?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-09-13 23:02:56 UTC
From: R. Mark Barnett
Topic: 1465 Message: 1473

I opened the link in Linux and got a warning that it is a Phlishing site. I check my mail and website with a Linux LiveCD, so when I shut down it's gone. DON'T open it!!!!!

Mark Barnett N8PGV
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From: Hank Greeb <n8xx@...>
Subject: [GRARA] Is this a real message?
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Date: Tuesday, September 13, 2011, 10:17 AM

Joe,

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ok.

73 de n8xx Hg

On 9/13/2011 10:02 AM, wd8usa@... wrote:

http://mamashighstrung.com/blog/wp-content/plugins/extended-comment-options/hptclsq.htm

1474. Re: [GRARA] Is this a real message?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-09-14 01:17:44 UTC
From: wd8usa@aol.com
Topic: 1465 Message: 1474

Negative! Disregard this web site! DE WD8USA ...-.-

-----Original Message-----
From: R. Mark Barnett <orgelkraft@...>
To: GRARA <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Tue, Sep 13, 2011 7:03 pm
Subject: Re: [GRARA] Is this a real message?

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1475. Re: [GRARA] Is this a real message?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-09-14 01:47:43 UTC
From: wd8usa@aol.com
Topic: 1465 Message: 1475

Again, Disregard this website! DE WD8USA ...-.-

Evidently I was hacked some how-

-----Original Message-----
From: Hank Greeb <n8xx@...>
To: GRARA <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Tue, Sep 13, 2011 12:42 pm
Subject: Re: [GRARA] Is this a real message?

Jack:

Well, I made it to the "o'dark thirty" part of the hamfest Saturday morning - helped with GRARA booth, etc. Had to leave to help with an all afternoon event at our church.

Didn't make it to the setup - because I figured I'd be too pooped to pop Saturday morning.

When I clicked on the link I got a "page working" - and closed it because, even though I have up to date anti-virus programme installed. I figure valor is the better part of discretion.

73 de n8xx Hg

On 9/13/2011 12:16 PM, Jack Amelar wrote:

That's what happens when you miss a major club event!
If you click on the link with the Firefox browser, you get a WEB
ORGERY warning.
----- Message from n8xx@... ---------
Date: Tue, 13 Sep 2011 10:17:44 -0400
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1476. on the road (again)

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-09-15 01:48:30 UTC
From: pobox740
Topic: 1476 Message: 1476

Hello all,
I will be headding down to Florida on wednesday 9/21 @ 18:30(aprx), and will call on 28.495 USB.
Also will be listening on 146.520 FM.
73s
timothy kb8afs

1477. Hamburger Night

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-09-15 23:03:40 UTC
From: Jack Kunnen
Topic: 1477 Message: 1477

Tomorrow evening MARA is having their Build Your Own Burger from 5:00 until 8:00 at the 5th St Hall, the NW corner of 5th Street and Davis, Grand Rapids.
$5 for Adults & $3 for kids under 12.
Great time to socialize with old friends and have some great chow cooked up by the excellent chefs from MARA.

Jack, AB8ND

1478. Technology

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-09-21 22:42:23 UTC
From: Tom KD8DEG
Topic: 1478 Message: 1478
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

[Body unavailable in the source archive]

1479. Not doing anything tomorrow? Track the demise... Realtime UARS satellite tracking

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-09-22 22:48:28 UTC
From: K8TB
Topic: 1479 Message: 1479

Realtime tracking

http://www.n2yo.com/?s=21701

Orbit decay predictions

http://www.n2yo.com/uars-decay/

Re-entry is in the afternoon (EDT) on the 23rd.
NASA says it won't auger in over the USA but
they are leaving some wiggle room on that..

1480. [HARC]

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-09-23 00:20:55 UTC
From: Tom KD8DEG
Topic: 1480 Message: 1480

----- Original Message -----
From: Jim Lamberts
To: Club HARC
Sent: Thursday, September 22, 2011 7:32 PM
Subject: [HARC]

For Sale

Icom 728 HF rig good condition Roger wants a new rig $300.00

Kenwood TS 570d Mint condition $650.00

Ameritron Amp 811H 800 Watts out Mint 4 tubes everyone needs an amp $625.00

Ten-Tec Amp Centaur Model 411 Mint 3 tubes for 600 watts out Lets work some DX $625.00

Mosely tri bans beam to go with the radio and amp 10-15-20meters $100

1481. Check out the results of last night's fox hunt in Jenison/Hudsonville

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-09-23 01:05:10 UTC
From: W8DER
Topic: 1481 Message: 1481

Hey gang, Check out the results of last night's fox hunt in Jenison/Hudsonville. Several Clubs Represented.

http://www.MichiganFoxHunter.com

Mike@...

1482. Trunk Sales at Flat River Electronics

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-09-23 16:25:00 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 1482 Message: 1482

There will be trunk sales at Flat River Discount Electronics in
Greenville on SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1.
A mini-hamfest, mini-swap. This is similar to the "Asphalt Adventure"
GRARA sponsored some years ago in the Red Cross parking lot.
Admission is free to buyers and sellers. Begins at 8AM.

The web site for Flat River is
http://www.frd-e.com/
although there is no further information about the swap.

Location:
209 N. Lafayette St, P.O. Box 431
Greenville, MI 48838
Phone (616) 754-0075 - (800) 376-0500 Fax (616) 754-4079
E-mail sales@...

1483. West Michigan's Youngest Fox Hunter Ever?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-09-24 00:23:53 UTC
From: K8TB
Topic: 1483 Message: 1483

A little story be added to what happened Wednesday Activity night at the
Fox Hunt in Allendale:

http://www.michiganbroadcasttowers.com/jonathon.html

73 de tom k8tb

1484. Fwd: OhQP Logs Due

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-09-27 14:42:05 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1484 Message: 1484

Did any GRARA member partook of the OhHoHo QSO Party?

(Besides me. I wuz N1L {for N)ot 1)n L)og} from BROWn county, OhHoHo. That was a quite interesting QRP OHIOxpedition.

Kenny, K2KW, is pleading for logs, even if you only worked one or two OhHoHo stations.

So, the word for the day - Send in your logs for the OhHoHo QSO Party!

73 de n8xx Hg

-------- Original Message --------

Subject:

[OhQP-mail] OhQP Logs Due

Date:

Tue, 27 Sep 2011 08:08:33 -0400

From:

Kenneth Silverman

To:

Ohio QSO , MiQP-Mail@...

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Thanks again for the great support and turnout!

Best regards,

Kenny K2KW

OhQP Committee

1485. Re: [GRARA] Fwd: OhQP Logs Due

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-09-27 16:33:03 UTC
From: W8DER
Topic: 1484 Message: 1485

All I did was listen for you and call a couple (hundred) times. You must have been napping.

Mike@...

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> Subject: [OhQP-mail] OhQP Logs Due
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> Kenny K2KW
> OhQP Committee
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1486. Re: [GRARA] Fwd: OhQP Logs Due

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-09-28 03:01:50 UTC
From: Steven Kaney
Topic: 1484 Message: 1486

I tried but as I remember it the propagation wasnt good. Wasn't that the weekend of the big CME?

de N7MUT/1

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To: GRARA Group <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
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1487. Re: [GRARA] Fwd: OhQP Logs Due

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-09-28 16:28:11 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1484 Message: 1487

Steven:

Propagation was strange. Hardly any propagation on 20, but 40, and later 75/80 were excellent for local contacts (within 300 miles or so). I only managed 7 Q's in the first hour while I was on 20. Switched to 40 much earlier in past years, and the band was hopping.

73 de n8xx Hg

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1488. Trunk Sales at Flat River Electronics THIS SATURDAY

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-09-29 17:17:21 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 1482 Message: 1488

There will be trunk sales at Flat River Discount Electronics in
Greenville THIS SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1.
A mini-hamfest, mini-swap. This is similar to the "Asphalt Adventure"
GRARA sponsored some years ago in the Red Cross parking lot.
Admission is free to buyers and sellers. Begins at 8AM.

My understanding is the official sponsor is the Montcalm Area Amateur
Radio Club
http://n8ma.org/ There are photos of past swap, but no further
information about this Saturday.

The web site for Flat River is
http://www.frd-e.com/
Again, no further information about the swap.

Location:
209 N. Lafayette St, P.O. Box 431
Greenville, MI 48838
Phone (616) 754-0075 - (800) 376-0500 Fax (616) 754-4079
E-mail sales@...

1489. Simulated Emergency Test October 1?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-09-29 17:57:03 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1489 Message: 1489

I was reminded in another mail list that the Annual Simulated Emergency Test is being held this weekend.

I also believe that somewhere I received notice that GRARA/Red Cross Communications Team is planning an event in conjunction with this effort.

To remind me, and others with faulty memory and too much lethargy to look up an older e-mail, would some high honcho in charge please send a reminder so that I (and others) might attempt to join the fray on Saturday?

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I'm at least 0.0001% sure that Michigan Net, (QMN) will be active on 3563 KHz (Corn Whiskey), though nothing is on their web site about the event (but there has been a bit of chatter about SET on their e-mail reflector) and the Wolverine Net will more than likely be active on 3935 KHz (Silly Side Band), even though nothing, zilch, NADA, is on their web page about SET.

The few brain cells between my ears these daze would appreciate a jolt of information about our local SET.

Tnx es 73 de n8xx Hg

1490. Re: Simulated Emergency Test October 1?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-09-29 18:03:28 UTC
From: Gerry Lerch
Topic: 1489 Message: 1490

Hank, this is the text of Sept. 18th email from Jim Leys to GRARA members:

Howdy
Just a update and reminder of the upcoming drill and training.

We will have a packet and message training session on Thursday Sept 29 at 6:30 pm at the Red Cross.
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Please R.S.V. P. so we can get a idea of many will show up.
Thanks
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KD8CAN

Gerry K8GGL

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1491. Re: [GRARA] Re: Simulated Emergency Test October 1?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-09-29 18:13:04 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1489 Message: 1491

Tnx Gerry:

I'll make an attempt to be @ Red Cross this evening for the training session. I think I volunteered before, but better late than never.

Lettuce hope the lack of chatter on the reflector(s) about SET is not an indicator of overall interest. Keeping one's operating skills sharp is always a worthwhile effort. If you've been in even one disaster area in your ham radio career (and I've been in at least half dozen, if not more relief efforts for floods, tornadoes, snow emergencies), emergency preparedness comes out high on one's priority list.

73 de n8xx Hg

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1492. Fwd: 2011 Arizona Statehood QSO Party Reminder!

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-09-30 01:32:16 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1492 Message: 1492

QST GRARA QST GRARA de n8xx

Follows a propaganda blast from Azirona. I did some Azirona QSO Party contacts last year, it was fun! Give it a try, and see whatcha thimk. Notice that three modes are available, CW, Phone, and Digital. So, go for it!

73 de n8xx Hg
Unofficial Propaganda forwarding station for the AZQP

-------- Original Message --------
Subject: 2011 Arizona Statehood QSO Party Reminder!
Date: Thu, 29 Sep 2011 17:31:40 -0400
From: KE7DX <ke7dx@...>
Reply-To: ke7dx@...
To: paqso@...

2011 Arizona Statehood QSO Party Reminder!

Only a week and a half away, the 2011 Arizona Statehood QSO Party, sponsored by the ARRL Arizona Section and Catalina Radio Club, from Oct 8 1600Z to Oct 9 0600Z and Oct 9 1400Z to Oct 9 2359Z. Phone, CW and Digital modes on 160/80/40/20/15/10/6/2 meters. Single-Op, Multi-Op, Arizona Multi-Multi, Arizona County Expedition and Mobile categories. Work stations once per band and mode. Mobiles may be worked once per band and mode in each county. County Line operations (two counties max) count as 2 QSOs. Outside Arizona exchange name and location (State, Province, or DXCC Prefix). Arizona Stations send a year of significance in Arizona History and State/County abbreviation. Suggested Frequencies (kHz): CW: 1812, 3548, 7048, 14048, 21048, 28048, 50048. SSB: 1848, 3848, 7189, 14248, 21348, 28448, 50148. FM Simplex: 146.48MHz. One point per Phone QSO, two points for CW and Digital QSOs. Multipliers for non-AZ entries are the 15 AZ counties by band and mode. Multipliers for AZ entries are States, Provinces, and DXCC Countries by mode. Final score is total QSO points times total multipliers + 100pts for Bonus Station W7SA. Mail logs no later than Oct 31 to Catalina Radio Club, C/O Gary Keck, PO Box 17811, Tucson, AZ 85731 or via email to logs@... . For full rules, along with log and summary sheets, Cabrillo electronic file format, and Award information, see http://www.azqsoparty.org.

Arizona Stations: we did a great job last year activating all Arizona counties! Let's do it again this year! Please send your planned operation information to info@..., and we'll put your operation on the Planned Operation page.

Thanks!

Planned operations as of Thursday, Sep 29:

AZQP Planned Ops 2011
Apache, AZAPH, KK7AC
Cochise, AZCHS, W7SVD (county line)
Coconino, AZCNO, K7IA (county line)
Gila, AZGLA, K7IA (county line)
Graham, AZGHM, N7AM
Greenlee, AZGLE,(none)
La Paz, AZLPZ, K7FA (county line)
Maricopa, AZMCP,K7DPS (M/M), KF7PKL (M/S), K7WP
Mohave, AZMHV, NA6E (WT6P, SSB/RTTY), K7LY, K7FA (county line)
Navajo, AZNVO, K7XZ (K8BN)
Pima, AZPMA, W7SA
Pinal, AZPNL, K?DMH
Santa Cruz, AZSCZ, W7SVD (county line)
Yavapai, AZYVP, (none)
Yuma, AZYMA, (none)

Looking forward to hearing you on the air!

Gary Keck, KE7DX
Arizona QSO Party Coordinator
Member, Catalina Radio Club, Radio Society of Tucson, Arizona Outlaws Contest Club
ARRL Life Member
SKCC # 5615

1493. Re: [GRARA] Simulated Emergency Test October 1?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-09-30 04:21:22 UTC
From: wd8usa@aol.com
Topic: 1489 Message: 1493

Info For all concerned RE SET Kent County/General Info:
The Red Cross RCCT will deploy an ERV and man the Chapter radio room. We will have an E Team contact off site linked through the MIVHF traffic Net on the W8IRA link system. Staging and briefing starts at the Chapter at 8am. Deployment to follow. Packet and NTS messages will be practiced.
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-----Original Message-----
From: Hank Greeb <n8xx@...>
To: <grara_members@...> <grara_members@...>; GRARA Group <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Thu, Sep 29, 2011 1:57 pm
Subject: [GRARA] Simulated Emergency Test October 1?

I was reminded in another mail list that the Annual Simulated Emergency Test is being held this weekend.

I also believe that somewhere I received notice that GRARA/Red Cross Communications Team is planning an event in conjunction with this effort.

To remind me, and others with faulty memory and too much lethargy to look up an older e-mail, would some high honcho in charge please send a reminder so that I (and others) might attempt to join the fray on Saturday?

My memory is that we arrive at Red Cross at "Oh-Dark thirty" and get deployed to outer Mongolia to attempt a fruitless task of trying to contact Lansing EOC via direct VHF packet radio. But, that's just a feeble impression I received from tiny tinglings in the sparse grey matter in the cranium.

I'm at least 0.0001% sure that Michigan Net, (QMN) will be active on 3563 KHz (Corn Whiskey), though nothing is on their web site about the event (but there has been a bit of chatter about SET on their e-mail reflector) and the Wolverine Net will more than likely be active on 3935 KHz (Silly Side Band), even though nothing, zilch, NADA, is on their web page about SET.

The few brain cells between my ears these daze would appreciate a jolt of information about our local SET.

Tnx es 73 de n8xx Hg

1494. Re: Simulated Emergency Test October 1?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-09-30 11:01:55 UTC
From: ka5s
Topic: 1489 Message: 1494

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1495. Re: [GRARA] Re: Simulated Emergency Test October 1?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-09-30 18:52:21 UTC
From: wd8usa@aol.com
Topic: 1489 Message: 1495

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1496. Re: [GRARA] Re: Simulated Emergency Test October 1?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-09-30 23:29:32 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1489 Message: 1496

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1497. For "After SET" enjoyment - California QSO Party

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-09-30 23:45:50 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1489 Message: 1497

For folks who are in need of another "operating fix" this weekend (in case you're not too exhausted from the Simulated Emergency Test), the California QSO Party begins at 1600Z (noon EDT) Saturday (1 October 2011), and ends at 2200 UTC (6:00 p.m. EDT) on Sunday (2 October 2011)..

Details are at http://http://www.cqp.org/Rules.html

California is a large state, and seems to be well organized, so there should be many opportunities to contact stations on both Phone and CW. Last year over 900 logs were submitted, containing over 200,000 QSO's.

GL es cu in SET and during the CQP!

73 de n8xx Hg

1498. Re: [GRARA] Re: Simulated Emergency Test October 1?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-10-01 02:00:42 UTC
From: wd8usa@aol.com
Topic: 1489 Message: 1498

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Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-10-01 02:30:23 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1489 Message: 1499

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1500. Re: [GRARA] Re: Simulated Emergency Test October 1?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-10-02 01:13:33 UTC
From: wd8usa@aol.com
Topic: 1489 Message: 1500

Our Telnet link is down due to technical dificulties- That is why you are having problems. Hopefully the Administrator will have this fixed soon- DE WD8USA ...-.-

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From: Hank Greeb <n8xx@...g>
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1501. Pennsylvania QSO Party October 9/10

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-10-04 13:10:28 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1501 Message: 1501

Yup, it's this time of year again,

Pennsylvania QSO Party 2011 will be Operating between 1600Z (Noon EDT) October 08 to 0500Z (1:00 A.M. EDT) October 09, and 1300Z (9:00 A.M. EDT) October 09 to 2200Z (6:00 P.M.) October 09.

Suggested Frequencies are: SSB: 1.850, 3.825, 7.200, 14.280, 21.380, 28.480, 50.125, 146.55. Note that 12, 17, 30, 60 meter and repeater QSOs are not permitted. CW: 40 KHz up from the bottom and 1810KHz PSK: 3.580, 7.080, 14.07015, 21.080, 50.250 RTTY: 3.580, 7.080, 14.080, 21.080, 28.080 160 meters Try at 0300Z Sunday Follow 160 meter band plan

Details at http://http://www.nittany-arc.net/paqsorules.html

1502. AND - Azirona QSO Party Also on October 9/10

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-10-04 13:49:30 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1502 Message: 1502

If the Pennsylvania crowd moves to 20 thru 10 metres during daylight hours, and/or if you like working folks to the west, there's the Arizona Statehood QSO Party during the same weekend. Note that I worked California last weekend during their QSO party on 7 MHz, both SSB and CW running 5 watts to an inverted V antenna at 28 feet. If propagation is as good this coming weekend as it was then, Azirona should be a slam dunk for anyone with 5 watts or more and any antenna somewhat better than a dummy load buried 6' underground.

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Note, Azirona was the 48th state to be admitted into these United States, so they like 48 KHz up from most band/mode edges.

Compleat rules at http://http://www.azqsoparty.org/rules.html

1503. What's up at this Friday's GRARA meeting? Check this out!

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-10-05 02:20:48 UTC
From: W8DER
Topic: 1503 Message: 1503

What's up at this Friday's GRARA meeting? Check this out! Check out the web site.

http://www.w8dc.org

1504. Re: [GRARA] AND - Azirona QSO Party Also on October 9/10

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-10-05 04:04:39 UTC
From: Steven Kaney
Topic: 1502 Message: 1504

Seemed like the CA QSOers just weren't interested in working a QRP. Many were making such a ruckus they couldnt have heard a freight train outside there window. "Don't let the sound of your own wheels drive you crazy". PA should be easier for me.

de N7MUT/1

From: Hank Greeb <n8xx@...>
To: GRARA Group <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 4, 2011 9:49 AM
Subject: [GRARA] AND - Azirona QSO Party Also on October 9/10

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1505. Re: [GRARA] AND - Azirona QSO Party Also on October 9/10

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-10-05 11:08:16 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1502 Message: 1505

With a modest antenna and 5 watts (measured by my recently recalibrated Heathkit QRP wattmeter) I was able to work over 100 California Stations in about 6 hours of effort. Especially on Sunday Afternoon, when the "pickin's were apparently slim" and many of the "big guns" were repeatedly calling repetitive CQ's with no answers, they really dug down deep, asked for multiple repeats, and seldom told me they couldn't pull me through, even on SSB.

A few others reported on the QRP reflectors that they were able to work California with 900 milliwatts and so forth, one with a GADS (Gutter And Downspout) antenna, so it seems I wasn't the only op with success with low power.

I agree that working Pennsylvania on 80 and 40 with a modest setup should be easier than working Azirona on 20, 15, and 10. The BIG EXCEPTION will be if band conditions are as good this coming weekend as they were last weekend, then Azirona might also be a "near slamdunk" for QRP ops.

Give it a try, you may be as surprised as I was last weekend.

72/73 de n8xx Hg

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1506. Morse code on Letterman tonight

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-10-06 21:46:17 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1506 Message: 1506

CW enthusiasts out there will note that there was a bit of real morse on today's Late Show with David Letterman. Every effort was made to use real morse, and text that matched the on-screen graphics.

The CW plays at the end of the first segment of the show... Dave's monologue. 73 de Ray K2ULR

1507. Re: [GRARA] Morse code on Letterman tonight

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-10-07 04:45:50 UTC
From: Steven Kaney
Topic: 1506 Message: 1507

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de N7MUT/1

From: Hank Greeb <n8xx@...>
To: GRARA Group <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 6, 2011 5:46 PM
Subject: [GRARA] Morse code on Letterman tonight

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73 de Ray
K2ULR

1508. Re: [GRARA] Morse code on Letterman tonight

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-10-07 13:06:46 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1506 Message: 1508

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73 de n8xx Hg

On 10/7/2011 12:45 AM, Steven Kaney wrote:

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1509. Re: [GRARA] Morse code on Letterman tonight

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-10-07 13:09:34 UTC
From: Dave Ed
Topic: 1506 Message: 1509

That's why I do not watch network TV and Lettermen at all.AC8AB, Dave

--- On Fri, 10/7/11, Steven Kaney <sfkaney@...> wrote:

From: Steven Kaney <sfkaney@...>
Subject: Re: [GRARA] Morse code on Letterman tonight
To: "GRARA@yahoogroups.com" <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Date: Friday, October 7, 2011, 12:45 AM

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1510. Re: [GRARA] Morse code on Letterman tonight

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-10-08 14:08:42 UTC
From: Steven Kaney
Topic: 1506 Message: 1510

I might watch it if you knew the day. There was an interesting one a while back, I think it was on Leno, where they had a contest between CW and phone texters and CW won. As an aside note, last year you could watch any of the 4 or 5 episodes online for free but this year a lot of the are wanting you to pay for it - if I have to pay I wont watch it.

de N7MUT/1

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From: Hank Greeb <n8xx@...>
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Friday, October 7, 2011 9:06 AM
Subject: Re: [GRARA] Morse code on Letterman tonight

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1511. PaQP N8XX Single Op QRP

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-10-09 19:17:34 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1511 Message: 1511

Nice even score. I hardly believed it when I gave up with 110 Q's, and
then tuned onto 14 MHz to find Azirona, and instead,found lots of
Pennsylvania Stations. Just had to make another 10 or so Q's w/PA stations.

Pennsylvania QSO Party

Call: N8XX
Operator(s): N8XX
Station: N8XX

Class: Single Op QRP
QTH: MICHIGAN
Operating Time (hrs): 6

Summary:
Band CW Qs Ph Qs RTTY Qs PSK31 Qs

160: 0 0 0 0
80: 39 16 0 0
40: 33 22 0 0
20: 9 2 0 0
15: 0 0 0 0
10: 0 0 0 0
6: 0 0 0 0
2: 0 0 0 0

Total: 81 40 0 0 Mults = 40 Total Score = 8,000

Club: Mad River Radio Club

Comments:

Wow! What a party! Conditions were lousy on 20 on Saturday, so went to
40 early and was delighted! Only problem was high noise level at some
places in PA, so I couldn't snag some of the multipliers with my mighty
5 watts. Was delighted to work PA on 20 metres, both SSB and CW!

Congrats to the Organizing group.

1512. Paint needed for project

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-10-10 19:46:43 UTC
From: David E
Topic: 1512 Message: 1512

Tom, Bob,
I have 3 gallons of off white flat latex and one gallon of white flat latex. Will any of these work for the shed,
Dave
AC8AB

1513. Illinois QSO Party, Sunday 16 October

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-10-11 04:52:15 UTC
From: n8xxham
Topic: 1513 Message: 1513

The Illinois QSO Party is this weekend, Sunday, 10/16 and I can't think of too many better ways to brush up on your operating technique than to get on and make some contacts. The ILQP starts at 1:00 P.M. EDT and runs until 9:00 PM EDT (That's 1700Z Sunday to 0100Z Monday)

More information can be found at http://www.w9awe.org/ILQP2011.html

1514. QRP ARCI Fall QSO Party

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-10-11 04:56:16 UTC
From: n8xxham
Topic: 1514 Message: 1514

QRP ARCI Fall QSO Party (CW)
Oct 15, 1200z to Oct 16, 2400z
That's 8:00 a.m Saturday, October 15, to 8:00 p.m. Sunday, October 16.

Compleat rules at
http://www.qrparci.org/content/view/7674/118/

1515. New York QSO Party, Oct 15

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-10-11 04:59:45 UTC
From: n8xxham
Topic: 1515 Message: 1515

If you don't think you have enough choices for Contesting this weekend, why not think about the

New York QSO Party (Ph/CW/Dig)
Oct 15, 1400z to Oct 16, 0200z
That's 10:00 a.m to 10:00 p.m EDT Saturday, October 15

Rules are at
http://www.nyqp.org/rules.php

1516. Fwd: ARRL November Sweepstakes Bulletin

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-10-11 16:25:03 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1516 Message: 1516

ARRL Affiliated Clubs

Sweepstakes Bulletin – 2011

Larry Hammel, K5OT – Sweepstakes Contest Manager

Clubs are always looking for operating events and opportunities that excite and motivate their members to be active, especially on HF. This year's ARRL November Sweepstakes (http://www.arrl.org/sweepstakes) certainly fits the bill and – for the first time in years – the bands will have plenty to offer Technician license-holders, too! Sweepstakes – or "Sweeps" among friends – is a contest in which modest stations can do very, very well. There's no need for giant towers and antennas or legal-limit amplifiers – a backyard dipole or vertical and a "barefoot" HF rig will do just fine. In fact, SS is one contest in which antennas can be too high!

Because Sweepstakes brings out so many US and Canadian operators, it is very popular for friendly "contests within a contest" between clubs and between club members. A club contest to work the most sections, make Worked All States, or ring up the highest score is a nice way to wrap up the season with awards being presented at the year-end meeting. Many clubs have a friendly competition with other nearby clubs for local bragging rights. Even small clubs can get into the action on a national scale in the Local category of the ARRL Affiliated Club Completion (http://www.arrl.org/general-contest-information).

College clubs (http://collegearc.org/) can participate in two ways. The first is to submit a score in the School Club category of the main competition. With its 30-hour time limit, the shared-operating nature of the category fits right in with the busy fall semester. Give the Phone weekend (Nov 19-20) a try before heading home for Thanksgiving break! The second is to participate in the Collegiate Championship (http://www.collegiatechampionship.org/), sponsored by Ken Harker, WM5R. Ken has compiled a long list of yearly winners (http://www.collegiatechampionship.org/conferences/) for each of the NCAA Division I Conferences – has your school's club participated? The website is currently being updated with the 2010 scores and we need some help sorting out the current conference assignment for the record-holders - any volunteers? Finally, for a relaxed "practice" opportunity, try the ARRL's School Club Roundup (http://www.arrl.org/school-club-roundup) from Oct 17-21.

Did we mention the opportunities for Technician licensees? Techs have a large chunk of 10 meters available to them on both Phone (28.3-28.5 MHz) and CW (28.0-28.2) but in recent years, there hasn't been much activity due to quiet solar conditions. Lately, the solar flux has been kicking up to 120 and higher, meaning that 10 meters opens up coast-to-coast and beyond! If your club's Techs have been wondering what all the fuss is about 10 meters, be sure to encourage their activity during Sweeps. Perhaps one of those intra-club challenges we were talking about?

If you'd like to know more about Sweepstakes, download the Sweepstakes Operating Guide (http://www.arrl.org/sweepstakes) – there are simple explanations of the rules and a list of resource articles and websites to help you get the most from your Sweepstakes weekend. Maybe you'll even bring home the coveted "Clean Sweep" coffee mug!

CQ Sweeps!

73, Larry Hammel K5OT

1517. Geeoers, even one more QSO Party Oct 15

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-10-12 02:36:25 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1517 Message: 1517

I just found out about another State QSO party, in Iowa
Date and Time: Saturday October 15, 2011 from 1400Z - 2300Z
(10AM - 7PM EDT).

details at
https://sites.google.com/site/ottumwaamateurradioclub/iaqsoparty

(As if there weren't enough choices this weekend.

1518. RE: [GRARA] Paint needed for project

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-10-12 10:48:57 UTC
From: KD8HNF@gmail.com
Topic: 1512 Message: 1518

Dave, That should be just fine.

Thanks Dave.

-----Original Message-----
From: GRARA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:GRARA@yahoogroups.com]On Behalf Of David E
Sent: Monday, October 10, 2011 3:47 PM
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [GRARA] Paint needed for project

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AC8AB

1519. Fwd: Petosky hamfest & Fox Hunt - 5 November

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-10-13 00:53:01 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1519 Message: 1519

Here's one for the Fox hunters in the readership. For a die hard fox hunter, 317 miles (from center of Grand Rapids to center of Petoskey) is like the blink of an eye.

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The Straits Area ARC is going to have a swap and foxhunt on November 5th. The swap will be in Petoskey at Emmanuel Evangelical church 620 Emmet St. (corner of Emmet and Grove). The swap will run from 8 am to 12 pm. Entry will be $5 and tables will be $10 (includes entry ticket).

The foxhunt will start at 1:00 and go until 3:00. The foxhunt is free for all to enjoy and certificates will be awarded to all participants.

Please spread the word and plan on joining us.

You can contact me at kg8jk@... for more information and to reserve a table.

73

Dirk

1520. Fwd: Petosky hamfest & Fox Hunt - 5 November - errata

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-10-13 00:57:42 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1520 Message: 1520

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1521. Kalamazoo Hamfest

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-10-15 23:18:39 UTC
From: chip_wb8alw
Topic: 1521 Message: 1521

Greetings! Just a reminder that tomorrow is the Kalamazoo Hamfest, at the Kalamazoo County Expo and Fairgrounds. Doors open at 8 AM and tickets are $6.00. We hope to see you there! (http://kalamazoohamfest.com/)

Also, on Thursday evening, October 20, 2011, Retired Major Patrick McPherson (WW9E), founder of the Salvation Army Team Emergency Radio Network (S.A.T.E.R.N. http://www.satern.org/) will make a presentation to members and guests of the Kalamazoo Amateur Radio Club. His presentation will begin at 7:00PM. The KARC meets at the Red Cross Building at 5640 Venture Ct.,in Kalamazoo.

This should be an interesting and informative session. Plan to be there, and bring a guest, if you can!

Chip
WB8ALW
http://w8vy.org/

1522. Local source of Aluminium or steel tubing?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-10-17 19:20:04 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1522 Message: 1522

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Yes, we have satellite TV (the cable company says we live in the stix so they haven't put a cable along our road). We can't get the local secondary stations which have continuous radar, and supplemental programming.

Thanx in advance.

73 de n8xx Hg

1523. Re: [GRARA] Local source of Aluminium or steel tubing?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-10-17 19:32:36 UTC
From: Terry
Topic: 1522 Message: 1523

why does it have to be "tv type" go to home depot and price the EMT or Rigid electrical conduit or rigid at the diameter you need. the price may be the same material costs have skyrocketed so you may just have to pay the money or go without.

Terry
AB8AL

--- On Mon, 10/17/11, Hank Greeb <n8xx@...> wrote:

From: Hank Greeb <n8xx@...>
Subject: [GRARA] Local source of Aluminium or steel tubing?
To: "GRARA Group" <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Date: Monday, October 17, 2011, 11:20 PM

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1524. Re: [GRARA] Local source of Aluminium or steel tubing?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-10-17 20:15:00 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1522 Message: 1524

Terry:

Thanks 4 the suggestions. It doesn't ½ 2 B any particular type. I figured that 1" OD rigid conduit might not be strong enough. (Why 1" OD? That's what the Antenna/Rotor combination I purchased fits.) I'll look @ our local ACE hardware and see what they ½ in their inventory.

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1525. Re: [GRARA] Local source of Aluminium or steel tubing?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-10-17 20:32:28 UTC
From: Terry
Topic: 1522 Message: 1525

rigid conduit is stronger then the tv mast Radio shack sells.

Also conduit is sized by ID not OD not sure it makes a difference with your mount but just figured would mention it.

Terry
AB8AL

--- On Tue, 10/18/11, Hank Greeb <n8xx@...> wrote:

From: Hank Greeb <n8xx@...>
Subject: Re: [GRARA] Local source of Aluminium or steel tubing?
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Date: Tuesday, October 18, 2011, 12:15 AM

Terry:

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1526. Re: [GRARA] Local source of Aluminium or steel tubing?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-10-17 20:32:41 UTC
From: Charles Rich
Topic: 1522 Message: 1526

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1527. Re: [GRARA] Local source of Aluminium or steel tubing?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-10-17 20:46:53 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1522 Message: 1527

Thanks, Rich:

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p.s. you beat me in license date by a year or so, my first license was in December, 1951

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1528. Re: [GRARA] Local source of Aluminium or steel tubing?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-10-17 21:17:13 UTC
From: Charles Rich
Topic: 1522 Message: 1528

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1529. Re: [GRARA] Local source of Aluminium or steel tubing?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-10-18 17:41:22 UTC
From: RMoe@aol.com
Topic: 1522 Message: 1529

Try Central Iron and Steel, on Alpine Ave. They have a great section of Aluminum Tubing at a reasonable price. and most comes in 20 ft lengths. Good Luck, Bob AC8ZX

In a message dated 10/17/2011 3:20:30 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time, n8xx@... writes:

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1530. Re: [GRARA] Local source of Aluminium or steel tubing?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-10-18 17:50:45 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1522 Message: 1530

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1531. New guy here

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-10-21 18:55:33 UTC
From: jonvdb1
Topic: 1531 Message: 1531

Back in the '80's, I was N8DOL. Now, I'm nothing, back to square one I guess. I did grab a TenTec Omni-D off Ebay and am looking to get started again. I understand that I don't have regain my CW skills for licensing now, correct?

I also seem to see I could get on 10 meters with a Tech license?

Now to find a decent dipole and get our condo group to let me string one. ;-)

Jon

1532. Re: [GRARA] New guy here

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-10-21 20:05:30 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1531 Message: 1532

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1533. Re: [GRARA] New guy here

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-10-21 20:08:41 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1531 Message: 1533

One more thing

Frequency allocation chart for various bands can be found at
http://www.arrl.org/files/file/Regulatory/Band%20Chart/Hambands-color.pdf

or, if that gets truncated
http://tinyurl.com/6yqkmzz

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1534. Re: [GRARA] New guy here

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-10-21 20:13:36 UTC
From: Jon Vandenberg
Topic: 1531 Message: 1534

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Thanks,

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1535. Re: [GRARA] New guy here

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-10-21 22:31:53 UTC
From: K8TB
Topic: 1531 Message: 1535

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And make sure you let the collective here know how you have done.

tom K8TB

1536. Re: [GRARA] New guy here

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-10-21 22:34:06 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1531 Message: 1536

Jon:

Why don't you visit one of the many "practice sites" for FCC tests, and see how you do on the general test.? You may be pleasantly surprised.? I know I was when I looked at the Extra test a few years back, I found I got 85% (70% is passing), even though I took the test back in the 50's when transistors were very experimental, one had to draw schematic diagrams of tube rigs, SSB was prevalent but still rather new, etc.

In no particular order,

http://aa9pw.com/radio/

http://www.radioexam.org/exam

http://www.eham.net/exams/

Good luck!

Where do you live?? If you live within striking distance of Rockford, Let me know and maybe we can get together over a cuppa cafe?

And, if you're available at noon on Friday, there's a lunche bunche of hams who meet at Schnitz' South, 1529 Langley St Grand Rapids, MI 49508,? They have sandwiches, soup, etc., all very good.? We'd love to have you attend - after you order just go to the back room and you'll see a motley group of folks on a long table.? Introduce yourself and chime in!

73 de n8xx Hg

p.s. if you need ideas on "stealth antennae" I ran one for almost a year when I lived in an apartment in Cincinnati.? The only problem was that it was made from #28 wire, and occasionally birds would crash into it and bring it down.

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1537. Re: [GRARA] New guy here

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-10-22 12:57:12 UTC
From: Jon Vandenberg
Topic: 1531 Message: 1537

Thanks for this info. For grins, I took the 1st Tech test listed and only missed passing by two answers. Maybe I can get back in shape...

Thanks,

Jon Vandenberg

On Fri, Oct 21, 2011 at 6:31 PM, K8TB <k8tb@...> wrote:

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1538. Wayne Dowling K8WMD S.K.

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-10-22 15:53:45 UTC
From: Richard
Topic: 1538 Message: 1538

I am posting this sad note here, due to all of the friends Wayne has.
More later

Rich K8JX

Late this evening, we received a call from the Dowling family that due to complications, everyone's friend,
Wayne, K8WMD passed away earlier today, Friday, 10/21. More information as it becomes available.

RIP Wayne. Mike K8OOK

Mike, K8OOK, secretary for MARA

PS: Please feel free to forward this e-mail to anyone that isn't on the list.

1539. Fw: [W8USA] Wayne Dowling K8WMD S.K.

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-10-22 22:41:37 UTC
From: Tom KD8DEG
Topic: 1539 Message: 1539

----- Original Message -----
From: W8USA-owner@yahoogroups.com
To: W8USA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Saturday, October 22, 2011 11:50 AM
Subject: [W8USA] Wayne Dowling K8WMD S.K.

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1540. Re: [Norton AntiSpam]Re: [GRARA] New guy here

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-10-22 23:16:16 UTC
From: W8DER
Topic: 1531 Message: 1540

Jon, sounds like you are on your way. We have an Extra Class License training starting the First Wednesday in January. Check out http://www.w8dc.org License testing is at the Red Cross on the second Friday each month. See http://www.w8dc.org/grr_license_testing/license_testing.htm

Mike Hill, W8DER
Mike@...

----- Original Message -----
From: Jon Vandenberg
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Saturday, October 22, 2011 8:57 AM
Subject: [Norton AntiSpam]Re: [GRARA] New guy here

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1541. West Michigan Fox Hunt this Saturday, October 29 at 10:00AM

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-10-23 13:46:47 UTC
From: K8TB
Topic: 1541 Message: 1541

Put this Saturday, October 29, at 10:00am on your calendar for yet another West Michigan Fox Hunt. The starting point will be the Family Fare parking lot in Jenison/Hudsonville at 28th Ave/Port Sheldon. Shortest distance rules.

tom k8tb

1542. Re: [GRARA] West Michigan Fox Hunt this Saturday, October 29 at 10:00AM

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-10-23 14:03:07 UTC
From: Bob Robinson
Topic: 1541 Message: 1542

Man and I am on call again. Have fun
On Oct 23, 2011 9:46 AM, "K8TB" <k8tb@...> wrote:

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1543. Swap and Foxhunt Reminder

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-10-24 15:20:55 UTC
From: kg8jk
Topic: 1543 Message: 1543

Just a reminder that the Straits Area ARC is having a Swap and Foxhunt on November 5th in Petoskey.

The Swap will run from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm and will be at Emmanuel Evangelical Church on the corner of Grove and Emmet St. in Petoskey. Unfortunately there is no wheelchair access to the basement of the church where the swap will be.

Please let me know so I can reserve a table ($10)or 1/2 table ($7.50) for you. Remember, that also includes the price of your door ticket.

We will be starting the Foxhunt from there as well. It will be from 1:00 to 3:00. The fox will be transmitting on 146.55 Mhz.

Hope to see a lot of you there.

73

Dirk KG8JK

1544. Contest Calendar: Next Couple Weekends

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-10-25 02:12:54 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1544 Message: 1544

Okay, there's a "full blown" Silly Sideband contest coming up this very weekend, and another "full blown" Corn Whiskey Contest the following weekend.

The sidebanders in local clubs (Like W8DC) have a great chance to show how their rigs and antennae can work this very weekend.

And, the following weekend, the Corn Whiskey aficionados can let their light shine.

Or, we can do a big yawn, say "what the h.. I don't partake of contests" and forget about it.

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CQ WW DX Contest (SSB)
Oct 29, 0000z to Oct 30, 2359z
Rules: http://www.cqww.com/rules.php
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ARRL Sweepstakes (CW)
Nov 5, 2100z to Nov 7, 0259z
Rules: http://www.arrl.org/sweepstakes
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Also, much later in November, there's the SSB Sweepsteaks:

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ARRL Sweepstakes (Phone)
Nov 19, 2100z to Nov 21, 0259z
Rules: http://www.arrl.org/sweepstakes
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What say the assembled multitude?

73 de n8xx Hg

1545. Re: [GRARA] Local source of Aluminium or steel tubing?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-10-18 18:13:02 UTC
From: Charles Rich
Topic: 1522 Message: 1545

FYI:
Padnos in Holland has a recycling operation on Chicago Drive in Holland. They have (had??) various lengths and diameters of aluminum tubing, angles, square, sheet etc.
Chuck, W8GCW
CHECK MY PROFILE AT WWW.QRZ.COM
Be sure to check out my Ham Radio Page AT http://chuckrich.net/radio.htm
Licensed by the FCC since 1950

From: "RMoe@..." <RMoe@...>
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Tue, October 18, 2011 1:41:22 PM
Subject: Re: [GRARA] Local source of Aluminium or steel tubing?

Try Central Iron and Steel, on Alpine Ave. They have a great section of Aluminum Tubing at a reasonable price. and most comes in 20 ft lengths.
Good Luck, Bob AC8ZX

In a message dated 10/17/2011 3:20:30 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time, n8xx@... writes:

>I'd like to get 10' of "TV type" Aluminium or Steel Tubing for a TV
>antenna I wish to put on top of the house. I already have a tripod and
>mast on the house, but figure a new mast would be a good investment.
>Seems like some Rat Shacks have such tubing, but a friend who is
>installing an antenna at his cabin on Lincoln Lake says they want about
>$18 for 5' of tubing, which seems a bit high to me.
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>Yes, we have satellite TV (the cable company says we live in the stix so
>they haven't put a cable along our road). We can't get the local
>secondary stations which have continuous radar, and supplemental
>programming.
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>Thanx in advance.
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>73 de n8xx Hg
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1546. FCC Finalizes Rules for Broadband From Wall Sockets

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-10-31 15:57:55 UTC
From: Tom KD8DEG
Topic: 1546 Message: 1546

http://www.tvtechnology.com/article/125524

1547. Re: [GRARA] FCC Finalizes Rules for Broadband From Wall Sockets

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-11-01 02:27:23 UTC
From: Steven Kaney
Topic: 1546 Message: 1547

BPL isn't even slightly about internet for the masses. Thats just how they are trying to push it. What it is about is the 'smart grid' which is much more than what it claims - its a way for the power companies and ultimately the government to spy on virtually everything about you. George Orwell's 1984 was only a few years off in the dates of its predictions.

de N7MUT/1

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From: Tom KD8DEG <kd8deg@...>
To: WMSAT@yahoogroups.com; WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com; W8USA@yahoogroups.com; MichiganFoxHunter yahoogroup <MichiganFoxHunter@yahoogroups.com>; kalamazoohamradio@yahoogroups.com; k8daa@yahoogroups.com; HollandARCyahoogroups <HollandARC@yahoogroups.com>; GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Monday, October 31, 2011 11:57 AM
Subject: [GRARA] FCC Finalizes Rules for Broadband From Wall Sockets

http://www.tvtechnology.com/article/125524

1548. Re: FCC Finalizes Rules for Broadband From Wall Sockets

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-11-01 10:56:28 UTC
From: ka5s
Topic: 1546 Message: 1548

This is the Commission's first try at complying with the court order issued by the DC Court of Appeals after the ARRL got a decision that it had violated the Administrative Procedures Act.

http://www.arrl.org/news/court-finds-fcc-violated-administrative-procedure-act-in-bpl-decision

I'd say they haven't complied yet. The ARRL agrees, and I'd not be surprised to see another round of action at the DC Court of Appeals.

Cortland
KA5S

--- In GRARA@yahoogroups.com, "Tom KD8DEG" <kd8deg@...> wrote:
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1549. Re: [Norton AntiSpam]Re: [GRARA] New guy here

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-10-21 21:52:35 UTC
From: W8DER
Topic: 1531 Message: 1549

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Also, you cannot beat eBay prices for connectors, cables, etc. It is a direct line to Asia.

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Your name sounds familiar, Jon, but I cannot place you yet. I am working on it.

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Sent: Friday, October 21, 2011 4:13 PM
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1550. Re: [Norton AntiSpam]Re: [GRARA] New guy here

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-11-01 19:36:05 UTC
From: Jon Vandenberg
Topic: 1531 Message: 1550

Name familiar??? Are you an ex-councilman?

For my location in a condo project I am thinking my best antenna is going to be a multiband inverted V. I will probably just buy one pre-made from ebay.

Thanks,

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On Fri, Oct 21, 2011 at 5:52 PM, W8DER <mike@...> wrote:

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> *From:* Jon Vandenberg <jonvdb45@...>
> *To:* GRARA@yahoogroups.com
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1551. Re: [Norton AntiSpam]Re: [GRARA] New guy here

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-11-01 21:18:28 UTC
From: Charles Rich
Topic: 1531 Message: 1551

Hi Jon,
I am not an EX councliman. BUT - My son, Craig was a councilman and Mayor Pro-Tem of the City Of Holland for 25 years, or so.

Chuck, W8GCW
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From: Jon Vandenberg <jonvdb45@...>
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Tue, November 1, 2011 3:36:05 PM
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>
>Mike Hill
>Mike@...
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>----- Original Message -----
>>From: Jon Vandenberg
>>To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
>>Sent: Friday, October 21, 2011 4:13 PM
>>Subject: [Norton AntiSpam]Re: [GRARA] New guy here
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>>Lol, not only knew it once, got a CW WAS back in the day.
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>>I passed Novice, then General back in the '80's. I figured Tech would be an
>>easy start if I were to brush up on band permissions and some schematic symbols?
>> Correct me if I'm wrong, but I used to build a lot of things and figured
>>schematics would come back easy.
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>>Are there any local stores carrying any gear or gadgets?
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>>Jon Vandenberg
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>>On Fri, Oct 21, 2011 at 4:05 PM, Hank Greeb <n8xx@...g> wrote:
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>>>"grandfathered" to General Class. Check with the folks who are VE's to
>>>see if my info is still correct - it is several years olde.
>>>
>>>10 metres SSB and CW are both permitted for Tech Licensees, I do
>>>believe. There are CW allocation for Technicians on 15, 40, and 80
>>>metres, if CW floats your boat.
>>>
>>>73 de n8xx Hg
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>>>On 10/21/2011 2:55 PM, jonvdb1 wrote:
>>>> Back in the '80's, I was N8DOL. Now, I'm nothing, back to square one I guess. I
>>>>did grab a TenTec Omni-D off Ebay and am looking to get started again. I
>>>>understand that I don't have regain my CW skills for licensing now, correct?

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>>>> I also seem to see I could get on 10 meters with a Tech license?
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>>>> Now to find a decent dipole and get our condo group to let me string one.
>;-)
>>>>
>>>> Jon
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1552. Re: [Norton AntiSpam]Re: [GRARA] New guy here

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-11-01 22:04:50 UTC
From: Jon Vandenberg
Topic: 1531 Message: 1552

OK, different Michel Hill, same spelling.

Thanks,

Jon Vandenberg

On Tue, Nov 1, 2011 at 5:18 PM, Charles Rich <chucksvideo@...>wrote:

> **
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> Hi Jon,
> I am not an EX councliman. BUT - My son, Craig was a councilman and
> Mayor Pro-Tem of the City Of Holland for 25 years, or so.
>
> Chuck, W8GCW
>
> CHECK MY PROFILE AT WWW.QRZ.COM
> Be sure to check out my Ham Radio Page AT http://chuckrich.net/radio.htm
> Licensed by the FCC since 1950
>
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> ------------------------------
> *From:* Jon Vandenberg <jonvdb45@...>
> *To:* GRARA@yahoogroups.com
> *Sent:* Tue, November 1, 2011 3:36:05 PM
> *Subject:* Re: [Norton AntiSpam]Re: [GRARA] New guy here
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>
> Name familiar??? Are you an ex-councilman?
>
> For my location in a condo project I am thinking my best antenna is going
> to be a multiband inverted V. I will probably just buy one pre-made from
> ebay.
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> Thanks,
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> Jon Vandenberg
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> On Fri, Oct 21, 2011 at 5:52 PM, W8DER <mike@...> wrote:
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>> **
>> Welcome to the GRARA site Jon,
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>> There are no local ham stores, but the internet has all you want. My
>> favorite is Amateur Electronic Supply in Wisconsin.
>> http://www.aesham.com/ I order from them in the morning and
>> the equipment is here the next morning.
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>> Also, you cannot beat eBay prices for connectors, cables, etc. It is a
>> direct line to Asia.
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>> If you want to check out the Technician test pool, go to
>> http://www.qrz.com and find your way to practice tests. (Free stuff)
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>> on it.
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>> Mike Hill
>> Mike@...
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>> *To:* GRARA@yahoogroups.com
>> *Sent:* Friday, October 21, 2011 4:13 PM
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>>> > Now to find a decent dipole and get our condo group to let me string
>>> one. ;-)
>>> >
>>> > Jon
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1553. Meeting this Friday?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-11-02 02:17:09 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1553 Message: 1553

I presume there's a meeting this Friday, @ Red Cross,

1050 Fuller Ave NE (just south of Leonard)
Grand Rapids, MI

6:30 p.m. gathering, 7:00 p.m. start of meeting

The 2nd part of "Standing up for Standing Waves" will be shown?

Will there be a projector and computer for use? I can bring my laptop if needed, with DVD/CD player if we can locate a projector.

73 de n8xx Hg

1554. Copied from the ARRL Website

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-11-02 03:39:07 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1554 Message: 1554

From a fellow QRP operator. Haven't seen it in this reflector

Due to a large number of radio amateurs uploading their logs to Logbook of The World (LoTW) after last weekend's CQ Worldwide SSB Contest, the ARRL's online QSL verification service is experiencing delays. According to ARRL IT Department Manager Michael Keane, K1MK, there is about a 33 hour wait for logs to be processed. "Logs are processed in the order in which they were received," he explained. "If you have uploaded your log to LoTW, your log is currently queued for processing. It has not been lost in the system. Uploading your log multiple times will only further delay your log and those of others to be processed."

1555. Re: [GRARA] Meeting this Friday?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-11-02 08:04:33 UTC
From: Jim Leys
Topic: 1553 Message: 1555

The projector was back in the Radio Room as of last Wedensday

From: Hank Greeb <n8xx@...>
To: GRARA Group <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 1, 2011 10:17 PM
Subject: [GRARA] Meeting this Friday?

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73 de n8xx Hg

1556. Re: [GRARA] Meeting this Friday?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-11-02 12:09:46 UTC
From: Jack Kunnen
Topic: 1553 Message: 1556

I'll check again tonight.

Jack, ab8nd

On Nov 2, 2011, at 4:04 AM, Jim Leys wrote:

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> The projector was back in the Radio Room as of last Wedensday
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> From: Hank Greeb <n8xx@...>
> To: GRARA Group <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
> Sent: Tuesday, November 1, 2011 10:17 PM
> Subject: [GRARA] Meeting this Friday?
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1557. Re: [GRARA] Meeting this Friday?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-11-02 12:31:07 UTC
From: Jon Vandenberg
Topic: 1553 Message: 1557

Please confirm time and date, newbie would like to attend?

Thanks,

Jon Vandenberg

On Tue, Nov 1, 2011 at 10:17 PM, Hank Greeb <n8xx@...> wrote:

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> 73 de n8xx Hg
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1558. Re: [GRARA] Meeting this Friday?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-11-02 12:53:10 UTC
From: Jack Kunnen
Topic: 1553 Message: 1558

Red Cross Chapter House
1050 Fuller Ave NE (just south of Leonard)
Grand Rapids, MI

6:30 p.m. gathering, 7:00 p.m. start of meeting

Jack, AB8ND

On Nov 2, 2011, at 8:31 AM, Jon Vandenberg wrote:

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1559. Re: [GRARA] Meeting this Friday?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-11-02 15:51:53 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1553 Message: 1559

Hi, Jon:

Newbie's are always welcome.

You'll see that the high honchos in charge have confirmed my recollection.

Hope to CU thar!

73 de n8xx Hg

On 11/2/2011 8:31 AM, Jon Vandenberg wrote:
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> Please confirm time and date, newbie would like to attend?
>
> Thanks,
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> Jon Vandenberg
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> On Tue, Nov 1, 2011 at 10:17 PM, Hank Greeb <n8xx@...
> <mailto:n8xx@...>> wrote:
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> I presume there's a meeting this Friday, @ Red Cross,
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> laptop if needed, with DVD/CD player if we can locate a projector.
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> 73 de n8xx Hg
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1560. Re: [GRARA] Meeting this Friday?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-11-02 16:15:53 UTC
From: Frank"SASSY"Thompson
Topic: 1553 Message: 1560

Hi Jack, My Name is Frank Thompson, [Call sign is KD8QXC. Home phone is (616) 365-8203] I am home bond and looking for a ride to and from the meeting this Friday. My home Address: 2040 Sinclair Ave.,N.E., this one block west from Plainfield. It is my hope that someone will be able to help me get to the meeting this Friday. I am interested in joining the club. Thank you for taking time to read this E-mail. Frank
Sent: Wednesday, November 02, 2011 8:53 AM
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: Re: [GRARA] Meeting this Friday time

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Red Cross Chapter House1050 Fuller Ave NE (just south of Leonard)Grand Rapids, MI

6:30 p.m. gathering, 7:00 p.m. start of meeting

Jack, AB8ND

On Nov 2, 2011, at 8:31 AM, Jon Vandenberg wrote:

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Grand Rapids, MI

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1561. Re: [GRARA] Meeting this Friday?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-11-02 16:38:42 UTC
From: Dave Ed
Topic: 1553 Message: 1561

Jack,I will pick up Frank at 6:15 Friday night.Dave AC8AB

--- On Wed, 11/2/11, Frank"SASSY"Thompson <sassy22600@...> wrote:

From: Frank"SASSY"Thompson <sassy22600@...>
Subject: Re: [GRARA] Meeting this Friday?
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Date: Wednesday, November 2, 2011, 12:15 PM

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Sent: Wednesday, November 02, 2011 8:53 AM
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: Re: [GRARA] Meeting this Friday
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Jack, AB8ND

On Nov 2, 2011, at 8:31 AM, Jon Vandenberg wrote:

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meeting

1562. Re: [GRARA] Meeting this Friday?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-11-02 17:26:40 UTC
From: Jack Kunnen
Topic: 1553 Message: 1562

Thank you Dave !!!

Jack, ab8nd

On Nov 2, 2011, at 12:38 PM, Dave Ed wrote:

> Jack,
> I will pick up Frank at 6:15 Friday night.
> Dave
> AC8AB
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> --- On Wed, 11/2/11, Frank"SASSY"Thompson <sassy22600@...> wrote:
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> From: Frank"SASSY"Thompson <sassy22600@...>
> Subject: Re: [GRARA] Meeting this Friday?
> To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
> Date: Wednesday, November 2, 2011, 12:15 PM
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1563. Testla memorial event

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-11-03 23:34:33 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1563 Message: 1563

From another ham radio reflector. Obviously, these folks didn't check the ARRL contest calendar. . . .

However, if you're on before SS starts, you might find W3T or W3Y or YU0TESLA on the air.
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Wardenclyffe, Nikola Tesla?s last laboratory will be on the air November 5th as special event station W3T! Wardenclyffe is located in Shoreham, NY on Long Island. W3T is part of a network of special event stations that are helping to raise awareness for the effort to purchase the laboratory and restore it into a science museum. To read more about the effort to restore Wardencyffe, please check outhttp://www.teslasciencecenter.org. The other stations in the network are N3Y which will transmit via satellite and possibly HF from the New Yorker Hotel, Tesla?s last home in Manhattan, and YU0TESLA which will transmit on 20m as well as other HF bands from the Tesla Museum in Belgrade. For the latest updates on what frequencies to catch the stations on and a sneak peek at the QSL cards and QTHs, go tohttp://copaseticflows.appspot.com/teslaevent.

If you?re in the Shoreham area on the 5th , please stop by the station!

Also, be sure to check out the Radio Central Amateur Radio Club. They will have the Marconi radio shack on the air a few miles away transmitting as a special event station commemorating the 90th anniversary of the opening of the RCA transmitting antenna farm in Rocky Point, NY. More details are available athttp://www.rcarc.org/. Without the RCA club W3T would not be on the air. Their help has been invaluable!

And, this just in, we are proud to announce that one more historic station will be on the air with us on the 5th of November, the Police Athletic League Amateur Radio Club of Yonkers, NY, a mere few meters from the site of the first FM transmission 66 years ago on November 5th of 1935 will be on the air with same call sign as the historic station: W2XAG.

If you have any questions, or you?d like to help out, please feel free to contact me athcarter333@... <mailto:hcarter333@...>.

73 de KD0FNR Hamilton Carter

1564. DAPR meeting Saturday?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-11-04 01:40:39 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1564 Message: 1564

Will there be a DAPR meeting Saturday @ 8:00 a.m. as typical?

72/73 de n8xx Hg

1565. Re: [GRARA] DAPR meeting Saturday?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-11-04 11:56:22 UTC
From: Jack Kunnen
Topic: 1564 Message: 1565

Yes

Jack, ab8nd

On Nov 3, 2011, at 9:40 PM, Hank Greeb wrote:

> Will there be a DAPR meeting Saturday @ 8:00 a.m. as typical?
>
> 72/73 de n8xx Hg
>
>

1566. See you Saturday

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-11-04 15:08:22 UTC
From: kg8jk
Topic: 1566 Message: 1566

It looks like we are going to have great weather for our Swap and Foxhunt. Hope to see a lot of you there. 8:00 - 12:00 at Emmanuel Evangelical Church in Petoskey. 620 Emmet St. (corner of Grove and Emmet. Foxhunt 1:00 - 3:00.

73

KG8JK

1567. Re: [GRARA] See you Saturday

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-11-04 19:04:16 UTC
From: Bob Robinson
Topic: 1566 Message: 1567

Hello do you have a website set up with the information on it? Rules ,
hunting location?
Thanks

Kd8hnf
On Nov 4, 2011 11:08 AM, "kg8jk" <esterline.dj.t@...> wrote:

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>
> It looks like we are going to have great weather for our Swap and Foxhunt.
> Hope to see a lot of you there. 8:00 - 12:00 at Emmanuel Evangelical Church
> in Petoskey. 620 Emmet St. (corner of Grove and Emmet. Foxhunt 1:00 - 3:00.
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> 73
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> KG8JK
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1568. Foxhunt Rules

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-11-04 19:21:05 UTC
From: kg8jk
Topic: 1568 Message: 1568

Hello Bob,

The church is located in Petoskey on the corner of Emmet and Grove (620 Emmet St.). We will start in the parking lot and end there as well.

Here are the rules for the hunt.

The hunt will begin promptly at 1:00 and end at 3:00 or as soon as all participants return to the starting point, whichever comes first. Participants need to be at the Emmanuel Evangelical Church parking lot before that time so the officials can record the mileage of the vehicle used for the hunt.
The Fox will be transmitting on 146.55 Mhz. Transmissions will last approximately 1 minute with an interval of 5 minutes between transmissions. Auxiliary communications should take place on 146.52 or the SAARC repeater 146.68 (pl 110.9).
This hunt will be judged by the mileage traveled, not the time taken to find the Fox. All participants will start at the church parking lot and have their mileage recorded by one of the SAARC members. Once the team has located the Fox, they will pick up proof that they found it (a slip of paper located on top of the Fox) and return to the starting point where their mileage will be recorded again.
The winners will be the team with the lowest round trip mileage to the Fox and back to the starting point.
Certificates will be giving to all participants who find the fox with special certificates going to the first, second, and third place teams.

1569. Anyone "know" N1MM?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-11-07 22:30:35 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1569 Message: 1569

I've been using (and sometimes cursing) N1MM logging programme for the past year or so. The latest "feature" which I don't understand is how it works when "running,"

There are probably other "features" of which I'm totally ignorant.

Would there be interest in finding a contest operator who knows all the "features" of the program to give us a programme about it? Or, does anyone know of a club within driving distance who has such a programme on its schedule?

73 de n8xx Hg

1570. SS CW N8XX Single Op QRP

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-11-08 02:49:44 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1570 Message: 1570

ARRL Sweepsteakes Contest, CW

Call: N8XX
Operator(s): N8XX
Station: N8XX

Class: Single Op QRP
QTH: Michigan
Operating Time (hrs): 12 (A SWAG - I didn't time myself, but I'm sure it's less than the maximum permitted because I fell asleep instead of operating in the wee hours of Sunday morning!)

Summary:
Band QSOs

160: 0
80: 126
40: 68
20: 62
15: 29
10: 51

Total: 336 Sections = 74 Total Score = 49,728

Comments: A Personal Best, at least in recent history. 28 MHz was a boon this year! California and the rest of the "left coast" was booming in at the start. Mostly S&P with my mighty 5 watts and a low inverted vee. Tnx to all OPs who dug my signal out of the mud. Only had one fellow who couldn't pull me through and he finally had to say NIL. One highlight was working KH7X on 80 metres at 11:52Z on Sunday morning! That was the only PAC station that I could work, on 20/15/10 metres they seemed to be swamped with others calling them, and I couldn't "win" the pileup.

Looking forward to a Multi-Single @ W8DC during the upcoming phone Sweepsteaks.

72/73 de n8xx Hg

1571. Re: [GRARA] Anyone "know" N1MM?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-11-08 04:06:37 UTC
From: Steven Kaney
Topic: 1569 Message: 1571

Tom? He seems like an OK guy.

de N7MUT/1

From: Hank Greeb <n8xx@...>
To: GRARA Group <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Monday, November 7, 2011 5:30 PM
Subject: [GRARA] Anyone "know" N1MM?

I've been using (and sometimes cursing) N1MM logging programme for the past year or so. The latest "feature" which I don't understand is how it works when "running,"

There are probably other "features" of which I'm totally ignorant.

Would there be interest in finding a contest operator who knows all the "features" of the program to give us a programme about it? Or, does anyone know of a club within driving distance who has such a programme on its schedule?

73 de n8xx Hg

1572. Re: [GRARA] Anyone "know" N1MM?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-11-08 06:04:14 UTC
From: RMoe@aol.com
Topic: 1569 Message: 1572

I to have tried to get this very complicated program to work with my station. Without much luck! N1MM should be figured out and used before the next Field Day. So that the various stations can be linked. I think N1MM can be used as a multi-operator logging program.

73 AC8ZX Bob

In a message dated 11/7/2011 5:31:21 P.M. Eastern Standard Time, n8xx@... writes:

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73 de n8xx Hg

1573. Re: [GRARA] Anyone "know" N1MM?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-11-08 21:35:54 UTC
From: Rich Douglas
Topic: 1569 Message: 1573
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Since I have done this in the past, perhaps I should get busy. With
assistance of course.

Rich Douglas, KC8NKA

On 11/8/2011 1:04 AM, RMoe@... wrote:
>
> I to have tried to get this very complicated program to work with my
> station. Without much luck! N1MM should be figured out and used before
> the next Field Day. So that the various stations can be linked. I
> think N1MM can be used as a multi-operator logging program.
> 73 AC8ZX Bob
> In a message dated 11/7/2011 5:31:21 P.M. Eastern Standard Time,
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> such a programme on its schedule?
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> 73 de n8xx Hg
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1574. Re: [GRARA] Anyone "know" N1MM?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-11-09 03:58:45 UTC
From: Steven Kaney
Topic: 1569 Message: 1574

I have used N1MM for logging w/o much difficulty but maybe there are features that I've been unaware of.? The one that I cant comprehend is HRD. Tom (N1MM) lives only about 16mi from the apartment here in CT and shows up at the Radio Club here every not too often.

de N7MUT/1

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Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-11-09 05:12:06 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1569 Message: 1575

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Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-11-09 05:53:53 UTC
From: Steven Kaney
Topic: 1569 Message: 1576

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From: Hank Greeb <n8xx@...>
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Wednesday, November 9, 2011 12:12 AM
Subject: Re: [GRARA] Anyone "know" N1MM?

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Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-11-09 13:20:42 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1569 Message: 1577

Steve:

You're missing one great feature of N1MM. You may record "Wav FILES" for the CQ, the "Exchange" (except for the number, which you have to announce yourself and then hit "F2" (where the exchange file is stored), and then hit "RETURN" to Log the contact and send the wav file which is stored in "F3".

At least 95% of the "talking" can be eliminated, let your computer do the talking, save your vocal chords. All it takes is a couple audio cords, a switch box to change from your microphone input to you computer input for when you want to send data with your voice or with your computer. You probably need an attenuator between the output of the computer and the microphone input, unless there's a "line" input on your rig.

Since I don't operate much with SSB, I haven't set this feature up in N1MM, but the procedure is there, and I understand the rudiments of it.

It's very similar to setting up PSK-31 or other digital modes which work through the audio in/out part of your rig.

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1578. Adjusting a TenTec

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-11-09 15:51:11 UTC
From: Jack Kunnen
Topic: 1578 Message: 1578

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D5PF5OclOug

Starring Bob, John and Frank with back ground voice of Mike

Jack, ab8nd

1579. ARRL Phone Sweepsteaks, November 19-21?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-11-11 14:35:44 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1579 Message: 1579

Anyone interested in trying out the new antennae at W8DC during the ARRL Sweepsteaks (SSB) this weekend. The event starts at 2100Z (4 p.m. EST) Saturday, and ends at 0300Z Monday (10 p.m. EST Sunday). The rules specify Multi-Single, i.e. we can use only one transmitter at a time, but we may have multiple operators.

For full rules see: http://www.arrl.org/sweepstakes

It appears to me that this would be a great time to indoctrinate new operators in how to operate the station, and the basics of contesting.

73 de n8xx Hg

1580. HELP PROMOTE THE ARRL AND THE HOBBY AROUND THE WORLD

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-11-12 01:55:12 UTC
From: Tom KD8DEG
Topic: 1580 Message: 1580

From: list@...
Date: November 11, 2011 6:03:44 PM EST
To: n8xpq@...
Subject: HELP PROMOTE THE ARRL AND THE HOBBY AROUND THE WORLD

You are invited to help spread the word about this wonderful hobby amateur radio to a global radio audience!

You are invited to call into a live radio show tomorrow Saturday November 12, 2011 between 4 PM Central and 10 PM Central.

This is an International Shortwave Radio broadcast with global coverage.

You are invited to call in and tell us about your local club or organization and share with us things your group may be doing.

We would like to hear about your interests in the hobby and what it was that got your interest and opened the door to the hobby.

There are millions of shortwave listeners around the world, so this a good opportunity to tell them about our hobby and the ARRL.

So spread the word to all radio amateurs that you know and let them know they are invited to call in.

Saturdays broadcast is the launch of a new 100,000 watt shortwave transmitter for a new shortwave facility, WTWW just outside of Nashville, TN.

The frequencies are from 4 PM till 6PM Central 9990 KHZ and from 6 PM till 10 PM Central 5085 KHZ.

A link to a live stream will be posted on http://www.tedrandall.com <http://www.tedrandall.com/>

We will be reading emails over the air, taking requests and dedications and most important putting as many radio amateurs on the air that will call in.

Lets tell the world about our hobby and spread some international good will!

The phone number to call in starting tomorrow at 4 PM Central is 615-547-9520

The world will be waiting to hear from you!

Thanks for your participation and 73

Ted Randall

QSO Radio Show

http://www.tedrandall.com <http://www.tedrandall.com/>

tedrandall@...m <mailto:tedrandall@...>

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1581. Micorphone (HM-95 DTMF) for Icom 2000/2000H

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-11-16 03:09:32 UTC
From: frankthompson18
Topic: 1581 Message: 1581

My name is Frank, with call signe KD8QXC. To the local GRARA group and anyone who reads this E-mail. I am looking for a Micorphone (HM-95 DTMF)for a 2-meter,Icom 2000/2000H Transcivier. If anyone has one or knows where there is one. PLease let me know, by E-mailing me at Sassy22600@.... Thank you for taking time to read this E-mail, Frank (KD8QXC).

1582. Re: [GRARA] Micorphone (HM-95 DTMF) for Icom 2000/2000H

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-11-16 12:55:10 UTC
From: Jack Kunnen
Topic: 1581 Message: 1582

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1583. Re: [GRARA] Microphone (HM-95 DTMF) for Icom 2000/2000H

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-11-16 19:14:09 UTC
From: Frank"SASSY"Thompson
Topic: 1581 Message: 1583

Hi Jack, I just wanted to say Thank you for looking for a Microphone for my Icom. Frank
From: Jack Kunnen
Sent: Wednesday, November 16, 2011 7:55 AM
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1584. Re: [GRARA] Microphone (HM-95 DTMF) for Icom 2000/2000H

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-11-16 19:44:28 UTC
From: Rich Douglas
Topic: 1581 Message: 1584
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Hay Frank. I think that I have just what you need. It has a stupid cable on it but it is an Icom microphone with the key pad and works well with my 706. Since it is a spare and not being used, you are welcome to it. I won't be at the RR tonight, but will probably be there next weed. What say you?

73,
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1585. ARRL November Sweepstakes - SSB - Starts TODAY!

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-11-19 19:01:39 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1585 Message: 1585

Last minute reminder, The SSB portion of the November Sweepsteaks starts in a few hours. 2100Z (5 p.m. EST, 4 p.m. CST, 3 p.m. MST, 2 p.m. PST, et. cetera. and run thru 0300Z Monday Morning (10 p.m. EST, 9 p.m. CST, 8 p.m. MST, 7 p.m. PST, etc. Sunday evening)

Note, for folks who attended the For Twain hamfest on Saturday, there's still plenty of time to rack up a score on Saturday evening and all day Sunday.

At this time, it seems that 10 and 15 metres are open to/from many parts of these Untied States, so we should be in for a good time on all bands.

This is a US to US contest, DX contacts have zero value for points and for multipliers.

Rule are at http;//www.arrl.org/sweepstakes

72/73 de n8xx Hg

1586. Thinking about selling a Tentec...

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-11-20 15:22:25 UTC
From: Jon Vandenberg
Topic: 1586 Message: 1586

Is there any interest in a Tentec Omni-D. Comes with Tentec MO252 power supply, Tentec antenna tuner and a * W8AMZ G5RV Multi Band 10-80m Dipole HF Antenna

*Thanks,

Jon Vandenberg

1587. Re: [GRARA] Thinking about selling a Tentec...

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-11-20 20:37:44 UTC
From: timothy courtier
Topic: 1586 Message: 1587

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--- On Sun, 11/20/11, Jon Vandenberg <jonvdb45@...> wrote:

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To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
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1588. Re: [GRARA] Thinking about selling a Tentec...

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-11-20 21:06:27 UTC
From: Jon Vandenberg
Topic: 1586 Message: 1588

I just bought all the pieces via ebay in the past few months, make me an offer... or you can stop by and take a look at it. I threw the dipole on the roof for a couple days, and it seems to work fine.

Thanks,

Jon Vandenberg

On Sun, Nov 20, 2011 at 3:37 PM, timothy courtier <pobox740@...>wrote:

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1589. Swepsteaks SSB N8XX Single Op QRP

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-11-21 03:50:44 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1589 Message: 1589

By popular demand. my claimed score for 2011 November Sweepsteaks, SSB.

Did anyone fire up W8DC during the event? I didn't hear the call in any pileup, but I wasn't on nearly all the time.

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ARRL Sweepsteaks Contest, SSB

Call: N8XX
Operator(s): N8XX
Station: N8XX

Class: Single Op QRP
QTH: MICHIGAN
Operating Time (hrs): 10

Summary:
Band QSOs

160: 0
80: 136
40: 28
20: 12
15: 30
10: 5

Total: 211 Sections = 69 Total Score = 29,118

Club: Mad River Radio Club

Comments:

First attempt at a Phone contest, QRP. Exceeded my expectations. Have a wire antenna, inverted V, 130' long, with apex at ~ 28 feet, so I claim it is a bit better than a dummy load buried 6' underground. Was glad 28 MHz was open, but 75 metres was the "golden band" - even worked KH7X in the wee hours of Sunday morning. N1MM gave "interesting results" with two compilations for 75 and 40 metres - maybe because I erroneously forgot the change bands manually and then had to edit the frequencies on several Q's after I note the error or my ways.(I don't have an interface to my ancient sp*rk gap rig, so I have to manually change bands).

Thanks to all the "B", "M" and "U" operators who dug down deep and copied my peanut whistle.

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MRRC mailing list
MRRC@...
http://lists.contesting.com/mailman/listinfo/mrrc

1590. Ham Radio in the news

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-11-23 00:47:23 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1590 Message: 1590

Here's a link to a story about Ham Radio from Fox News.

http://tinyurl.com/87gu95l

73 de n8xx Hg

1591. Happy Thanksgiving from KF8QL

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-11-23 14:45:01 UTC
From: David
Topic: 1591 Message: 1591

I'd like to wish all my "radio-active" brothers and sisters a blessed Thanksgiving holiday, and urge each of you to pray/meditate on what makes you thankful.

Dave

1592. Open Radio Room this Wed.?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-11-29 21:52:53 UTC
From: frankd.thompson98
Topic: 1592 Message: 1592

Is there Open Radio Room this Wed.,Nov.30? If so,would it be possible to get a ride? I am home bound and need help getting around. I can be reached at 365-8203. Thank you for your help, Frank (KD8QXC)

1593. balloon radio

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-12-02 03:24:37 UTC
From: pobox740
Topic: 1593 Message: 1593

Looking to launch a balloon with a radio beacon on it.
launch date is late April, early May.
Freq will be 144.285 FM
Launch place, north of Rockford, M.I.
Timothy kb8afs

1594. Re: [GRARA] balloon radio

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-12-02 03:39:04 UTC
From: Timothy Cathcart
Topic: 1593 Message: 1594

cool. Post the details on here when it gets closer. You can also submit lauch info here for the rest of the ARHAB community.
http://www.arhab.org/
I don't have the time myself to get deeply involved with launching balloons, but I am on the GPSL group and keep up on details as much as I can.. If you haven't heard of them check them out for tips and hints for launch day.

Also the date has been set for the 2012 convention in Omaha, NB. details here: http://superlaunch.org/

Tim - KC8ZNJ

On Thu, Dec 1, 2011 at 10:24 PM, pobox740 <pobox740@...> wrote:

> **
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>
> Looking to launch a balloon with a radio beacon on it.
> launch date is late April, early May.
> Freq will be 144.285 FM
> Launch place, north of Rockford, M.I.
> Timothy kb8afs
>
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>

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Timothy Cathcart
RM&S Engineer
Grand Rapids, MI

1595. ARRL 160 N8XX Single Op QRP - Claimed Score

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-12-04 22:17:49 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1595 Message: 1595

ARRL 160-Meter Contest

Call: N8XX
Operator(s): N8XX
Station: N8XX

Class: Single Op QRP
QTH: MICHIGAN
Operating Time (hrs): 11

Summary:
Total: QSOs = 197 Sections = 42 Countries = 0 Claimed Score = 16,548
Lettuce C how many are busted or NIL. ;)

Club: Mad River Radio Club

Comments:

Jerry Rigged 260' "sorta" inverted V cloud warmer, was surprised that it got out atall. Even did some short "runs" as many as 30+ per hour. For QRP first time on the band for many years, it was fun. Thanks to all who dug me out of the mud!

1596. Extra Class class

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-12-05 23:17:43 UTC
From: K8TB
Topic: 1596 Message: 1596

Do you have a general or advanced class amateur radio license? Would you be interested in upgrading to an Extra Class license?

The Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association will hold an Extra Class License class this winter on Wednesday nights starting on January 4, 2012 at 7:00 PM for ten weeks. On March 14th, the 11th week, there will be an official ARRL Extra License testing session. The cost will be $20 for the classes and you should have a copy of the ARRL Extra Class Manual.

The class will be held at the American Red Cross Building, 1050 Fuller Avenue, Grand Rapids.

More information at http://www.w8dc.org/

A direct link to sign up for the class:
http://tinyurl.com/2012ExtraClass

If you have any questions or would like more information, you may contact the instructor:

Tom Bosscher, K8TB at 616-662-1080 or email k8tb@....

1597. Tube Tester for sale

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-12-12 20:30:51 UTC
From: Charles Rich
Topic: 1597 Message: 1597

I am the proud owner of a Precision Tube Master, TUBE CHECKER.
I would call this a high end tester.
It is a Series 10-12, dating to around the 60's.I have used it, and it appears to work fine. There are tube charts galore. It is in a portable case with cover.
If you are into antique tube radios, this is for you. I will take $ 50.00.
Chuck, W8GCW

CHECK MY PROFILE AT WWW.QRZ.COM
Be sure to check out my Ham Radio Page AT http://chuckrich.net/radio.htm
Licensed by the FCC since 1950

1598. Ham Radio on Television

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-12-13 13:35:11 UTC
From: Jack Kunnen
Topic: 1598 Message: 1598

Ham Radio in Hollywood: Comedian Tim Allen Stars as Radio Amateur on New TV Show

http://tinyurl.com/8yznou8

Jack, ab8nd

1599. Radio for sale

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-12-20 13:46:07 UTC
From: jonvdb1
Topic: 1599 Message: 1599

Can be seen on craigslist:
http://grandrapids.craigslist.org/ele/2762080048.html
<http://grandrapids.craigslist.org/ele/2762080048.html>

1600. Radio for sale

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-12-20 13:48:40 UTC
From: Jon Vandenberg
Topic: 1599 Message: 1600
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

I know how to add the picture this way:
http://grandrapids.craigslist.org/ele/2762080048.html

Thanks,

Jon Vandenberg

1601. Morse Code secret in Illinois national Guard building

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-12-20 21:52:20 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1601 Message: 1601

Interesting use of "Morse code" in architecture.

http://tinyurl.com/88yu68b

72/73 de n8xx Hg

1602. Extra Class class

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-12-22 03:28:58 UTC
From: K8TB
Topic: 1596 Message: 1602

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1603. Oman on 15!

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-12-26 15:54:13 UTC
From: K8TB
Topic: 1603 Message: 1603

21.305, use long path, (~213 degrees) A45XR

1604. rectifiers

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-12-26 20:34:47 UTC
From: Charles Rich
Topic: 1604 Message: 1604

I have a few full wave bridge rectifiers with the number BRH300.5. Anyone know what the ratings could be. No mfg. ID on it. They are about an inch square and 3/8" thick.

Chuck, W8GCW

CHECK MY PROFILE AT WWW.QRZ.COM
Be sure to check out my Ham Radio Page AT http://chuckrich.net/radio.htm
Licensed by the FCC since 1950

1605. New ARRL recruiting video on You-Tube

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-12-28 00:34:01 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1605 Message: 1605

See

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vlDwVhx7miQ

A nice presentation of "do it yourself" hamming.

73 de n8xx hg

1606. Is it too late for Christmas? Elecraft is taking orders for the KX3 now!

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-12-28 14:19:38 UTC
From: K8TB
Topic: 1606 Message: 1606

Elecraft is now going to take orders for the KX3...

Maybe with all the money you saved at Christmas this year?

http://www.elecraft.com/Misc/kx3now.htm

tom k8tb

1607. What's gonna on for straight key night?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-12-31 09:18:07 UTC
From: W8GLgary
Topic: 1607 Message: 1607

Is anyone gonna be at radio room for straight key night?

1608. Re: [GRARA] What's gonna on for straight key night?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-12-31 17:22:48 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 1607 Message: 1608

Gary,

I don't know about the W8DC shack. The Lowell W8LRC shack will be open.

73 Jack NY8D

Jack Amelar
13110 Victory Woods Dr NE
Lowell, MI 49331-8857
Home: (616)897-6885
Cell: (616)438-1464
E-mail: mailto:jamelar@...

----- Message from gary_lauff@... ---------
Date: Sat, 31 Dec 2011 09:18:07 -0000
From: W8GLgary <gary_lauff@...>
Reply-To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [GRARA] What's gonna on for straight key night?
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com

> Is anyone gonna be at radio room for straight key night?
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----- End message from gary_lauff@... -----

1609. Dummy load?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2011-12-31 23:01:38 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1609 Message: 1609

I've seen a small dummy load (I think it's rated at 20 watts for 10 minutes or so) at local hamfests this past year. They're built into a small tin can for shielding.

I thought they were W8AMZ, but it must be a local radio club which makes and peddles them. Would someone tell me where to go (on the internet, preferably, I know that several of you might want to tell me to go someplace considerably warmer :) to find such a item?

Thanks in advance es Happy New Year.

72/73 de n8xx Hg

1610. (no subject)

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-01-01 05:55:05 UTC
From: pobox740
Topic: 1610 Message: 1610

"HAPPY NEW YEAR, AND MANNY QSL'S"
Timothy KB8AFS

1611. Radio Balloon

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-01-01 22:04:56 UTC
From: pobox740
Topic: 1611 Message: 1611

Hello all,
This is the link for my radio Balloon prodject.
timothy KB8AFS
http://kb8afs.wordpress.com/

1612. A Publicity Idea

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-01-02 00:27:25 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1612 Message: 1612

This is for Jack, AB8ND, and any other folks who are knowledgeable in photography.

There's a Scandinavia on line publication called PileUP http://www.helsinki.fi/~korpela/PU/PU.html - written by folks who sponsor the Scandinavian Activities Contest. They've produced a DVD and a YouTube video about some of their activities - as a way to publicize their contests and other activities.

This leads me to ask - do we have sufficient expertise to put together a video about some of our activities - like Field Day, our Red Cross communications exercises, QSO parties, DX contests, etc. for publicity purposes? Seems like this could help recruiting of the general populace into ham radio, and get some new blood into the organization.

Just a thought.

73 de n8xx Hg

1613. Re: [GRARA] A Publicity Idea

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-01-02 13:18:44 UTC
From: Jack Kunnen
Topic: 1612 Message: 1613

We can and should do something like this.

Jack, ab8nd

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> Just a thought.
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> 73 de n8xx Hg
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1614. Wednesday Night, Open Radio

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-01-03 22:33:44 UTC
From: frankd.thompson98
Topic: 1614 Message: 1614

To all who go to open radio night on Wednesday. I would like to be there,but need a ride to get there. If you are able to help me get there,thank you. You can contact me(Frank[KD8QXC])at 365-8203.

1615. Meeting tomorrow

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-01-06 01:57:01 UTC
From: ab8nd
Topic: 1615 Message: 1615

The monthly GRARA meeting is tomorrow evening 7 pm, coffee and rag chew at 6:30, at the Red Cross on Fuller NE
.

Jack, AB8ND

1616. Re: [GRARA] Meeting

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-01-06 21:58:58 UTC
From: Bob Robinson
Topic: 1616 Message: 1616

Jack I am not able to make it to the meeting tonight. Please announce the NEW HAMS DINNER @ FIRE MOUNTAIN. Feb 11th @ 2:00 pm. Cost is $13.00, new hams eat free. Thanks Bob kd8hnf
On Jan 5, 2012 8:57 PM, "ab8nd" <ab8nd@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

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> The monthly GRARA meeting is tomorrow evening 7 pm, coffee and rag chew at
> 6:30, at the Red Cross on Fuller NE
> .
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> Jack, AB8ND
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1617. Availaibility of CQ Magazine in Grand Rapids?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-01-07 00:39:31 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1617 Message: 1617

A fellow ham said that CQ Magazine is still on newstands. Anyone know where I can buy a copy in the Grand Rapids area?

73 de n8xx Hg

1618. Re: [GRARA] Availaibility of CQ Magazine in Grand Rapids?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-01-07 06:16:18 UTC
From: RMoe@aol.com
Topic: 1617 Message: 1618

Barns & Noble

73 AC8ZX Bob

In a message dated 1/6/2012 5:40:09 P.M. US Mountain Standard Time,
n8xx@... writes:

A fellow ham said that CQ Magazine is still on newstands. Anyone know
where I can buy a copy in the Grand Rapids area?

73 de n8xx Hg

1619. Re: [GRARA] Meeting

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-01-07 20:35:54 UTC
From: Jack Kunnen
Topic: 1616 Message: 1619

Bob,
is the dinner on the 4th or 11th of February

Jack, ab8nd

On Jan 6, 2012, at 4:58 PM, Bob Robinson wrote:

>
> Jack I am not able to make it to the meeting tonight. Please announce the NEW HAMS DINNER @ FIRE MOUNTAIN. Feb 11th @ 2:00 pm. Cost is $13.00, new hams eat free. Thanks Bob kd8hnf
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> .
>
> Jack, AB8ND
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1620. Re: [GRARA] Meeting

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-01-07 22:03:35 UTC
From: Bob Robinson
Topic: 1616 Message: 1620

Feb 11th,

We had to change the date.

The F.Y.B.O. contest is on the 4th.

Bob
On Jan 7, 2012 3:36 PM, "Jack Kunnen" <ab8nd@...> wrote:

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> Bob,
> is the dinner on the 4th or 11th of February
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> Jack, ab8nd
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>> Jack, AB8ND
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1621. Oopen Radio Room

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-01-11 12:44:58 UTC
From: Jack Kunnen
Topic: 1621 Message: 1621

Can anyone pick Frank up on Wed evening?

Hi Jack, My Name is Frank (KD8QXC). I am the guy with the walker. I live at 2040 Sinclair Ave.,N.E. At present,the Drs. will not let me drive. Do you know of anyone who will be able to help me get to the Red Cross Building this Wednesday Night. David Ed has brought me in the pass, but he is in Florida until April. I am also interested in joining the GRARA,I just need help in getting to the Meetings on the Frist Friday of the Mouth. Thank you for your help,Jack.
My E-mail is sassy22600@....

1622. Re: [GRARA] Oopen Radio Room

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-01-11 21:13:17 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1621 Message: 1622

Jack:

Sooorry OOOOOM. I can't make the ooopen radioooo rooom 2 night.

73 de n8xx Hg

On 1/11/2012 7:44 AM, Jack Kunnen wrote:
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> Can anyone pick Frank up on Wed evening?
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> live at 2040 Sinclair Ave.,N.E. At present,the Drs. will not let me
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> joining the GRARA,I just need help in getting to the Meetings on the
> Frist Friday of the Mouth. Thank you for your help,Jack.
> My E-mail is sassy22600@... <mailto:sassy22600@...>.

1623. Re: Meeting

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-01-14 15:31:18 UTC
From: kd8rkr
Topic: 1616 Message: 1623

I just got my ticket on Dec 9th & went to my first GRARA Meeting on Jan 6th. This dinner was mentioned at the meeting but I didn't hear all the details. Do I just show up or does someone need a headcount?

Jerry, KD8RKR

--- In GRARA@yahoogroups.com, Bob Robinson <kd8hnf@...> wrote:
>
> Jack I am not able to make it to the meeting tonight. Please announce the
> NEW HAMS DINNER @ FIRE MOUNTAIN. Feb 11th @ 2:00 pm. Cost is $13.00, new
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> > > Jack, AB8ND
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1624. New Ham's Dinner, February 11

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-01-14 15:50:58 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1616 Message: 1624

Jerry:

Welcome to Ham Radio! The information below is correct. You needn't make a reversation, just show up and claim that you are a new crazy.... errr. ham, and the dinner is on us! I'm planning to be there - if the Good Lord's willin' and the Creek Don't rise, or we aren't inundated in a blizzard!

SRI I couldn't make the recent meetings.

73 de n8xx Hg

On 1/14/2012 10:31 AM, kd8rkr wrote:

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Jerry, KD8RKR

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1625. New Hams Dinner

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-01-15 12:42:23 UTC
From: bob_kd8hnf
Topic: 101 Message: 1625

Feburary 11th, 2012 @ 2:00pm.

Fire Mountain
3725 Alpine Ave NW
Comstock Park, MI 49321

This event is open to all Amateur Radio Operators, family and frends.

All new hams receiving there license since February 2011, will eat free.

There is no need to sign up.

If you have photos, stories of events or QSL Cards.

Please bring along to share with others.

If you have any questions. Contact the Lowell Amateur Radio Club - Officers at w8lrc dot org.

KD8HNF Bob

1626. Re: [GRARA] New Hams Dinner

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-01-15 18:34:43 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 101 Message: 1626

Bob:

Thanx 4 the reminder.

You forgot to mention the $$'s needed for the folks who are paying. (I thimk it was mentioned earlier, but early onset of Alzheimer's and not being particularly relevant to my thinking processes contribute to my lack of knowledge on the subject.)

73 de n8xx Hg

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KD8HNF Bob

1627. Re: [GRARA] New Hams Dinner

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-01-15 18:53:34 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 101 Message: 1627

"You forgot to mention the $$'s needed for the folks who are paying."

In the past, it's been in the $12 - $13 range. That includes meal,
beverage, and gratuity.

73 Jack NY8D

----- Message from n8xx@... ---------
Date: Sun, 15 Jan 2012 13:34:43 -0500
From: Hank Greeb <n8xx@...>
Reply-To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: Re: [GRARA] New Hams Dinner
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com

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> Bob:
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> Links:
> ------
> [1] mailto:n8xx@...?subject=Re%3A%20%5BGRARA%5D%20New%20Hams%20Dinner
> [2]
> mailto:GRARA@yahoogroups.com?subject=Re%3A%20%5BGRARA%5D%20New%20Hams%20Dinner
> [3]
> http://groups.yahoo.com/group/GRARA/post;_ylc=X3oDMTJxZzF0MHZ0BF9TAzk3MzU5NzE0BGdycElkAz
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> http://groups.yahoo.com/group/GRARA/post;_ylc=X3oDMTJmNm1hZzdhBF9TAzk3MzU5NzE0BGdycElkAz
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TMyNjY1MjUzNwR0cGNJZAMxMDE-
> [6]
> http://groups.yahoo.com/group/GRARA/members;_ylc=X3oDMTJnbWVtcmtxBF9TAzk3MzU5NzE0BGdycEl
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> http://groups.yahoo.com/group/GRARA;_ylc=X3oDMTJmZTh0dGJiBF9TAzk3MzU5NzE0BGdycElkAzIxMzY
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> http://global.ard.yahoo.com/SIG=15oh83a83/M=493064.14543979.14562481.13298430/D=groups/S
=1705063108:MKP1/Y=YAHOO/EXP=1326659737/L=b7e6c54a-3fa7-11e1-adfe-cf61c1681d89/B=OlFBA9BDR
qg-/J=1326652537610390/K=FiBKrRZRjCSbPghoLwmVaw/A=6060255/R=0/SIG=1194m4keh/*http://us.too
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> http://groups.yahoo.com/;_ylc=X3oDMTJldWg3N2ZwBF9TAzk3NDc2NTkwBGdycElkAzIxMzYxNTc0BGdycH
NwSWQDMTcwNTA2MzEwOARzZWMDZnRyBHNsawNnZnAEc3RpbWUDMTMyNjY1MjUzNw--
> [10] mailto:GRARA-traditional@yahoogroups.com?subject=Change Delivery
> Format: Traditional
> [11] mailto:GRARA-digest@yahoogroups.com?subject=Email Delivery: Digest
> [12] mailto:GRARA-unsubscribe@yahoogroups.com?subject=Unsubscribe
> [13] http://docs.yahoo.com/info/terms/
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----- End message from n8xx@... -----

1628. RE: Winter 2012 Events

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-01-16 01:45:06 UTC
From: Richard MI Ranta
Topic: 1628 Message: 1628

Welcome to Winter 2012!

Another year starts off with;

The New Hams Dinner. It is being held on February 11th at 2:00PM

At Fire Mountain

3725 Alpine ave NW

Comstock Park Mi 49321

This event is open to all Ham's, family and friends. All new Hams receiving their license since February 2011 will eat free.

There is no need to sign up. If you have any questions contact the Lowell Amateur Radio club- officers at w8lrc.org.

The Michigan Amateur Radio Alliance is holding its' "After Christmas Dinner" at Brann's restaurant on Cascade near
28th street. It is being held on February 11th 2012 and be there at 5PM to chat before dinner.

It will once again start at 5:30PM and end near 8:30PM or so. We're having another "White Elephant", so wrap your treasure up and if it is gender

Specific, please state either male or female. You don't have to participate in the "White Elephant", but it is fun.

Please R.S.V.P. MARA at W8USA@... and tell us who is going to come to the dinner.

Any questions contact Rich K8JX at K8JX@....

Don't forget "Build your Burger" is coming up on March 23rd. For further information on this, visit our web site at

WWW.W8USA.ORG <http://www.w8usa.org/> and click on Burger.

Let's warm up this cold winter with Ham Events!

Rich K8JX

1629. Anyone for a Silly Sideband Contest this weak end?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-01-18 22:42:12 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1629 Message: 1629

Last weak end there was a Corn Whiskey version of the North American QSO Party. It was fun!

Anyone for the Silly Sideband version? NAQP SSB, 1800Z January 21 to 0600Z January 22, 2012 (Third full weekend in January)

Eligibility: Any licensed radio amateur may enter.
Object: To work as many North American stations as possible during the contest period.
North American Station: Defined by the ARRL's DXCC list with the addition of KH6.

Rules are at http://www.ncjweb.com/naqprules.php

Note, contacts may be made on 160/75/40/20/15/10 Metres. Last weekend 10 metres was open between about 1800 and 2200Z. Most contacts were along the west coast of the U.S. but I don't have a directional antenna, and I was running my usual "Mighty 5 Watts" to an antenna "proven to be somewhat better than a dummy load buried 6' underground" so with any "reasonable" beam and 100 watts, things could be different.

I'll be puttering around with my "Mighty 5 watts" so if you're within striking distance, particularly on 160 and 75 metres, you might run into my call.

73 de n8xx Hg

1630. RS-39 satellite

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-01-21 14:18:20 UTC
From: Cortland Richmond
Topic: 1630 Message: 1630

RS-39 has CW beacons on 435.315 and 435.215 MHz that can be received directly by schools and colleges for Educational Outreach purposes. It will be deployed from Progress M-13M into a 500 km orbit on 25 January at 00:14 UT. (Doppler shift on the beacons will be about ? 10 kHz)

The team of RS-39 will very much appreciate any reception reports of ?Chibis-M?. Special attention is requested for the first orbits as these are outside of control stations for ?Chibis-M?. The team say each report will be confirmed by special QSL card.

For further information see

http://www.uk.amsat.org/3910

1631. January VHF Contest

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-01-21 18:33:26 UTC
From: David DeVos
Topic: 1631 Message: 1631

Today (Saturday) and tomorrow (Sunday) the ARRL VHF contest will be going on. All frequencies, all modes 50 MHz and up. The most common are 50 MHz (6 meters) where the call frequency is 50.125, and 144 MHz (2 meters) where the call frequency is 144.200.

Local times are 2:00 PM Saturday until 11:00 PM on Sunday evening. I'll be on from home.

Have fun and 73 de KF8QL!
 Dave
http://www.davedevos.com

1632. RS-39 deployment tonight

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-01-24 22:48:12 UTC
From: Cortland Richmond
Topic: 1632 Message: 1632

RS-39 will be deployed at around 23:18:30 UT on Tuesday, January 24,
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1633. Marshall Hamfest?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-01-25 22:28:45 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1633 Message: 1633

I was mulling over some things inside the vacuum between my ears, and remembered the Marshall Hamfest.

from: http://www.w8df.com/hamfest.html

It's getting to be that time of year again and once again SMARS is pleased to announce the 2012 Crossroads Hamfest. This years event is once again at the Marshall Activity Center on March 17, 2012 from 8am until it's over. The 2011 Crossroads Hamfest Co-Chairs are:

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Anyone Marking their calendars for March 17?

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1634. Re: [GRARA] Marshall Hamfest?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-01-26 14:27:57 UTC
From: John Streyle
Topic: 1633 Message: 1634

I'm planning on being there, in that crowded building!
W8QZ

Sent from my iPad

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1635. FYBO 2012 Trailer

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-01-26 14:44:30 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1635 Message: 1635

K6BBQ made a little trailer to promote the F)reeze Y)our B)... O)ff (FYBO) 2012 which occurs on February 4, 2012

(You fill in the .... in the above!)

Purr hapless you'd be interested in joining a group of (demented?) hams to go out on a similar adventure in this area? The video last about one minute - and Rem does a nice job of video editing.

http://youtu.be/elWjGYdxmsA

Details and rules for the FYBO are at
http://www.azscqrpions.com/fybo2009rules.html
Yes, I know it says 2009 but it IS 2012.

Now's the time to get organized!

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1636. Muskegon Hams did well, on TV 13

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-01-28 03:00:48 UTC
From: K8TB
Topic: 1636 Message: 1636

Three Muskegon amateur radio operators had two interviews on WZZM TV 13 news.

Here are the video links to both stories:
http://www.wzzm13.com/video/default.aspx?bctid=1418741679001
http://www.wzzm13.com/video/default.aspx?bctid=1418741679001

Very nicely done, with a proper and strong emphasis on communication infrastructure failures.

Included was a mobile HF SSB contact to Arizona.

tom k8tb

1637. GRARA Hamfest Brochure.

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-02-01 13:51:03 UTC
From: W8DER
Topic: 1637 Message: 1637

Guys,

check out the club website http://www.w8dc.org for the 2012 Hamfest brochure and information. Also you might note the dates of this year's ARRL Field Day. There is more to come on both.

See you at the meeting Friday night.

1638. ARHAB -- Amateur Radio High Altitude Ballooning

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-02-01 14:06:54 UTC
From: Timothy Cathcart
Topic: 1638 Message: 1638

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Date: 2012-02-02 00:31:05 UTC
From: RMoe@aol.com
Topic: 1638 Message: 1640

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Date: 2012-02-02 22:09:07 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1641 Message: 1641

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/s/ A curious sometimes attender

73 de n8xx Hg

1642. Re:Meeting?

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Date: 2012-02-02 22:19:52 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 1641 Message: 1642

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6:30 PM social, 7PM meeting. Grab some dinner after the meeting for those inclined.

73 Jack NY8D

----- Message from n8xx@... ---------

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> /s/ A curious sometimes attender
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> 73 de n8xx Hg
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----- End message from n8xx@... -----

1643. Re: [GRARA] Meeting?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-02-02 22:35:45 UTC
From: streyle.j@comcast.net
Topic: 1641 Message: 1643

----- Original Message -----
From: "Hank Greeb" <n8xx@...>
To: "GRARA Group" <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 2, 2012 5:09:07 PM
Subject: [GRARA] Meeting?

Is there a meeting this tomorrow evening?

/s/ A curious sometimes attender

73 de n8xx Hg

1644. Re: [GRARA] Re:Meeting?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-02-03 02:13:15 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1641 Message: 1644

Second Friday? I thought it was traditionally the First Friday. And, I thought February 3th was the first Friday anyway. :)

Note I just hadn't seen a notice of the meeting here on this reflector.

73 de n8xx Hg

On 2/2/2012 5:19 PM, Jack Amelar wrote:

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1645. Fwd: Re: [GRARA] Re:Meeting?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-02-03 04:32:21 UTC
From: W8DER
Topic: 1645 Message: 1645

-------- Original Message --------
Subject: Re: [GRARA] Re:Meeting?
Date: Thu, 02 Feb 2012 23:30:07 -0500
From: Michel <michel@...>
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com

Check the web site guys -- meeting is first Friday of each month and the
license testing (VE Testing) is held on the Second Friday.
http://www.w8dc.org

Hope to see ya'all there!

But really guys, thanks for bringing up the point..;-)

Mike

On 2/2/2012 9:13 PM, Hank Greeb wrote:
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1646. Re: Fwd: Re: [GRARA] Re:Meeting?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-02-03 04:38:52 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1645 Message: 1646

Yep, you run a FB web site, OT, but...

Folks MUST GO somewhere on their own initiative to find info on that site. I decided to stir up some info here on this reflector.

Keep up your great work!

73 de n8xx Hg

On 2/2/2012 11:32 PM, W8DER wrote:

1647. Meeting

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-02-03 04:47:01 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 1641 Message: 1647

"Second Friday? I thought it was traditionally the First Friday."

Yeah, I brain was at another club who meet on the second Saturday.
I should have written FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH. Things like this is
why I also put down the actual date, February 3, which I was correct on.

It's almost midnight as I type this, so most will read this on the
actual meeting date, Friday, February 3, 2012, 6:30/7PM until
adjournment.

Jack NY8D

----- Message from n8xx@... ---------
Date: Thu, 02 Feb 2012 21:13:15 -0500
From: Hank Greeb <n8xx@...>
Reply-To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: Re: [GRARA] Re:Meeting?
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com

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1648. International PI day celebration - 3/14

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-02-06 23:39:53 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1648 Message: 1648

I'm happy to announce that I'll be operating one of several stations which will be operating as KD8DKU during the celebration of International Pi Day and Albert Einstein's Birthday. I'll be operating mainly CW and VHF FM. Others will be operating SSB, PSK-31 and ?????

When/what? 03/14/2012 | International Pi Day / Einstein's Birthday

Mar 14, 0000Z-2359Z, KD8DKU, Marquette, MI & other locale. Organized by Lake Effect Amateur Radio Club. PSK31 14.070 SSB 7.285, other frequencies/Modes TBD.

QSL. Lake Effect ARC/Pi, 36 Southfork St, Marquette, MI 49855.

A fun event for the nerd in all of us. Lemon pi(e) at club HQ for local drop-ins! Will sked QSOs. For further information see http://www.lakeeffectarc.info/Event-PiEinsteinDay/PiDay.htm

There's a nice commemorative QSL card available - see the above web site for QSL policy.

My tentative schedule will be to operate for an hour or more beginning at 03:14Z, 03:14 EDT, 15:14Z (3:14 p.m. GMT), and 15:14 EDT (3:14 p.m. EDT). CW Frequencies are not determined yet, refer to the above web site for up to the minute information. I will operate on local 2 Metre FM repeaters and the W8HVG Linked repeater system.

Looking forward to making contacts with many stations on March 14.

73 de n8xx Hg

1649. New Hams Dinner this Saturday

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-02-07 01:30:52 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 1649 Message: 1649

Keep the date open, this Saturday, February 11, 2PM, the New Hams Dinner.
This annual event is where we welcome the New Ham licensees and Hams
new to the West Michigan area.
Sponsored by Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Club http://www.w8dc.org and
Lowell Amateur Radio Club http://www.w8lrc.org

If you are a new ham since last year's dinner, identify yourself at the
door and dinner is on us.
And the rest of us welcoming you, dinner runs about $13 includes
beverage and gratuity.

Fire Mountain Restaurant
3725 Alpine Ave NW
Comstock Park, MI 49321
(616)785-1200
www.firemountain.com

Just north of the I-96 expressway just past 4 Mile Road on the
Left/West. There is also a back entrance off 4 Mile Road just past
Comerica Bank (easier left turn from Alpine).

This event is open to all Amateur Radio Operators, family and frends.

There is no need to sign up.

Bring along photos, stories of events or QSL Cards.
If you have any questions. Contact the Lowell Amateur Radio Club
Officers at w8lrc dot org.

1650. Re: International PI day celebration - 3/14

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-02-07 11:31:52 UTC
From: ka5s
Topic: 1648 Message: 1650

FWIW, PI occurs on 3/14, at 03:49 and (approximately) 20.06 seconds.

Too early!

Cortland
KA5S

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1651. Email Virus alert

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-02-09 22:48:24 UTC
From: Jack Kunnen
Topic: 1651 Message: 1651

DO NOT open any email from Robert Cardwell, clumcrazy@..., it is spam and most likely loaded with a virus.

Jack, AB8ND

1652. For those of you who have worked HK0NA, Malpelo Island

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-01-29 01:32:52 UTC
From: K8TB
Topic: 1652 Message: 1652

If you have worked HK0NA, they now have a nice web page showing how
to set up a DXpedition on a rock, and Malpelo is a rock.

Have a look:

http://69.89.25.185/~trexsoft/t-rexsoftware.com/hk0na/operating.htm

Find the picture of the path to the high operating point "A" and look at
what the walk is like.

As a side note, they are using nothing but Elecraft K3's :)

Sheila K8AJ and Tom K8TB

1653. Re: For those of you who have worked HK0NA, Malpelo Island

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-02-10 16:53:30 UTC
From: Gerry Lerch
Topic: 1652 Message: 1653

More climbing than walking to get to OP A! What an experience it must have been to be part of that team. And did an awesome job of sharing that experience with the rest of us via pictures.

I had fun working them on 7 out of 29 possible band slots!

Gerry ~ K8GGL

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1654. New Hams Dinner this Saturday

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-02-10 23:25:51 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 1649 Message: 1654

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1655. Fw: [HARC] TALARC Alert

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-02-11 02:23:44 UTC
From: Tom KD8DEG
Topic: 1655 Message: 1655

----- Original Message -----
From: Steve Vanderhill
To: Holland Club K8DAA
Sent: Friday, February 10, 2012 2:09 PM
Subject: [HARC] TALARC Alert

From: March, Joseph H. [mailto:jmarch@...]
Sent: Friday, February 10, 2012 2:09 PM
To: k9tal
Subject: TALARC Alert
Importance: High

Reminder: This weekend, The American Legion Amateur Radio Club will conduct two nets. We hope you can check in.

Saturday, Feb. 11 at 1400 EST (1900 Zulu) until ???? on IRLP Crossroads Reflector 9205. Net Control will be Bill, NZ9S.

Sunday, Feb. 12 at 1400 EST (1900 Zulu) until ???? HF Net on ten meters at/near 28.610 MHz Net Control will be Craig, W3CRR.

If you find these net times (and frequency) good and like the venues, please let net control know s o we can lock them in on a monthly basis. Naturally, all suggestions are welcome.

Look forward to hearing you on the nets this weekend.

73,

Joe March - KJ9M

TALARC

The American Legion National Hqs.

700 North Pennsylvania Street

Indianapolis, IN 46204

Office (317) 630-1253

Fax (317) 630-1368

1656. MEXICO

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-02-14 03:52:22 UTC
From: pobox740
Topic: 1656 Message: 1656

I am planning on going to AZ to see my uncle this fall, and am thinking about going to Mexico for a day trip.
Anyone know about to get a permit to use down there?
Tnx
timothy kb8afs

1657. Re: [GRARA] MEXICO

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-02-14 20:43:29 UTC
From: R. Mark Barnett
Topic: 1656 Message: 1657

I have been thinking of spending a few weeks down on the Mexican gulf coast next year, (WELL away from any drug routes!!) so I have just started looking into it too. This link doesn't look real promising...

http://k2dbk.blogspot.com/2009/11/reciprocity-sometimes-isnt-reciprocal.html

Mark B. N8PGV

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1658. Re: [GRARA] MEXICO

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-02-14 23:04:11 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1656 Message: 1658

Mark:

I suggest you look at ARRL's web site on operating in Mexico. Mexican Hams have a different philosophy of allowing "gringos" into their ethereal space, but it IS possible.

One of the benefits of the ARRL. I don't believe they charge anything for the information on the web site.

73 de n8xx Hg

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1659. Ham wins ham at New Hams Luncheon

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-02-15 16:43:33 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 1659 Message: 1659

----- Forwarded message from ka5s@... -----
From: Cortland Richmond <ka5s@...>

Kent County Amateur Radio operators' annual "New Hams" luncheon, at the Fire Mountain restaurant in Comstock Park, went off well Saturday afternoon, 11 February, with recently licensed "Ham Radio" operators and members of local Amateur radio clubs in attendance. The new Amateur Radio operators were treated to a dinner and welomed to the hobby, after which free door prizes were drawn for.

This year, Lowell and Grand Rapids radio club member Cortland Richmond provided a Grand Prize he described to assembled members and families as a "ham radio kit." This was won by long-time operator Hank Greeb, of Rockford. Members then got a full description of what Richmond called a "Broomhilda" (the cartoon witch) Special; copper wire and some mustard to "build a ham radio" (as cartoonist Russel Myers described his character's purchase). To make it complete, Richmond included a spiral cut ham so, just as Amateur Radio has interests for everyone, it didn't matter what direction it was cut.

Greeb was seen smiling at the win.

----- End forwarded message -----

1660. Amateur Radio Leadership Workshop is Coming to Kalamazoo

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-02-15 16:46:23 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 1660 Message: 1660

Passing on information as requested:

Amateur Radio Leadership Workshop is Coming to Kalamazoo
Posted by: "James C Duram" jimk8cop@... k8cop
Tue Feb 14, 2012 6:21 pm (PST)

Greetings,
I am pleased to announce that the second in a series of Ham Radio Club Leadership Workshops is coming to Kalamazoo on April 21. The initial workshop is taking place in Ann Arbor on March and now the workshop is hitting the road and coming to West Michigan. This workshop will concentrate on leading volunteers in an a group setting and is appropriate for leadership in Clubs, ARES/RACES organizations or other activities where volunteers are utilized.

The Kalamazoo club has agreed to sponsor the workshop and they were able to secure a classroom for us at the Red Cross building in Kalamazoo. The all day workshop will be led by Dan Romanchik, KB6NU, Michigan ARRL Assistant Section Manager for Training and will be held on Saturday, April 21. The class times will be determined and published shortly. The cost for this workshop is $10 and this includes all class materials, coffee and doughnuts and lunch.

More details to follow soon. We would appreciate it if you would help us to spread the word within your organizations. Please feel free to contact Dan Romanchik, KB6NU at kb6nu@... or at 734-930-6564.

We hope to see you in Kalamazoo!

Larry Camp, WB8R

MI ARRL Section Manager

71 Oakdale Lane

Coldwater, MI 49036

(H) 517.278.0406

(C) 517.617.4883

wb8r@...

1661. As an alternative to the KZOO workship

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-02-15 18:10:07 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1660 Message: 1661

Ladies and Gentlemen"

Don't wish to rain on anyone's parade, but I must inform the assembled multitude that the Michigan QSO Party is being held on its very, very long time date of the Third Saturday of April, which this year is April 21, from Noon to Midnight.

The home page of MiQP web site doesn't list the date, but the rules, activity map, etc., have 2012 and the date/

If you're an active ham (even if you're an active in a "leadership" role) you may wish to partake of the very popular Michigan QSO party.

For details of the party, see http://www.miqp.org/Rules.htm

723/73 de n8xx Hg

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> wb8r@...

1662. Lighthouse QRM to GPS to be Toast...

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-02-15 22:35:23 UTC
From: K8TB
Topic: 1662 Message: 1662

If you have heard about it, the FCC gave a huge chunk of spectrum
to a wireless company called Lighthouse, who was going to light up
40,000 nodes around the US for wireless. Each running over 1,000 watts.
The problem? The spectrum is right next door to the GPS frequencies, of
which we are trying to receive 10 watt signals from space. The FCC
bypassed 2 procedures that are required when they repurpose spectrum.
The spectrum was marked for satellite uplinking.
Anyway, the US NTIA, who controls all frequencies within the federal
government, said that Lighthouse may not operate. Too much interference
to government GPS systems. The FCC then said, well, ah, 'What they said".

From www.thebdr.net :

LightSquared had its conditional approval to operate terrestrial
transmitters on frequencies near GPS use pulled by the FCC on Tuesday as
a letter from the NTIA
<http://www.ntia.doc.gov/files/ntia/publications/lightsquared_letter_to_chairman_genachowski_-_feb_14_2012.pdf>
(National Telecommunications and Information Administration) regarding
their study had determined there was interference with GPS receivers,
and there was no practical way to mitigate the potential interference
within the next few years. The wavier for operation, granted by the FCC
to LightSquared, was "suspended indefinitely,
<http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/post-tech/post/fcc-to-pull-plug-on-falcones-lightsquared/2012/02/14/gIQAbwNWER_blog.html>"

Good news for us... tom bosscher K8TB

1663. Fw: [TowerTalk] Spray On Antenna System

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-02-15 23:08:54 UTC
From: Tom KD8DEG
Topic: 1663 Message: 1663

> On 2/14/2012 1:30 PM, Terry Dunlap wrote:
>> Is it April 1st yet?
>>
>> http://news.discovery.com/tech/spray-on-wi-fi-120214.html
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>> 73 de Terry KK6T
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>> _____
>> TowerTalk mailing list
>> TowerTalk@...
>> http://lists.contesting.com/mailman/listinfo/towertalk
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1664. (no subject)

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-02-17 23:20:25 UTC
From: ROBERT JOHNSON
Topic: 1664 Message: 1664

http://dev.w3syntactic.com/vitabin_110218/images/mainphase.htm

1665. ARRL DX Contest, Phone, March 3 & 4

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-02-21 01:06:44 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1665 Message: 1665

Actually The Phone part of the ARRL DX contest starts at 7 p.m. March 2, Eastern Time, coincidentally with the GRARA March Meeting.

Anyone want to activate W8DC between the end of the meeting and 7 p m Sunday the 4th?

It would be a GRRRR8 opportunity to check out the amplifier - AND, do we have an effective Noise Blanker? Cortland, KA5S has shown that a noise blanker CAN take out noise - so maybe there's hope for all the trash affecting W8DC. MAYBE we can actually receive signals that are less that 99 dB over S-9 on 80 and 40 metres?

Lettuce b thimking about this possibility The station SHOULD get some real ham radio related activity (but perhaps that just an opinion of one?)

72/73 de n8xx Hg

1666. Check out Google today..

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-02-22 15:26:37 UTC
From: K8TB
Topic: 1666 Message: 1666

www.google.com

Every ham will enjoy this.

It is Heinrich Hertz's 155th birthday...

tom k8tb

1667. Two State QSO Parties + CQ 160 M phone this weekend

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-02-23 20:39:53 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1667 Message: 1667

CQ 160 M SSB contest
2200Z February 24 to 2200Z February 26
Rules and info at http://www.cq160.com/

Mississippi QSO Party
1500Z February 25 to 0300Z February 26
(10AM to 10PM EST time on Saturday).
http://www.arrlmiss.org/2012_-_MSQP_Rules.pd

North Carolina QSO Party
1700Z, February 26 to 0300Z, February 27
Rules at http://www.w4nc.com/qso_party_2012.htm

Name your poison, and partake of any one, or all three.

73 de n8x Hg
(http://www.w4nc.com/qso_party_2012.htm)

1668. Re: [GRARA] Two State QSO Parties + CQ 160 M phone this weekend

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-02-24 03:11:50 UTC
From: W8DER
Topic: 1667 Message: 1668

Hank,

have you run into a QSO Party that includes PSK31? I would be really interested in taking part with the digital modes. (and maybe CW if my fist gets more steady.) I have been doing some serious practicing with SKCC exercises. I did the SKS sprint Tuesday night.

Mike@...

On 2/23/2012 3:39 PM, Hank Greeb wrote:
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> CQ 160 M SSB contest
> 2200Z February 24 to 2200Z February 26
> Rules and info at http://www.cq160.com/
>
> Mississippi QSO Party
> 1500Z February 25 to 0300Z February 26
> (10AM to 10PM EST time on Saturday).
> http://www.arrlmiss.org/2012_-_MSQP_Rules.pd
>
> North Carolina QSO Party
> 1700Z, February 26 to 0300Z, February 27
> Rules at http://www.w4nc.com/qso_party_2012.htm
>
> Name your poison, and partake of any one, or all three.
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> 73 de n8x Hg
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1669. Hallicrafters S-40 For Sale

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-02-25 15:50:12 UTC
From: John Donehoo
Topic: 1669 Message: 1669
Attachments: 2 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Hallicrafters S-40 Communication Receiver for Sale

Contact johndonehoo@yahoo.com or 616-401-4633 for details

John Donehoo
E: johndonehoo@yahoo.com
P: 616.866.0394

1670. Tektronix Oscilloscope for Sale

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-02-25 15:58:44 UTC
From: John Donehoo
Topic: 1670 Message: 1670
Attachments: 2 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Tektronix Oscilloscope for Sale

The Tektronix 2215A is an Analog Oscilloscopes with a bandwidth of 60 MHz.

Contact johndonehoo@... or 616-401-4633 for details.

John Donehoo
E: johndonehoo@...
P: 616.866.0394

1671. Fw: [kalamazoohamradio] FDMDV plus Video

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-02-26 02:44:24 UTC
From: Tom KD8DEG
Topic: 1671 Message: 1671

----- Original Message -----
From: Bob, K8LR
To: Bob Tinney
Sent: Saturday, February 25, 2012 7:47 PM
Subject: [kalamazoohamradio] FDMDV plus Video

Hi,

The first YouTube link in the following info not only shows some experimental video that is being transmitted with digitalized audio over SSB, but it also shows a substantial improvement in the analog quality of the audio output of the new digital algorithm.

Bob, K8LR, tinneyb@gMail.com

----- Original Message -----
From: Rick Peterson
To: digitalvoice@googlegroups.com
Sent: Saturday, February 25, 2012 6:11 PM
Subject: [digitalvoice] Re: FDMDV plus Video

Hello all,

My previous post (11/1/11) introduced "FDMDV plus Video", which adds video to the FDMDV signal.

The early version of the video software had a problem with corruption of the FDMDV signal by the adjacent video subcarriers. An update to the video software corrects this problem by changing the video subcarrier spacing from 43.0664 Hz to 37.5 Hz, exactly half the spacing of the FDMDV subcarriers (thus retaining orthogonality in the composite signal).

I've posted a demo screenshot video of the new version to YouTube at:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=StQ_OIwocFU

73, Rick, WA6NUT

On Tuesday, November 1, 2011 11:29:09 AM UTC-6, wa6nut wrote:
Hello all,

Group members who use FDMDV may be interested in an experimental technique that adds simultaneous video to the voice signal.

The technique, known as "FDMDV plus Video", provides low-resolution video (36 lines) at 1 frame/sec (like surveillance video). The video software is a modified version of ZL2AFP's "Analog OFDM" NBTV. The video software is run simultaneously with HB9TLK's software currently used for FDMDV.

Separate PC's are used for transmitting and receiving (I use laptop PC's with 1.6 GHz minimum clock speed).

The 15-subcarrier FDMDV signal is increased to 64 subcarriers total, requiring a baseband bandwidth from 0.38 to 3.7 kHz for transmitting and receiving (good with newer Ten Tec, FlexRadio and some other HF transceivers). Unlike FDMDV alone, the operator should not transmit FDMDV plus Video unless all frequencies from 14236 to 14240 kHz are checked and found not to be in use!

The signal has a high peak-to-average power ratio (PAPR), and requires high linearity in the transceiver's AF and RF transmitting stages. Depending on your transceiver, external amplifiers may be required to obtain the required linearity. I use a PA-100 and HF Packer 2 linear from HF Projects (K5OOR), giving 20-30 watts output (the HF Packer has the PSU-36V mod for operation from 36Vdc).

Tony, K2MO, has included PathSim simulations for the FDMDV plus Video signal (without voice) at his YouTube pages:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NDc2z7bQvuI

and http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IJYPB9ysn7Q

The simulations are computer-to-computer, and show the effects of propagation on the video portion of the FDMDV plus Video signal. Because an actual RF link is not used for the simulation, the effects of frequency drift in the transmitter and receiver are not simulated. Also, because the video software is run without the FDMDV software, the effects of interaction between the video and FDMDV subcarriers are not simulated.

Software and information on FDMDV plus Video (an 840Kb zipped folder) can be downloaded from:

http://www.hamsdr.com/personaldirectory.aspx?id=1182

and http://www.hamsdr.com/personaldirectory.aspx?id=1183

Read the text file "FDMDV plus Video Info" first.

More information is found at:

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ssb-plus-video

If you're interested, you're invited to join the Yahoo! group.

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You received this message because you are subscribed to the Google Groups "digitalvoice" group.
To view this discussion on the web visit https://groups.google.com/d/msg/digitalvoice/-/HNkCCz5dGWAJ.
To post to this group, send email to digitalvoice@....
To unsubscribe from this group, send email to digitalvoice+unsubscribe@googlegroups.com.
For more options, visit this group at http://groups.google.com/group/digitalvoice?hl=en.

1672. GRARA February Meeting Minutes online

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-03-02 13:16:27 UTC
From: GRARA-owner@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 1672 Message: 1672

The February Membership meeting minutes are on the website. Checkout the About_us Page on www.w8dc.org .

(From N8DGD, GRARA Secretary)

1673. 1 week until π (pi) day

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-03-06 15:01:42 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1673 Message: 1673

QST, QST, QST Attention all QRPers, and other hams.

Yes, it's only one week until International π (pi) day. Several of us will be operating with the Lake Effect Amateur Radio Club call KD8DKU during the day (0000z - 2359Z 3.14.2012 (Yes, I understand that 3.14159.... is closer to the actual number for π (pi) but we had to fit in the year somehow.)

*Band / Ops Plan for KD8DKU operation
*

*Time / day Band/mode Target Frequency
0000 / 8pm edt Tuesday 20m PSK 14.070
1500z / 11am edt Wednesday 40m SSB 7.285 and up
1900z / 3pm edt Wednesday 17m SSB 18.155 and up
2100z / 5pm edt **Wednesday** 20m PSK 14.070
0314Z/11:14 p.m EDT. Tuesday 80 M CW 3531.4 KHz
0714Z or 3:14 am EDT Wed. 80 M CW 3531.4 KHz
1514Z or 11:14 a.m EDT 40 M CW 7031.4 KHz
1914Z or 3:14 p.m. EDT 20 M CW 14031.4 KHz
*

If propagation permits, we will attempt other band/modes and times - so look on QRP-SPOTS for KD8DKU's location.
And, note that CW crew will be as near 31.4 KHz from the lower end of the band(s) as possible ± QRM.

We will operate for any combination of the following periods of time:

1. For one hour after the specified time and/or
2. Until the pileup subsides and/or
3. Until we get tired and/or
4. Until we suffer a catastrophic breakdown of a critical part of the transmitting/receiving station, and/or
5. If we feel like stopping

As you might guess from the preceding, this is a "fun" event, celebrating π (pi), and also Albert Einsteins Birthday Anniversary (March 14, 1879).

If you'd like a Commemorative QSL of this event, please see the Lake Effect ARC site:

http://www.lakeeffectarc.info/Event-PiEinsteinDay/PiDay.htm

Please pass the word on your local ham reflectors and nets.

Looking forward to a massive πlups (pileups) on 3.14.2012

72/73 de n8xx Hg
One of the π (pi) day crew operating as KD8DKU on March 14

1674. Re: 1 week until Ï☐ (pi) day

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-03-07 11:49:08 UTC
From: ka5s
Topic: 1673 Message: 1674

22 July, 22/7, is closer! 3.142887142857...

0355 hours on day 113 (355/113) is even more precise:
3.14159292035398230088495575221238938053 (and then some) .
That's 12 May, for a Leap Year.

See http://qin.laya.com/tech_projects_approxpi.html

Cortland
ka5s

--- In GRARA@yahoogroups.com, Hank Greeb <n8xx@...> wrote:
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> in the year somehow.)

1675. RE: New Ham fest info.

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-03-09 18:30:35 UTC
From: Richard MI Ranta
Topic: 1675 Message: 1675
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Sorry about sending that other e-mail with this announcement.

I wasn't aware it was in a later version of Word. Even I couldn't open it!

So, here it is.

Rich k8jx

C:\Documents and Settings\White Pine Legal\Desktop\HamFestFlier1.jpg

Rich & Scooter the cat

"Diversity raises the intelligence of groups."

Nancy Kline

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"Bring the kids?"

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1676. Idaho QSO Party this weekend

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-03-10 01:08:37 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1676 Message: 1676

I haven't seen much of a plug for this one, so here a "shameless plug"
for the Idaho QSO Party:

From: http://www.idahoarrl.info/qsoparty/

The 2012 IDQP starts March 10 Starts 1900Z -- 2PM EST, 1PM CST, 12
Noon MST, 11AM PST..and ends on Marc 11 at 1900Z -- 2PM EST, 1PM CST,
12 Noon MST, 11AM PST..a full 24 hour period.

Every year the IDQP gets more popular, this year promises to be no
exception, with lots of sun spots we should have "way" better
conditions on 10 &15 meters.

For out-of-state'rs this is your chance to snag Idaho and maybe some
rare counties. Or just have fun working the pileups !

For the Idaho stations it a chance to show the world there are indeed
Idaho hams in Idaho !!

Idaho ranks 37 our of 50 states in ham population, we are not California
so you will need to search for us on the bands.

Out of state stations, please feel free to spot Idaho Stations, help
others find us. Put IDQP in the comments field..

Many Idaho stations and groups are already planning to make this year
bigger and better.

Editorial Note # 1 - there IS a QRP category!

Editorial note # 2 - Lettuce prey that the recent solar flares are not
too disruptive to communications via HF to/from Idaho this weekend.

Yahoo! Groups Links

1677. Another CME Heads for Earth

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-03-10 02:30:37 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1677 Message: 1677

If it doesn't rain it pours (Electromagnetic Radiation from the sun)
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Space Weather News for March 9, 2012
http://spaceweather.com

INCOMING CME: As Earth's magnetic field reverberates from the impact of one CME on March 8th, a second CME is on the way. Big sunspot AR1429 unleashed an M6-class solar flare today, and the eruption hurled a cloud of plasma almost directly toward Earth. Forecasters say the CME could reach our planet during the late hours of March 10th or early hours of March 11th. Strong geomagnetic storms are possible when the cloud arrives. Check http://spaceweather.com for more information and updates.

1678. Pneumatic Mast?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-03-13 02:26:37 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1678 Message: 1678

A bunch of years ago I borrowed a military surplus 50' air operated mast for a field day operation.

I'm doing a field operation from Howard City during the Michigan QSO Party on April 21.

Does anyone reading this know of such a mast in working condition which I could rent or borrow? It would be much easier to raise a small beam with such a mast than to raise it with my push up mast.

Thanks for any tips. Private replies seem appropriate.

73 de n8xx Hg

1679. International PI/Einstein Celebration starts this evening

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-03-13 21:48:27 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1679 Message: 1679

Yep, it's 3/14/2012, and that's a good reason to celebrate PI (3.14159xxxxxxxxxx) which is the ratio of the circumference to the diameter of a circle. It is also the birthday of Albert Einstein.

Two good reasons to get on the air. Wallpaper collectors, please note QSL information at

http://www.lakeeffectarc.info/Event-PiEinsteinDay/PiDay.htm

At least four of us, WA8REI, KC8ULE, N8XX and KA5S will be sharing the honors with various times and frequencies noted on the above web site.

WA8REI, N8XX, and KA5S will be operating CW, 31.4 KHz (? QRM) above the lower end of the CW band, on 3.5 thru 28.0 MHz bands. We will spot ourselves on QRPSPots. Some of the operating times and frequencies are noted on the above site, but we'll randomly choose other bands.

So, come one, come all, and join the fracas! We'll try to contain our enthusiasm for the event.

72/73.14159..... de n8xx Hg

1680. Re: [GRARA] International PI/Einstein Celebration starts this evening

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-03-14 08:17:48 UTC
From: John C. Bradley
Topic: 1679 Message: 1680

Let's keep things simple and define
pi as equal to 3.

de John AB8WT
>

1681. Build a burger Night, Friday March 23, 2011

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-03-19 05:41:26 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1681 Message: 1681
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Note, I waived my usual (somewhat less than) $10,000 endorsement fee for this event. I can only attest to the great taste of the burger or Fish Sandwich (I've had at least one of both types), plus all the fixin's. You MAY, if you wish, purchase a beer or other libations at the bar on the other side of the room!

-------- Original Message --------

Subject:

RE: Reminder

Date:

Mon, 19 Mar 2012 00:55:14 -0400

From:

Richard MI Ranta

To:

Just a reminder that This coming Friday is “Build your Burger night”.

See you there

Michigan Amateur Radio Alliance

PRESENTS

Build Your Own Burger

Friday March 23, 2012

5:00 PM to 8:00 PM

$5.00 Adults $3.00 Kids

Under 12

Burger , or Fishwich, Chips, Coleslaw, Juice, Coffee and Dessert

At 5th St. Hall

Located on the Northwest Corner of

5th and Davis Sts.

Grand Rapids, MI 49504

1682. RE: [GRARA] Build a burger Night, Friday March 23, 2011

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-03-19 16:01:51 UTC
From: Richard MI Ranta
Topic: 1681 Message: 1682

Hank, you have a way with words I haven't yet achieved! LOL

Thanks for the endorsement and yes, your somewhat less than $10,000 fee is in the mail.

Rich k8jx

1683. ARRL Michigan Section Ham Radio Club Leadership Workshop in Kalamazoo.

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-03-19 18:18:37 UTC
From: chip_wb8alw
Topic: 1683 Message: 1683

Greetings!

The Kalamazoo Amateur Radio Club is hosting a Ham Radio Club Leadership Workshop in April (Same weekend as the Michigan QSO Party!). Here's the info from the flyer:

"The Michigan Section of the ARRL is proud to announce the second in a series of leadership workshops offered to Club Officers, Members of Boards of Directors, ARES/RACES Leadership Officials or those aspiring to improve their leadership skills in relationship to amateur radio clubs.

The Kalamazoo workshop will be held on Saturday, April 21, 2012 at the American Red Cross building in Kalamazoo, MI, which is located at 5640 Venture Court.

Class will begin at 8:30 AM and end at approximately 4:00 PM. The cost for this workshop is $10 and registration and payment in advance is required. This fee includes class materials, coffee and doughnuts, lunch and a handsome Certificate of Completion.

Contact Dan Romanchik, KB6NU at kb6nu@... for details and registration. You can also reach him at 734.930.6564. For local registration, you may also contact Chip Locke at wb8alw@...."

One of our members attended the first session in Ann Arbor, and "Highly Recommends" the workshop. It promises to be an enjoyable day of education and fellowship. We have 9 people on the list already, from 4 different counties!! Workshop is conducted by Dan Romanchik, KB6NU. Contact information is above.... Hope to see you there....

73

Chip Locke
WB8ALW

1684. Anyone for CQ WPX SSB Contest this weekend?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-03-22 18:10:58 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1684 Message: 1684

Anyone for a contest this weak end?

From http://www.arrl.org/contests/

Mar 24, 0000Z - Mar 25, 2400Z,
CQ WPX SSB
Bands 1.8-28MHz SSB only
Exchange: RS and serial
For complete results and other information see http://www.cqwpx.com

This might be another good test for W8DC?

72/73 de n8xx Hg

1685. Michigan QSO Party April 21.

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-03-22 18:22:07 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1685 Message: 1685

Reminder, the Michigan QSO Party is a month away - Saturday, April 21, 2012.

Details at http://www.miqp.org

72/73 de n8xx Hg

1686. Last minute reminder - build a burger Night, Friday March 23, 2011

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-03-22 18:33:11 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1686 Message: 1686
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Last Minute reminder that tomorrow, this coming Friday is “Build your Burger night”.

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1687. Re: Anyone for CQ WPX SSB Contest this weekend?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-03-23 10:53:56 UTC
From: David DeVos
Topic: 1684 Message: 1687

I'll be on the air!

David DeVos KF8QL
616-706-8736
Sent from my iPad

1688. Looking for Kenwood TS 520 or 820 or similar

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-03-24 16:56:32 UTC
From: qschultze
Topic: 1688 Message: 1688

Anyone have one of these older rigs kicking around that you might like to sell?

Quin Schultze
K8QS

1689. First GRR area fox hunt of the season. Saturday, March 31st, 9:00 am

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-03-25 23:45:08 UTC
From: W8DER
Topic: 1689 Message: 1689

Hey guys and gals, it is time to get that ole tape measure antenna out again and get it dusted off for the summer. Check out the first fox hunt of the season next Saturday.

See http://www.w8dc.org

1690. Where to Test Vacuum Tubes in West MI?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-03-26 01:20:58 UTC
From: qschultze
Topic: 1690 Message: 1690

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Quin Schultze
K8QS

1691. Re: [GRARA] Where to Test Vacuum Tubes in West MI?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-03-26 02:27:45 UTC
From: Tom KD8DEG
Topic: 1690 Message: 1691

Hi Quin,

I have an old drug store tube tester that works great. When I am setup at a swap I have alot of tubes to sell, and before they buy any I tell them to test them first.

Get in touch with me off the group at: kd8deg@centurytel.net

73

de KD8DEG Tom

----- Original Message -----
From: qschultze
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Sunday, March 25, 2012 9:20 PM
Subject: [GRARA] Where to Test Vacuum Tubes in West MI?

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K8QS

1692. Re: [GRARA] Where to Test Vacuum Tubes in West MI?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-03-26 02:55:34 UTC
From: Charles Rich
Topic: 1690 Message: 1692

I just happen to have a nice one for sale. It's an oldie but goodie - Made by precision. I have used it and it works fine. Tests just about every type of tube base configuration.. Roll charts and books included. $ 50.oo buys it.

Chuck, W8GCW

CHECK MY PROFILE AT WWW.QRZ.COM
Be sure to check out my Ham Radio Page AT http://chuckrich.net/radio.htm
Licensed by the FCC since 1950

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K8QS

1693. Bob Perrin W8PCZ Silent key

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-03-27 11:09:47 UTC
From: David
Topic: 1693 Message: 1693

Bob was a member of GRARA "a while back"

PERRIN ROBERT (W8PCZ) Robert Perrin, age 88 formerly of Ada, passed away Sunday, March 18, 2012. He is survived by his children, Robert Jr. (Judy) Perrin, James (Sandra) Perrin, Allen (Maggie) Perrin, Elane (Keith) Vandenberg, and Joseph (Ruth) Perrin. Also 19 grandchildren, 27 great grandchildren, and two great-great grandchildren. Two sisters, Norma (Bob) Miles, and Barbara (Marvin) Zimmerman. He was preceded in death by two spouses, BettyJane, Ellen and grandson Timothy. Mr. Perrin was a avid Ham Radio Operator, (W8PCZ) and WWII Veteran. Funeral services will be 11am Thursday, March 22, 2012 at the United Church in Wayland with Pastor R.J. Hronek officiating. Cremation will take place following services. Memorial donations may be made to Barry County Hospice or charity of your choice . The family will greet relatives and friends one hour prior to the service at church on Thursday. Archer, Hampel & Kubiak Wayland Chapel 269-792-2237 www.kubiakfh@...

1694. WEAVER'S WORDS -- Special Issue -- Help Urgently Needed Reguarding CC&Rs

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-03-28 21:25:32 UTC
From: Tom KD8DEG
Topic: 1694 Message: 1694

> [Reply only to k8je@...]
>
> Please contact me regarding the following request -- Jim, k8je@...
>
> Do you live in a community that is covered by CC&Rs? Have you been
> prevented from putting up an outdoor antenna (wire, vertical or beam)
> whether on HF, VHF or UHF? Has this inability to put up an antenna
> prevented you from participating fully in emergency communications
> activities during disasters? If your answer is yes, ARRL wants to hear
> about your experience. What you encountered and the difficulty it
> presented to you in providing public support/emergency communications
> service may be the information needed to help amateurs get relief from
> overly restrictive CC&Rs (Covenants, Conditions & Restrictions) in home
> purchase or lease contracts.
>
> A provision of Public Law 112-96 instructs the FCC, in the context of
> Amateur Radio emergency communications capabilities, to conduct a study
> to identify, among other things, “impediments to enhanced amateur
> radio service communications, such as the effects of unreasonable or
> unnecessary private land use restrictions on residential antenna
> installations.” The FCC will be seeking input very soon, but because
> time will be short we are asking you to begin thinking about it now. We
> are particularly looking for stories about situations in which you as an
> Amateur Radio operator could have provided valuable service through
> Amateur Radio but your assistance either was prevented or diminished
> because of overly restrictive CC&Rs. We know situations of this type
> have occurred during power outage, snowstorm, tornado, flood,
> earthquake and other crisis relief effort. If you are willing to write
> to the FCC about your experience, please let me know. We are not ready
> at this moment to ask for letters, but a request for them will come
> very soon. If you need help in composing your letter, this help will
> be given to you.
>
> Please be aware that our request for letters does not relate to actions
> taken by a branch of government such as a city, township or county. The
> letters will relate only to limitations placed by home-owners
> associations and similar private groups on the installation of outdoor
> antennas.
>
> If you or someone you know has had overly restrictive CC&Rs prevent you
> from responding to or seriously limited your ability to help during
> relief operations, please let me know. If you are willing, please
> include your telephone number so I or another ARRL official can call
> you if this proves desirable.

>
> Over the years, many members have asked when ARRL is going get some
> relief from overly restrictive CC&Rs. The answer is that the League
> has been trying different approaches to accomplish this. Now that
> Congress has mandated a study of the problem we have an opportunity to
> document it. The study itself will not make the problem go away but
> should provide a public policy basis for the relief we need. The time
> is rapidly approaching for you who have experienced the heavy hand of
> oppressive CC&Rs to come forward to help transform them into reasonable
> guidelines.
>
> Tnx es 73,
>
> Jim
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> Jim Weaver, K8JE
> Director, Great Lakes Division
> 5065 Bethany Rd.
> Mason, OH 45040
> Tel. 513-459-1661; e-mail K8JE@...
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> To unsubscribe from messages, go to:
> http://p1k.arrl.org/oo/13bd674b184c29d3f9efc8f4e87315b3

1695. Missouri QSO Party this weekend - March 31/April 1

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-03-30 00:00:24 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1695 Message: 1695

Missouri QSO party, Saturday, 1800 UTC March 31, 2012 to 0500 UTC April 1, 2012, and from 1800 UTC to 2359 UTC Sunday, April 1, 2012. For rules see http://www.w0ma.org/mo_qso_party/Rules/MOQP%20Rules%202-6-12.pdf

72/73 de n8xx Hg

1696. Gmail Tap using morse code-awesome (wink)

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-04-02 00:06:16 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1696 Message: 1696

From a contesting friend - Wow! maybe we'll have a new generation of cw ops coming from the young text messaging crowd!

http://gmailblog.blogspot.com/2012/03/introducing-gmail-tap.html

1697. Missouri QSO Party N8XX SOAB QRP

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-04-02 00:47:11 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1697 Message: 1697

Missouri QSO Party

Call: N8XX
Operator(s): N8XX
Station: N8XX

Class: SOAB QRP
QTH: MICHIGAN
Operating Time (hrs): 3.5

Summary:
Band CW Qs Ph Qs

160: 0 0
80: 4 1
40: 18 11
20: 0 0
15: 0 0
10: 0 0

Total: 22 12 Mults = 20 Total Score = 1,220

Club: Mad River Radio Club

Comments:

Score includes working W?MA "bonus station."

20 was too long for contacts, at least with a pipsquoke signal of 5 watts and a cloud warmer (inverted V @ 28' apex.) 40 was a bit short early, but by about 2000Z signals picked up so most Missouri stations whom I could hear were able to copy me.

It was fun chasing KI?I and N?AX around the state - both mobiles had awesome signals on 40, and "almost readable" signals on 80. QRN picked up as the evening wore on - seems like a thunderboomer was pelting the Upper Peninsula of Michigan amongst other parts of the country.

Thanks to the organizers of this event!

1698. Re: [GRARA] Gmail Tap using morse code-awesome. How can we try it?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-04-02 03:00:36 UTC
From: W8DER
Topic: 1696 Message: 1698

Hey guys, Hank has a good point! At the least, it would be great cw sending practice. I haven't checked out the application yet, but I assume that the Gmail Tap program displays the received code in text format.

Get a cw buddy and you can practice exchanges for field day. Life is good!

Has anyone tried this with a computer instead of with an iphone. As a retired ole man, I may never have a fancy internet phone, but I have an iPad 3 and lots of Windows Computers.

Mike@...

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1699. Re: [GRARA] Gmail Tap using morse code-awesome. How can we try it?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-04-02 03:38:49 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1696 Message: 1699

Also, it might be associated with the date, 1 April 2012 (all fool's day). But, for those of us who know International Morse code, it could be faster than trying to type with fat fingers on one of those itty bitty keyboards on a cellular phone.

72/73 de n8xx Hg

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1700. Re: [GRARA] Gmail Tap using morse code-awesome (wink)

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-04-02 12:56:30 UTC
From: Jack Kunnen
Topic: 1696 Message: 1700

April Fool

Jack, AB8ND

On Apr 1, 2012, at 8:06 PM, Hank Greeb wrote:

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1701. Re: [GRARA] Gmail Tap using morse code-awesome (wink)

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-04-02 19:22:31 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1696 Message: 1701

Oh, ye of little faith!? For those who believe the Morse to G-Mail app was an April fool's joke, I found a plea from another well known person for just such and application.?

See http://tinyurl.com/7ylf5qv

What will it take to convince the skeptical?

73 de n8xx Hg

On 4/2/2012 8:56 AM, Jack Kunnen wrote:
April Fool

Jack, AB8ND

On Apr 1, 2012, at 8:06 PM, Hank Greeb wrote:

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cw ops coming from the young text messaging crowd!

http://gmailblog.blogspot.com/2012/03/introducing-gmail-tap.html

1702. RE: Gmail Tap using morse code-awesome (wink)

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-04-02 20:32:04 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 1696 Message: 1702

I get it being April 1 and everything, but for someone with a fancier cell phone that I have, is this a real app that actually works?

Jack NY8D

----- Message from n8xx@... ---------

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> app was an April fool's joke, I found a plea from another well known
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> 73 de n8xx Hg
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----- End message from n8xx@... -----

1703. ARRL Needs Your Help

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-04-03 21:09:19 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1703 Message: 1703

Do you live in a CC&R- restricted community or participate in EmComm activities? Have deed restrictions / HOA covenants prevented you from erecting amateur radio antennas? Have these restrictions prevented you from full participation in emergency communications activities during disasters?

If your answer is "Yes", ARRL needs to hear about your experience.

As you are probably aware, Congress has directed the FCC to conduct a study of the uses and capabilities of Amateur Radio Service communications in emergencies and disaster relief. The FCC was directed to identify " impediments to enhanced Amateur Radio Service communications, such as the effects of unreasonable or unnecessary private land use restrictions on residential antenna installations". Finally, the study is to make "recommendations regarding the removal of such impediments."

The FCC has issued a Public Notice - DA 12-523- soliciting input from the public as part of their study. The ARRL is gathering comments from the Amateur Radio community to present as part of its comments on the public notice.

The ARRL is looking specifically for input in two specific areas:

* Recent Amateur Radio involvement in actual emergency communications and disaster relief;

* Specific details about how CC&Rs and other private land use restrictions have impaired licensed Amateurs to participate fully in these disaster relief communications.

If your ability to participate in ARES, RACES, SKYWARN, CERT, or other emergency and disaster relief communications has been limited because the inability to have adequate antennas due to CC&Rs, you are asked to provide that information to the ARRL.

First, we recommend that you prepare a narrative of your exact situation, in as much detail as practical. Some areas for you to consider in writing your story might be:

* Were there alternative properties without CC&Rs in the area you wished to reside?

* What exactly does your CC&R allow / prohibit (please include a copy of the specific wording)

* Have you applied for a waiver of the CC&R with the Home Owner's Association / Architectural Review Committee but were denied? If so,

what was the reason?

To assist you in sharing your information with the ARRL, please visit the special ARRL website built to allow you to readily provide the pertinent information at <http://www.arrl.org/ccr-study-information>

This page will present you with an overview of what we are asking and have links to the two forms for you to complete. Please be as factual as you can with the information you provide and please provide only information about events and activities in which you were directly involved.

If you wish to write out the details of your situation in advance, please do so. Then, they can be either uploaded to the website or they can be sent as an email attachment to an email sent to <CCRinfo@...>

Keep in mind that the FCC study does not apply to ordinances and zoning laws implemented by the government - such as towns, cities or counties. PRB-1 covers those situations.

TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE! Congress directed that the FCC provide the report back within 180-days and that clock is already counting. The FCC is only accepting comments for a 45-day period, which will end May 17,2012. In order for the ARRL to collate your information in a common report, we ask that you send in your information no later than WEDNESDAY APRIL 25. If you need more information, please contact <reginfo@...> The time to act is NOW!

Dan Henderson
Regulatory Specialist

Relay!

Allen Pitts, W1AGP
<w1agp@...>
Media & PR Manager
ARRL - the national association for Amateur Radio
225 Main St. Newington, CT 06111
(860) 594-0328
<http://www.ARRL.org>

1704. ARGYL Hamfest Saturday.

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-04-04 16:39:09 UTC
From: W8DER
Topic: 1704 Message: 1704

I just posted a reminder about the ARGYL Hamfest on the http://www.w8dc.org site and thought I'd better add a reminder here also. Hope to see you there.

http://ARGYL.org/hamfest.html

1705. QRV from W1AW

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-04-04 16:57:43 UTC
From: Gerry Lerch
Topic: 1705 Message: 1705

I'm operating at w1aw this afternoon, 20m PSK31, and maybe some cw. Hope to work a west MI station or two.

Gerry ~ K8GGL

1706. A.R.G.Y.L. HAMFEST this Saturday, Lowell H.S.

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-04-04 17:07:36 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 1706 Message: 1706

Reminder the Amateur Radio Group of Youth in Lowell (ARGYL) is having
their annual hamfest this Saturday, April 7, at the Lowell High School.

From http://www.argyl.org/hamfest.html

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ARGYL Hamfest
Saturday, April 7th, 2012
8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

(AMATEUR RADIO GROUP of YOUTH in LOWELL)

Admission: Adults- $5.00
Elementary, Middle School, and High School Students- Free
Advanced Sale Special: Two 5' tables & Admission- $12.00
One 5' table & Admission- $9.00
At the door: Two 5' tables & Admission- $15.00
One 5' table & Admission- $11.00

Advance Sales/ Information:
Al Eckman
725 Bowes Rd Apt K6
Lowell, MI 49331
616-450-4332
al.eckman@...

Hamfest Location
Lowell High School
11700 Vergennes St.
Lowell, MI 49331

V.E. Exams
10:00 AM- Walk-ins welcome
Reservations not necessary

Door Prizes
Refreshments sold on site
Sponsored by: A.R.G.Y.L.
AMATEUR RADIO GROUP of YOUTH in LOWELL
Talk-in:
K8LHS: 146.620(-) PL 94.8
W8LRC: 145.270(-) PL 94.8
The future of amateur radio is in our 'youth'.
Support them by attending this hamfest.

1707. Re: [GRARA] QRV from W1AW

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-04-04 19:27:27 UTC
From: Michel
Topic: 1705 Message: 1707

Gerry, I hear people talking to you on 20 m psk31 , like w5fer, but I cannot hear W1AW. Keep trying.

MIke, W8DER

----- Original Message -----
From: Gerry Lerch
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Wednesday, April 04, 2012 12:57 PM
Subject: [GRARA] QRV from W1AW

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Gerry ~ K8GGL

1708. Re: QRV from W1AW

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-04-04 20:35:57 UTC
From: Gerry Lerch
Topic: 1705 Message: 1708

I'm sorry you couldn't hear w1aw, Mike, it would have been great to work you. Every time I pointed the beam toward MI, somebody from the south or Midwest called and I had to swing it away from MI. I was just getting the hang of using digipan software by the time they made me qrt at 3:45pm so that they could get ready to run cw practice.

It was great fun! I recommend visiting ARRL and W1AW if in the New England area.

Gerry

--- In GRARA@yahoogroups.com, "Michel" <mike@...> wrote:
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1709. ARRL Michigan Section Ham Radio Club Leadership Workshop in Kalamazoo.

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-04-06 21:11:54 UTC
From: chip_wb8alw
Topic: 1683 Message: 1709

Hello Kent County!

Just a reminder that the subject workshop is only two weeks from tomorrow at the Red Cross building in Kalamazoo. We have a roster of 15 so far, representing at least 6 clubs in southern Michigan.

Spend a pleasant Saturday with us! Check out http://w8vy.org/archives/881 for further information and registration instructions.

The workshop is open to to you regardless if you are in a leadership role in a club, interested in being in a leadership role, or just interested in broadening your horizons!

Hope to see you there...

73

Chip Locke for the KARC.

1710. Michigan QSO Party noon to midnight, April 21 EDT

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-04-06 21:36:43 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1683 Message: 1710

Reminder that the Michigan QSO Party is only two weeks and 1 day away,
begins at 1600Z April 21 and ends as 0359:59::59Z April 21. That's Noon
to Midnight, April 21 in the Eastern Time Zone of these United States.

Rules and other information on this event is at http://www.miqp.org

Hope to see a bunch of GRARA folks on for this party! It's GREAT fun!

I will be in Montcalm county, operating as K6JSS/MCLM during the event.
I have permission from the Village of Howard City to set up at the old
railroad station and now Staging area of the White Pine Trail. I hope
to be on for the entire 12 hours and work many of you.

72/73 de n8xx Hg
QRP >99.44% of the time

1711. Red Cross Radio Room Phone Number.

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-04-08 17:26:31 UTC
From: W8DER
Topic: 1711 Message: 1711

A new phone has been installed in the Red Cross Radio Room. This number is especially useful if you get to the Red Cross after hours and the outside door is locked.

After hours, you can call (616) 456-8661 (don't bother with the long message) Dial 6 for a menu choice and 723 for the radio room.

See the w8dc.org web site: http://www.w8dc.org

1712. Road Side Pickup

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-04-10 18:12:34 UTC
From: KD8CAN
Topic: 1712 Message: 1712

ROAD SIDE PICKUP

LOTS OF HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK!

Section of Hwy M-57 / 14 Mile Rd east of US-131 from Ritchie Ave to Myers Lake Ave.
Tuesday, April 17th. Meet at 6PM at the Mobil Gas Station NE corner of
M-57 and Northland Dr. Talk-In 147.26+(94.8Hz).

At conclusion of pick-up, meet for Beer & Bull at the Crazy Horse Saloon on the north side of M-57 between US-131 and Northland Dr.

Snow/Rain date Thursday April 19th.

Contact Tom N8DGD for more info.

1713. Fwd: [HARC] *** TULIP TIME VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - SPREAD THE WORD! ***

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-04-13 02:09:05 UTC
From: W8DER
Topic: 1713 Message: 1713

-------- Original Message --------
Subject: [HARC] *** TULIP TIME VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - SPREAD THE WORD! ***
Date: Thu, 12 Apr 2012 21:22:19 -0400
From: Joe Veldhuis <kd8atu@...>
Reply-To: k8daa@yahoogroups.com
To: westmichiganhams@yahoogroups.com, k8daa@yahoogroups.com,
w8cso@yahoogroups.com

Only 3 weeks until the first Tulip Time parade, and we're running behind
on getting volunteers signed up for this major event!

Two changes from previous years:
1. The parade line-up group for Saturday is currently not requesting any
additional help, so for now we are only taking sign-ups for the Red
Cross teams.

2. All volunteers must have a background check. Current OCEC members are
all set, others will need to get this taken care of before the event.
Members of other volunteer groups that require them are probably OK,
we'll verify this with the RedX and TT committee.

So, we need:
Wednesday, May 9: 14 volunteers
Thursday, May 10: 14 volunteers
Saturday, May 12: 30 volunteers

Anyone interested should send an e-mail to Bryan, KD8LDX at:
bryan.leenheer@... <mailto:bryan.leenheer%40gmail.com>
Remember to include contact info!

Forward this far and wide - spam it out to every list you're on!

-Joe, N8FQ

1714. Anyone have experience with Printed Circuit Boards?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-04-13 23:19:28 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1714 Message: 1714

I'd like to make a few "one-off" boards for some experimentation. I have the artwork for them, but the author didn't have an extra made, so I'm up a paddle without a creek unless I can get some expert advice on how to actually make a board.

Or, is there a way to get a board made commercially for a "reasonable" price?

Thanks for the bandwidth.

72/73 de n8xx Hg

1715. Flat Screen Monitor

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-04-13 23:23:15 UTC
From: James
Topic: 1715 Message: 1715

Phil Mikula WU8P is looking for LED monitor. If anyone has an extra one please gave him a call at 616-648-5470
Thanks Jim KB8QAQ

1716. Extra, Extra.... April Tri-County Fox Hunt Announcement

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-04-14 00:56:20 UTC
From: W8DER
Topic: 1716 Message: 1716

It's hot off the press......

"Larry the Fox", reigning victor of the March Fox Hunt has just announced preliminary details of the _April Fox Hunt_. This hunt features a brand-new search venue that will certainly challenge even the best of our hunters. At the same time, this new hunt will give the newcomers an even chance to win.

Where: The April hunt will start from the Rogers Plaza Parking Lot near the 5/3 Bank on the corner of 28th Street and Michael Avenue in Wyoming.

When: Saturday, April 28th from 9:00 am to 11:00 am. Be sure to arrive early to check-in with or starter, KD8CAN, Jim Leys.

Why: Because there isn't a better way to start a spring Saturday morning than a tri-county, ham radio, hidden transmitter hunt.

Who: "Larry the Fox" DeBlaay, WA8PAP, that's who.

Hope you all can come -- it will be a lot of fun.

Watch this Yahoo Group and the http://www.MichiganFoxHunter.com for details as they become available.

1717. Re: [GRARA] Anyone have experience with Printed Circuit Boards?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-04-14 02:28:45 UTC
From: Steven Kaney
Topic: 1714 Message: 1717

Radio Shack used to have kits fort that. There were pens that you drew the traces with and then you put the circuit in a tray with an etching chemical and voila nothing left but the board w/ traces. I recently saw the etching fluid in a Radio Shack in CT but they didn't have the pens or the trays. If it isn't in your Radio Shack you might be able to order it from their website. Or there is always Digi-Key.

de N7MUT/1

From: Hank Greeb <n8xx@...>
To: GRARA Group <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Friday, April 13, 2012 7:19 PM
Subject: [GRARA] Anyone have experience with Printed Circuit Boards?

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1718. Road Side Pickup Reminder

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Date: 2012-04-15 18:17:54 UTC
From: KD8CAN
Topic: 1718 Message: 1718

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1719. (no subject)

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-04-15 23:23:46 UTC
From: Bryan Leenheer
Topic: 1719 Message: 1719

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Thank you for your assistance with the parades!

Bryan Leenheer, KD8LDX

1720. A new Ham Radio Yahoo Group - AmateurRadioLeadership

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-04-24 15:00:46 UTC
From: W8DER
Topic: 1720 Message: 1720

At last Saturday's Michigan Section ARRL Amateur Radio Leadership Workshop in Kalamazoo, it was suggested that we start a new Yahoo Discussion Group to further our efforts to grow the ham radio hobby. Dan, KB6NU, took on this task and as of this morning, the new Yahoo Group is Active. Dan's description reads as follows:

"This group is for amateur radio operators interested in becoming better leaders of their amateur radio clubs, especially those who have attended an Amateur Radio Leadership Workshop. We will discuss a wide range of topics, including:
- Why amateur radio clubs exist.
- How to recruit and retain members.
- How to organize amateur radio clubs."

We hope that everyone interested in ham radio leadership will join and contribute their ideas. A link to the site is below.

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/amateurRadioLeadership/

1721. VE exams

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-04-25 04:02:51 UTC
From: Steven Kaney
Topic: 1721 Message: 1721

Is there an upcoming VE session where I can renew my license?

de N7MUT/8

1722. Re: [GRARA] VE exams

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-04-25 04:11:03 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1721 Message: 1722

You can renew on line at fcc.gov for no fee unless n7mut is a vanity call.

Or, if you're an ARRL member, HQ will do it for no charge. If you're not a member, they require some fee.

73 de n8xx Hg

On 4/25/2012 12:02 AM, Steven Kaney wrote:

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1723. hey

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-04-25 07:01:30 UTC
From: Dave S
Topic: 1723 Message: 1723

awesome you should check this out wow http://www.ca15news.net/biz/?employment=1957494

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1724. Renewing License via Mail to FCC

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-04-25 20:45:51 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1724 Message: 1724

Has anyone renewed via mail recently? My brother in law forgot about renewing, and has only until June 3, 2012 to get his application processed or he'll have to take another test. He sent in the form via mail this week (sez he couldn't figure out the ULS system, even though he holds a PhD in Physics). Should I rag him to figure out the ULS system and renew on line to be sure? I'd hate for him to lose his license completely because of slow bureaucracy @ FCC.

Thanks in advance.

72/73 de n8xx Hg

1725. RE: [GRARA] Renewing License via Mail to FCC

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-04-25 21:07:48 UTC
From: Michael J. Wolthuis
Topic: 1724 Message: 1725

I would recommend just doing the renewal online through w5yi.

http://www.w5yi.org/page.php?id=87

You can pay with credit card or PayPal and they submit it immediately and take care of everything for you. Cost is $8.00 for non-vanity.

On another note, if you just wait for the mail to go through, he has a 2 year grace period to renew. Information is on that same page. Just can not use it while it is expired.

Mike Wolthuis

Kb8zgl

From: GRARA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:GRARA@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of Hank Greeb
Sent: Wednesday, April 25, 2012 4:46 PM
To: GRARA Group
Subject: [GRARA] Renewing License via Mail to FCC

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72/73 de n8xx Hg

1726. Re: [GRARA] Renewing License via Mail to FCC

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-04-25 21:31:33 UTC
From: R. Mark Barnett
Topic: 1724 Message: 1726

You can renew for free on the FCC website using the Universal Licensing System.
I did it and it was easy. Here is a link to the info.

http://wireless.fcc.gov/services/index.htm?job=cft&id=amateur&page=cft_renew_amateur

Mark B. N8PGV

From: Michael J. Wolthuis <wolthui3@...>
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Wed, April 25, 2012 5:07:53 PM
Subject: RE: [GRARA] Renewing License via Mail to FCC

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1727. Re: [GRARA] Renewing License via Mail to FCC

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-04-25 21:40:48 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1724 Message: 1727

Tell that to my brother in law. I showed him the FCC page, he didn't have one item needed, so he gave up. He didn't bother telling me of the problem, so he now has about 5 weeks before his license will completely lapse. It expired on June 3, 2010.

On 4/25/2012 5:31 PM, R. Mark Barnett wrote:

1728. Re: [GRARA] Renewing License via Mail to FCC

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-04-25 22:42:12 UTC
From: R. Mark Barnett
Topic: 1724 Message: 1728

OUCH!!, It takes a bit of reading to figure it out. I have had a stroke, I'm missing more than a few marbles and I still figured it out! It takes some effort to look up your code to get into the system, but it REALLY isn't that hard. Maybe he needs to drink a 6 pack then try... LOL

Mark B. N8PGV

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From: Hank Greeb <n8xx@...>

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1729. Reminder of the Fox Hunt, this Saturday, April 28 at 9 am

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-04-26 01:30:01 UTC
From: K8TB
Topic: 1729 Message: 1729

"Larry the Fox", reigning victor of the March Fox Hunt has just announced preliminary details of the _April Fox Hunt_. This hunt features a brand-new search venue that will certainly challenge even the best of our hunters. At the same time, this new hunt will give the newcomers an even chance to win.

Where: The April hunt will start from the Rogers Plaza Parking Lot near the 5/3 Bank on the corner of 28th Street and Michael Avenue in Wyoming.

When: Saturday, April 28th from 9:00 am to 11:00 am. Be sure to arrive early to check-in with or starter, KD8CAN, Jim Leys.

Why: Because there isn't a better way to start a spring Saturday morning than a tri-county, ham radio, hidden transmitter hunt.

Who: "Larry the Fox" DeBlaay, WA8PAP, that's who.

Hope you all can come -- it will be a lot of fun.

Watch this Yahoo Group and the http://www.MichiganFoxHunter.com for details as they become available.

1730. Re: [GRARA] VE exams

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-04-26 01:43:52 UTC
From: John Streyle
Topic: 1721 Message: 1730

Steve:
The next session will be May 11th (same time as the River Bank Run prep meeting).
The renewal fee is the same as the testing fee (for non ARRL members).
John W8QZ

Sent from my iPad

On Apr 25, 2012, at 12:02 AM, Steven Kaney <sfkaney@...> wrote:

> Is there an upcoming VE session where I can renew my license?
>
> de N7MUT/8
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1731. More information about Saturday's Fox

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-04-26 16:10:09 UTC
From: W8DER
Topic: 1731 Message: 1731

Fox Hunters,

I'm happy to say that the Arduino Robo-Fox is ready to go, so this will be a two transmitter hunt. The Robo-Fox will be set to go off at 9:00 and I will transmit right after that at 9:01 to signal the start. I may not be in my vehicle but you will be able to tell it is me. The object should be to find the Robo first and remember the number that will be on the top, as proof of finding the Robo. Happy hunting.
Larry De Blaay WD8PAP de Saturday's FOX

For more information, see http://www.michiganfoxhunter.com

1732. W8LRC's Open Radio Room @ Thu Apr 26 19:00 - 21:00

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-04-26 16:14:47 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1732 Message: 1732

W8LRC's Open Radio Room

Look for the 100' Tower!!

When: Thu Apr 26 19:00 ? 21:00 Eastern Time

Where: 11535 Fulton St E Lowell, Mi 49331

Courtesy: [LARC General List]

1733. Re: [GRARA] Renewing License via Mail to FCC

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-04-27 02:19:39 UTC
From: Steven Kaney
Topic: 1724 Message: 1733

My degree is also in Physics and I can't figure it out either.

de N7MUT/8

From: Hank Greeb <n8xx@...>
To: GRARA Group <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 25, 2012 4:45 PM
Subject: [GRARA] Renewing License via Mail to FCC

Has anyone renewed via mail recently? My brother in law forgot about renewing, and has only until June 3, 2012 to get his application processed or he'll have to take another test. He sent in the form via mail this week (sez he couldn't figure out the ULS system, even though he holds a PhD in Physics). Should I rag him to figure out the ULS system and renew on line to be sure? I'd hate for him to lose his license completely because of slow bureaucracy @ FCC.

Thanks in advance.

72/73 de n8xx Hg

1734. Re: [GRARA] Renewing License via Mail to FCC

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-04-27 02:56:16 UTC
From: Steven Kaney
Topic: 1724 Message: 1734

Careful with that one, the site was programmed by one of those government geniuses. I tried pasting in my FRN from the QRZ page but the FCC doesn't like that and pops a dialog box with only an OK choice. Click the OK and it pops again. That locks up the browser so you can't correct the problem or close the tab or go to a different tab or exit. Had to kill the browser from the Task Manager. Relaunch the browser and it continues where it left off. Had to delete all my history, cookies, etc.

Don't try and look up your FRN using their search function. It does the same thing.

Good one!!! How are these geniuses ever going to manage Socialized Health Care?

de N7MUT/8

From: R. Mark Barnett <orgelkraft@...>
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Wednesday, April 25, 2012 5:31 PM
Subject: Re: [GRARA] Renewing License via Mail to FCC

You can renew for free on the FCC website using the Universal Licensing System. I did it and it was easy. Here is a link to the info.

http://wireless.fcc.gov/services/index.htm?job=cft&id=amateur&page=cft_renew_amateur

Mark B. N8PGV

From: Michael J. Wolthuis <wolthui3@msu.edu>
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Wed, April 25, 2012 5:07:53 PM
Subject: RE: [GRARA] Renewing License via Mail to FCC

I would recommend just doing the renewal online through w5yi.
http://www.w5yi.org/page.php?id=87

You can pay with credit card or PayPal and they submit it immediately and take care of everything for you. Cost is $8.00 for non-vanity.

On another note, if you just wait for the mail to go through, he has a 2 year grace period to renew. Information is on that same page. Just can not use it while it is expired.

Mike Wolthuis
Kb8zgl

From:GRARA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:GRARA@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of Hank Greeb
Sent: Wednesday, April 25, 2012 4:46 PM
To: GRARA Group
Subject: [GRARA] Renewing License via Mail to FCC

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Thanks in advance.

72/73 de n8xx Hg

1735. Re: [GRARA] Renewing License via Mail to FCC

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-04-27 03:48:31 UTC
From: R. Mark Barnett
Topic: 1724 Message: 1735

My degree is in computer science, handy if you need someone who knows about Fortran, Pascal and punch cards... LOL

Mark B. N8PGV

From: Steven Kaney <sfkaney@...>
To: "GRARA@yahoogroups.com" <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Thu, April 26, 2012 10:19:45 PM
Subject: Re: [GRARA] Renewing License via Mail to FCC

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de N7MUT/8

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Sent: Wednesday, April 25, 2012 4:45 PM
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72/73 de n8xx Hg

1736. HI

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-04-27 10:19:38 UTC
From: Steven Kaney
Topic: 1736 Message: 1736

you should check this out http://www.pa15news.net/biz/?news=6016771

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1737. HI

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-04-27 10:19:41 UTC
From: Steven Kaney
Topic: 1736 Message: 1737

wow this is intense you should check this out http://www.wa15news.net/biz/?read=4527244

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1738. RE: [GRARA] Renewing License via Mail to FCC

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-04-27 15:11:42 UTC
From: Richard MI Ranta
Topic: 1724 Message: 1738

Good gosh. "Where's the problem?" I volunteered to help some of our club's members renew their licenses. If the FCC's server is slow, you will be there a while. Me, I'd check back later, like 11AM to 2PM and not on a Friday or weekend. I did this as a free offering to our elder members: the youngest was 67 and the oldest was 94. Maybe this is some thing your clubs should offer it's members and the Amateur community in general??

You just need a trustworthy person to do it and one the members trust with their FRN number and password. Me, I print everything out, then maybe keep a record, if I suspect the member might lose the material.

Just a thought. If you want to increase interest in your club, offer more Ham stuff to the ham community.

Just my thoughts on the matter.

Rich K8JX

1739. Re: [GRARA] Renewing License via Mail to FCC

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-04-27 19:39:24 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1724 Message: 1739

Rich:

Tell that to my knuckleheaded brother in law. Whilst we were visiting them about 6 months ago, I looked up a couple local clubs in the Bloomington, Indiana area where he lives, looked up the telephone number of at least one of the ossifers of one of the clubs. Also gave him the URL of the form 605 and the VEC 605 which he could have used. I asked him a few months later when we were again visiting, he made some excuses, etc.

I'm 99.44% sure that one or more of officers in one of the clubs in his area would have helped him with the renewal. But, about a month ago I noted he hadn't renewed, so I downloaded a FCC form 605, filled it out, sent it to him for signature with a self addressed envelope. I check about 2 weeks ago, sent him an e-mail, He responded that he hadn't sent it in, that he has procrastinated so long that his wife accidentally discarded the envelope. I provided him an address for FCC again. He finally responded last week saying he had been engrossed in a "spreadsheet for his Federal Income taxes and forgot about sending it in until after April 17. (I chided him for the nth time that Turbo Tax or Tax Act would have saved him hours of reading the IRS forms about changes since last year, but he's too cheep to pay $30 to $50 for software.)

The problem is NOT that I'm not willing to help, or that folks in his city aren't willing to help.

I still don't know for sure whether 5 weeks is enough time for FCC to act for a paper renewal request. ARRL HQ thinks it probably will, but said I should check in about 2 weeks if it hasn't issued. Typical turn around for VEC response is within days, so 2 weeks is their "best guess" as to what will happen to a paper 605 renewal form.

73 de n8xx Hg

p.s. I can't figure out for the life of me why people keep ragging me about "use the internet" I specifically did NOT ask how to do that, I asked if anyone has filed manually via mail, yet people keep babbling along about "use W5YI" or "do it on the internet" etc.

On 4/27/2012 11:11 AM, Richard MI Ranta wrote:
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1740. FW: Special Event Announcement MSWE 2012

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-04-27 18:54:05 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 1740 Message: 1740
Attachments: 3 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

[Attachment content not displayed]

1741. Re:Renewing License

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-04-28 18:12:12 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 1724 Message: 1741

Could just be the case your brother-in-law no longer has interest in Amateur radio!
Having said that, it is still short sighted not to renew. I've met a number of former hams over the years, including some retired folks, that regret not keeping the license.
Ultimately, that's a personal decision.

73 Jack NY8D

----- Message from n8xx@... ---------

> Rich:
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> Tell that to my knuckleheaded brother in law. Whilst we were......

----- End message from n8xx@... -----

1742. GRARA Meeting Friday Night

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-05-01 17:34:40 UTC
From: W8DER
Topic: 1742 Message: 1742

Just a reminder, The regular meeting of The Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association will be Friday night as usual. See the web site for information on the program for this meeting.

http://www.w8dc.org

1743. Re: [GRARA] GRARA Meeting Friday Night

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-05-01 18:13:25 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1742 Message: 1743

I trust the folks will read about the "Presentation about N1MM Contest Logger" which will be featured at the Friday meeting. I'm hoping we'll know enough about using it so we can network all the computers during our upcoming Field day effort.

73 de n8xx Hg.

On 5/1/2012 1:34 PM, W8DER wrote:

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1744. Re: [GRARA] Meeting this Friday?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-05-01 23:45:08 UTC
From: Dave Ed
Topic: 1553 Message: 1744

Hey Frank, Arrived home from Florida this evening. Tomorrow is open radio room. Do you want me to pick you up.Dave

--- On Wed, 11/2/11, Frank"SASSY"Thompson <sassy22600@...> wrote:

From: Frank"SASSY"Thompson <sassy22600@...>
Subject: Re: [GRARA] Meeting this Friday?
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Date: Wednesday, November 2, 2011, 12:15 PM

Hi Jack, My Name is Frank Thompson,
[Call sign is KD8QXC. Home phone is (616) 365-8203] I am home bond and looking for a ride to and from the meeting this Friday. My home Address: 2040 Sinclair Ave.,N.E., this one block west from Plainfield. It is my hope that someone will be able to help me get to the meeting this Friday. I am interested in joining the club. Thank you for taking time to read this E-mail. Frank

Sent: Wednesday, November 02, 2011 8:53 AM
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: Re: [GRARA] Meeting this Friday
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6:30 p.m. gathering, 7:00 p.m. start of meeting

Jack, AB8ND

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1745. Re: [GRARA] Meeting this Friday?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-05-02 02:02:27 UTC
From: W8DER
Topic: 1553 Message: 1745

Hey Dave, glad to hear you are back. I hope you can make it to the
meeting Friday night.

Mike, W8DER

On 5/1/2012 7:45 PM, Dave Ed wrote:
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1746. Re: [GRARA] Meeting this Friday?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-05-02 02:08:36 UTC
From: Dave Ed
Topic: 1553 Message: 1746

Mike,I will be at the meeting. It will be good to see everyone. Its been a long warm winter for us.See you Friday, Dave

--- On Tue, 5/1/12, W8DER <mike@...> wrote:

From: W8DER <mike@...>
Subject: Re: [GRARA] Meeting this Friday?
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Date: Tuesday, May 1, 2012, 10:02 PM

Hey Dave, glad to hear you are back. I hope you can make it to the

meeting Friday night.

Mike, W8DER

On 5/1/2012 7:45 PM, Dave Ed wrote:

> Hey Frank, Arrived home from Florida this evening. Tomorrow is open radio room. Do you want me to pick you up.Dave

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1747. INQP/7QP/NEQP all on this weekend

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-05-04 20:55:16 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1747 Message: 1747

Indiana - see http://www.hdxcc.org/inqp/ for rules and other info

7th Area, see http://www.7qp.org for rules and other info

New England, see http://www.neqp.org for rules and other info.

N1MM logger (and possibly others) have a template for logging three QSO Parties this weekend simultaneously.

The N1MM template works fine for out of state stations, don't know how it works if you're operating within the area of one of these parties. For out of state folks (like me) all I need to do is make one cabrillo file from the bunch of contacts, and send it into the three scoring addresses.

Having three things going on (almost) simultaneously seems a fun exercise!

73 de n8xx Hg

1748. Note a room space available in Dayton

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-05-05 21:24:27 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1748 Message: 1748

contact K8MR direct if you need a space. I know nothing about price, et. cetera.

-------- Original Message --------

Subject:

[MRRC] Dayton Room Space Available

Date:

Sat, 5 May 2012 15:37:56 -0400 (EDT)

From:

Jimk8mr@...

To:

mrrc@..., ncc@...

We have an empty bed available at the America's Best Value Inn on Miller Lane (not the same ABV across from the airport where we had some problems last year) for Thursday - Saturday nights. Lots cheaper than the downtown lodgings, and not that far from HARA.

Let me know if interested.

Jim K8MR

1749. Dayton trip

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-05-08 00:54:05 UTC
From: pobox740
Topic: 1749 Message: 1749

Will be calling/listening on 146.520 & 29.600 on Thurs the 17th on my way to HAMVENTION.
Leaveing late morning or early afternoon.
timothy KB8AFS

1750. ARLB009 FCC Seeks Higher Vanity Call Sign Fee

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-05-08 02:47:26 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1750 Message: 1750

Seems a waste of time and money for FCC to have to put out a NPRM for a proposed 80 cents increase in a vanity call fee, but, that's our congress at work.

Anyway, if you're a vanity call holder, you may wish to send your comments to ARRL and/or the FCC. Instructions are in the bulletin quoted below.

Note, if the url for the FCC below gets truncated by your e-mail program, try
http://tinyurl.com/85vmpoj

72/73 de n8xx Hg

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ZCZC AG09
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ARRL Bulletin 9 ARLB009
From ARRL Headquarters
Newington CT May 7, 2012
To all radio amateurs

SB QST ARL ARLB009
ARLB009 FCC Seeks Higher Vanity Call Sign Fee

The FCC released a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) on May 4, seeking to raise the fee for Amateur Radio vanity call signs. The NPRM can be found in PDF format on the web at, <http://transition.fcc.gov/Daily_Releases/Daily_Business/2012/db0504/FCC-12-48A1.pdf>http://transition.fcc.gov/Daily_Releases/Daily_Business/2012/db0504/FCC-12-48A1.pdf.

Currently, a vanity call sign costs $14.20 and is good for 10 years; the new fee, if the FCC plan goes through, will go up to $15 for 10 years, an increase of 80 cents. The FCC is authorized by the Communications Act of 1934 (as amended) to collect vanity call sign fees to recover the costs associated with that program.

The vanity call sign fee has fluctuated over the 14 years of the current program -- from a low of $11.70 in 2007 to a high of $70 (as first proposed in the FCC's 1994 Report and Order). The FCC said it anticipates some 14,300 Amateur Radio vanity call sign "payment units," or applications, during the next fiscal year, collecting 214,500 dollars in fees from the program.

The vanity call sign regulatory fee is payable not only when applying for a new vanity call sign, but also upon renewing a vanity call sign

for a new term. The first vanity call sign licenses issued under the current Amateur Radio vanity call sign program that began in 1996 came up for renewal six years ago.

Those holding vanity call signs issued prior to 1993 are exempt from having to pay the vanity call sign regulatory fee at renewal, as Congress did not authorize the FCC to collect regulatory fees until 1996. Such "heritage" vanity call sign holders do not appear as vanity licensees in the FCC Amateur Radio database.

Amateur Radio licensees may file for renewal only within 90 days of their license expiration date. All radio amateurs must have an FCC Registration Number (FRN) before filing any application with the Commission. Applicants can obtain an FRN by going to the ULS web site at,
<http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls/index.htm?job=home>http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls/index.htm?job=home
and clicking on the "New Users Register" link. You must supply your Social Security Number to obtain an FRN.
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https://www.febo.com/cgi-bin/mailman/listinfo/mvarbb

1751. IRA Hamfest

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-05-11 14:00:58 UTC
From: Jack Kunnen
Topic: 1751 Message: 1751

Forward from Michael of the Independent Repeater Assoc., this is a big swap and can use many hands to help make it a success.

Jack, AB8ND

> Gentlemen,

> We are in need for volunteer to help on Friday, 1 June and Saturday , 2 June with our hamfest.
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> Thanks
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> Please contact: volunteer@...
> Or call 616.541.4090.
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1752. FYI for Dayton attendees

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-05-14 14:16:34 UTC
From: RMoe@aol.com
Topic: 1752 Message: 1752

FYI for Dayton attendees,

John Amodeo (NN6JA) Producer of "Last Man Standing" will be at Dayton. Friday at 10:00 at the Icom booth. Hi will also be present Saturday in an ARRL forum at 10:00 AM. John hosted a net on set with the PAPA system club and is quite active in the hobby. It's refreshing to see an amateur radio presence in main stream television entertainment!

Thought of you all when I found out John would be attending Dayton.

Bob, AC8ZX

1753. Re: FYI for Dayton attendees

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-05-14 14:35:04 UTC
From: Gerry Lerch
Topic: 1752 Message: 1753

Thanks for the info, Bob. I knew he would be at Dayton but didn't know when and where. Last Man Standing is a great show, and I was glad that ABC renewed it for season #2. Too bad KA0XTT won't be at Dayton too!

Gerry ~ K8GGL

--- In GRARA@yahoogroups.com, RMoe@... wrote:
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> FYI for Dayton attendees,
>
> John Amodeo (NN6JA) Producer of "Last Man Standing" will be at Dayton.
> Friday at 10:00 at the Icom booth. Hi will also be present Saturday in
> an ARRL forum at 10:00 AM. John hosted a net on set with the PAPA
> system club and is quite active in the hobby. It's refreshing to see an
> amateur radio presence in main stream television entertainment!
>
> Thought of you all when I found out John would be attending Dayton.
>
> Bob, AC8ZX
>

1754. Last minute DAYTON idea.

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-05-17 01:34:59 UTC
From: pobox740
Topic: 1754 Message: 1754

TOUR INFORMATION:
The National VOA Museum of Broadcasting will be open for tours on Saturday May 19th from 1pm until 6pm and on Sunday May 20th from 1pm until 4pm. We are opening to accommodate the many requests in association with the Dayton Hamvention and others. However, we are just finishing some major construction work so some items may not be redisplayed by those tour dates and some areas may not be as organized as they will be. What you will be able to see is how wonderfully the building has been restored even if a little messy. Also, on Saturday the 19th there will be a Blues and BBQ Festival on our front lawn and they will have a $5.00 per car parking fee on Saturday. That is the total cost for entrance to the festival so you can also enjoy some of the best Blues music the Cincinnati area as well as the Museum. Hope to see you there. We will set regular hours in the near future.

1755. Re: [GRARA] Last minute DAYTON idea.

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-05-17 01:48:44 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1754 Message: 1755

Tom:

Does the Modulation Transformer on the older 500 KW AM rig still "talk" to you when you fire it up? :)

On 5/16/2012 9:34 PM, pobox740 wrote:

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1756. Maybe there's hope

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-05-18 03:08:02 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1756 Message: 1756

Even with a dysfunctional State Government (almost as bad as what goes on in Lansing) Hams in Ohio have managed what was considered an "almost impossibility" by getting a "State PRB-1" through the maze of State roadblocks and passed into law. Perhaps there is some hope for us here in Michigan?

From the ARRL web site @ http://www.arrl.org/news/new-prb-1-law-now-in-effect-in-ohio

New "PRB-1" Law Now in Effect in Ohio
05/16/2012

On May 15, Ohio Governor John Kasich signed a bill into law granting comprehensive rights to Amateur Radio operators in that state. Several key players in the successful effort to enact a “PRB-1” law in Ohio were present for the signing, including Section Manager Frank J. Piper, KI8GW; Rick Swain, KK8O; Bill Carpenter, AA8EY; Steve Katz, N8WL, and Constance Barsky, WD8ODC. ARRL Great Lakes Division Director James Weaver, K8JE, was also at the signing.

Ohio SM Frank Piper provided some background:

“In the past three years, we have had four versions of this bill in the Ohio Statehouse. In the last State Assembly, these bills died in Committee. In this current Assembly, everything lined up for us, and House Bill 158 made the entire journey from Introduction to the Governor Kasich’s signature.

"We had to make a few revisions to HB 158 during its travels through committee hearings, but in the end we finished with an Act that places the full language of CFR 47, Part 97.15 into the Ohio Revised Code. In addition, language at the end of the law states: ‘Any legislative authority that denies an application for approval of an amateur station antenna structure shall state the reasons for the denial and shall, on appeal, bear the burden of proving that the authority's actions are consistent with this section.’ This language removes the burden of proof from the Amateur Radio operator and places it on the legislative authority.

“State Government Liaison Nick Pittner, K8NAP, did a tremendous job over the past several years, staying on top of the status of bills that were running their course on both sides of the Statehouse. Nick knew when to call in key people to testify to Committees, and was instrumental in the process of negotiating the required revisions when requested.

“My thanks go out to all the Amateur Radio operators in the Ohio Section who called, wrote and e-mailed their State Representatives and Senators to support this legislation. Without their grass roots work, this victory would not have been possible.”

1757. CQ WPX Contest this weekend

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-05-24 18:40:08 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1757 Message: 1757

CQ WPX contest runs this weekend, from 0000Z Saturday to 2359Z Sunday (that's 8 p.m. EDT Friday to 8 p.m. EDT Sunday) Rules at http://www.cqwpx.com/rules.htm

This is an interesting contest in that you get multipliers for prefixes, and there are so many possible prefixes you hardly ever run out of new multipliers - even when you're a big gun! For example, KA5S, KB5S, KC5S, NA8W, KC8CWP, W8LRC, etc. would each be a new multiplier in your log. It's easy to wind up with 200 or more multipliers even with casual operation. Many countries have special event prefixes which boost the multiplier count. You get QSO points depending upon whether the contacts are within your own country, continent, or different continent.

Try it, you may like it.

72/73 de n8xx Hg

1758. QRP in the Park, plus Fox Hunting...

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-05-25 00:33:18 UTC
From: K8TB
Topic: 1758 Message: 1758

You've seen the note from Jeff, KB8QAP about QRP in the park this Saturday, but wait, there's more!

In addition to the fun starting at 3 pm, there will be a few 15 milliwatt transmitters hidden within the park. You are more than invited to find them. There is no competition with this hunt, just the fun of finding these little boxes.

Bring your own equipment, or there will be gear there to be loaned out for you to hunt within the park.

Recapping the email from Jeff:
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Hi Everyone,

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Where? HELDER PARK
3751 104th Avenue
Holland, Michigan

When? SATURDAY MAY 26TH - 3PM TO DUSK

Note: This event is weather permitting and will cancel if severe weather is expected for the area. Please monitor this reflector and
147.06 K8DAA
repeater the evening of the event for any changes of times or event cancel.

See You There!

Jeff KB8QAP

1759. Great Lakes Emergency Communications Conference Online Registration

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-05-25 20:40:10 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1759 Message: 1759

Don't know how many might be interested, but this is purported to be an event for the entire Great Lakes area, so I'm forwarding it. The event is near Cleveland.

Please forward as appropriate.

Online registration for the 2nd Annual Great Lakes Emergency Communications Conference is in full swing. If you have already registered, I say thank you. If not, you still have plenty of time. But try not to wait till the last minute as we were fairly close to maximum capacity last year.

Online registration couldn't be easier. Go to www.glecc.org (http://www.glecc.org) and click on the registration tab. Complete the online registration form and you'll receive confirmation when you're done. Yes, ladies and gentlemen, it's that simple.

Walk-ins are authorized however we highly encourage you to register ahead of time to ensure the proper amount of food is prepared and a meal is provided for you.

Some new conference additions this year include:

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As well as a continued tradition of:

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Second Annual
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"Where Education and Training Meet"

Saturday, July 21, 2012 @ 10AM
Gilmour Academy Lower School
35001 Cedar Road
Gates Mills, Ohio

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Training Volunteers by Volunteers!

See www.glecc.org (http://www.glecc.org) for details.

Feel free to forward as appropriate.

1760. Re: [GRARA] Great Lakes Emergency Communications Conference Online Registration

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-05-28 03:21:08 UTC
From: wd8usa@aol.com
Topic: 1759 Message: 1760

Thanks Hank- Good info- JB

-----Original Message-----
From: Hank Greeb <n8xx@...>
To: GRARA Group <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Fri, May 25, 2012 4:41 pm
Subject: [GRARA] Great Lakes Emergency Communications Conference Online Registration

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1761. FWD on behalf of KB8QAP -- A great day at the park!

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-05-28 19:54:38 UTC
From: W8DER
Topic: 1761 Message: 1761

-------- Original Message --------
Subject: [HARC] A great day at the park!
Date: Mon, 28 May 2012 15:25:04 -0000
From: kb8qap <kb8qap@...>
Reply-To: k8daa@yahoogroups.com
To: k8daa@yahoogroups.com

Thanks Everyone!

Our 2012 Spring QRP IN THE PARK event & Fox Hunt was a huge success and it was nice to see many new faces out there and sharing the afternoon with us. If you missed this event, We hope you can make the next one. Keep watching this reflector for the summer QRP schedule.

We certainly had a wide variety of antennas, rigs, and operating modes in play during the event and had some nice DX contacts to boot. As always our digital operators seem to have the edge when it came to working DX!

Here is a short list of some of the stations worked by our VIGILANT QRP'ers for the event.

9A3W
S54K
VE2SF
G6MC
M0BPQ
TM51B
NRX3
OM7JG

CV2JX
IK6CVI
F4GOJ
EA2CP

N7RKY
IZ0PED

Our fox hunting combo at the park proved to be a great success with many new hams trying it out for the very first time. Thanks to Mike W8DER and Tom K8TB for putting in the extra effort and setting up the hidden transmitters. It was Great fun!

We want to thank all who donated extra food, soda, desserts, chips, hot dogs, buns, etc, and manning the grill, with out your help these events would not be possible.

If you missed our QRP IN THE PARK, and would like to get out and operate in the field with Amateur Radio. Please Mark your calendars down for the ARRL FIELD DAY coming up on JUNE 23rd thru JUNE 24th. HARC will be participating in this National Event and will be operating remotely in field at the Ottawa County Fair Grounds!

Please join us in this marathon of fun, and competitive nature of Field Day! We are still looking for guest operators, and I encourage you to bring others along who may be interested in ham radio to see what it is all about!

Get out there and enjoy Amateur Radio!

73 Thanks again,

Jeff KB8QAP

1762. Re: Great Lakes Emergency Communications Conference Online Registration

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-05-28 20:17:00 UTC
From: sprovost
Topic: 1759 Message: 1762

I would like to attend this conference.
We could leave friday noonish; stay the night somewhere and then show up at 8am for registration.

How many of us want to go?

thanks
stephen

1763. Communications for N24HC

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-05-29 01:25:51 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 1763 Message: 1763

Saturday, June 16, 2012.

The National 24 Hour Challenge (N24HC) http://www.n24hc.org is a 126 1/2 mile bicycle route throughout Barry County that takes place on the day, Saturday, before Fathers Day and attracts nearly 400 riders plus their support crews.

Amateur Radio communications is an important part of the logistics of this annual event taking place this year on Saturday, June 16. Communications positions are in need of volunteers at course check points and in vehicles (supplied with driver). Ground Zero is at Thornapple-Kellogg Middle School in Middleville. Our mode of communications is on Amateur Radio Two Meter, which of course you use your own radio.

The event coordinators provide shirts, limited refreshments, and Friday evening spaghetti dinner at the Middle School. Please contact the Ham Radio Communications Director, Jack NY8D, if you are willing to help.
mailto:jamelar@...?subject=N24HC
Phone (616)438-5412, cell (616)438-1464
Thanks

73 Jack NY8D

1764. GRARA meeting notice

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-05-29 22:51:37 UTC
From: Jack Kunnen
Topic: 1333 Message: 1764

This months Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association meeting will be Friday evening at Hudsonville Fairgrounds site of the IRA Swap. The meeting will start after the road kill chili potluck. We will be discussing Field Day plans.

A few photos from todays excursion to Calvin College to check out the FD site are posted at the GRARA Facebook page. Thank you ROn, Bob, Hank and Courtland

Jack, AB8ND

1765. Re: [GRARA] QRP in the Park, plus Fox Hunting...

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-05-30 05:41:40 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1758 Message: 1765

When will the next "QRP in the Park" be? I was tied up with the CQ WPX
and missed last weekend's event in the Park. A fellow QRPer from South
Bend, IN is looking for an excuse for an eyeball QSO with a few QRPers,
including me, so I immediately thought of QRP in the Park.

72/73 de n8xx Hg

On 5/24/2012 8:33 PM, K8TB wrote:
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> repeater the evening of the event for any changes of times or event cancel.
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> See You There!
>
> Jeff KB8QAP

1766. Grand Rapids, MI storms leave ham needing help K8XL

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-05-30 12:23:24 UTC
From: K8TB
Topic: 1766 Message: 1766

This is an email I received from Larry, WB8R, our ARRL SCM.
Does anyone know K8XL and could stop by to see if needs help?
According to QRZ, Bob, K8XL lives at O-2204 Hayes St NW, Marne, MI

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Subject: Grand Rapids, MI storms leave ham needing help

Larry,
Today 05/29/2012 on the MidCars net on 7258 kHz there was a check in from
a ham station K8XL stating that last nights storm had taken out many of his
antennas and most of his equipment. He has insurance but he needs assistance
on checking out antennas (such as on his roof) since he has medical
conditions due to his age. Is there anybody or clubs maybe that you can get
in touch with to help this guy out? I am sure once his insurance replaces
the damaged items he will need help getting it set back up as well.

Sincerely,

Collin A Dvorak
K7AAB
Granite City, IL
k7aab@...

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see you all this saturday at the IRA swap...

tom k8tb

1767. IRA Fox Hunt this Saturday, at 1 PM...

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-05-31 00:36:55 UTC
From: K8TB
Topic: 1767 Message: 1767

Get the beams ready. We will be having another Fox Hunt.

At 1 pm, after you have spent all your money at the IRA swap this Saturday, (www.w8ira.org), one of the areas most consistent fox hunters will be, well, hiding.

K8TVZ. You've heard of him. Now, you will have to find him.

This will not be a "find the floating bottle in the Grand River" type hunt. Laryn will be transmit clean and mean. OK, clean.

Find Mike, W8DER and the others around 12:30 pm or 12:45 pm to check in and have your mileage logged.

Normal frequency of 145.53 Mhz.

See you there.

Tom K8TB

1769. Alabama QSO Party this weekend

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-06-01 03:10:57 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1769 Message: 1769

The Alabama QSO Party is this weekend! Yep, Jun 2, 1600Z - Jun 3, 0400Z

Details @ http://www.alabamaqsoparty.org This site has quite a bit of
info on the party!

Note; This need NOT interfere with the IRA hamfest in Hudsonville!

72/73 de n8xx Hg

1772. Training film for Field day...

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-06-04 21:37:09 UTC
From: K8TB
Topic: 1772 Message: 1772

Is your CW a little rusty? Here is a great morse code training tape:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YQyP7VJqvqE

:) de tom K8TB

1773. Re: [GRARA] Training film for Field day...

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-06-04 22:20:17 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1772 Message: 1773

Actually, I tried to tell this to my computer, which I generally use to send CW, and it barfed.

Plus, I didn't see any instructions on how to send proper code with one's left foot, hoq most people say my manually sent code appears to be generated. :)

73 de n8xx Hg

On 6/4/2012 5:37 PM, K8TB wrote:
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1774. ARRL June VHF Contest this Weekend June 9, 10

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-06-05 11:10:38 UTC
From: David DeVos
Topic: 1774 Message: 1774

I want to remind everyone that this coming weekend is the June VHF contest sponsored by the ARRL. All Bands 50Mhz and up are included in this contest, with lots of activity on SSB, and CW. So, if you have a multi-band HF radio that has 6 meters, and 2 meters please get "radio active" and have some fun on VHF/UHF. The contest starts Saturday at 2:00PM and ends Sunday at 11:00PM. Hot spots on the band will include 50.125 the 6 meter call frequency, and 144.200 the 2 meter call frequency.

Local amateurs you are likely to hear on the band include K8DOG/R, KF8QL/R, WD9USA, N8DGD and others.

Here is an article introducing the contest on the KC9BQA website, who is a very active contester in Wisconsin.
http://kc9bqa.com/?p=1677

I operate as a mobile station or "rover" during the contest, and it will take me into 7 grids during my driving between the hills I operate from. My schedule is posted on my website here:
http://www.davedevos.com/KF8QL.html

I look forward to hearing you on the bands!

Dave KF8QL
http://www.davedevos.com

1775. For Sale: 2M and 70CM Antennas and Accessories

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-06-09 21:12:34 UTC
From: Greg York
Topic: 1775 Message: 1775

I have the following items for sale:

1) 4 pairs of ZD Engineering 75 to 50 ohm 7/8" hardline matching transformers / connectors. 2 pairs are for 2M and 2 pairs are for 70cm. One 2M pair is used and in good condition, other 3 pairs new in original packaging. $25 for all 4 pairs.

2) Cushcraft 2M 15-element 215WB FM Boomer. Was used outside for a couple of months, and then stored inside since. Condition is good. $100.

3) Cushcraft 2M 17-element 17B2 Sideband Boomer. New in box and never opened. $150.

4) Cushcraft 70CM 24-element 424B Sideband Boomer. Never used, partially assembled with all parts. $125.

All 4 items, $300.

If interested, contact me via e-mail at gwyork@... .

Greg York
WB8YOF

1776. Field Day suggestions

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-06-13 03:06:56 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1776 Message: 1776

For Field Day 2012, Lettuce b sure to:

1. Copy the field day message over the air. There's a transmission on Friday evening before the start of Field Day.
Day Mode Eastern UTC
FRIDAY CW 8:00 PM 0000 (Sat)
Digital 9:00 PM 0100
Phone 9:45 PM 0145
CW 11:00 PM 0300
CW frequencies are 1.8025, 3.5815, 7.0475, 14.0475, 18.0975, 21.0675, 28.0675 and 147.555 MHz.
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Probably 40 or 20 metres would be betst at 0000Z, It's a guess for me @ 0100Z, but I'd try 40 first, then 20.
for the two later times I'd suggest 80 or 40.

I'll try to copy The Corn Whiskey version, would appreciate at least one other person volunteer to copy on whatever mode with which they're more comfortable.

2. Send a message to the Section Mangler, WB8R - probably at 2230Z (6:30 p.m) Saturday evening on 3.563 KHz, or, will there be a VHF net on 147.16 linked repeater system? Details of the message format and content are in the rules as follows:

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It appears that we have a publicity release - we're in a public location - do we have signs directing folks from East Beltline to our area? How about a Public Info table? A "representative of our served agency" Red Cross (WD8USA, KD8CAN, any others?) are likely to show up to give us a bonus! Can we convince some of the younger folks who visit us at our meetings (or are progeny or friends of our members) to make at least one contact on the SSB or VHF station? We can get 20 points for each

person (licensed or not) who makes at least one contact - up to a maximum of 100 bonus points.

How many bonus points can we muster? Lettuce try to remember to get as many as possible.

73 de n8xx Hg

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1777. Re: [GRARA] Field Day suggestions

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-06-13 03:21:10 UTC
From: wd8usa@aol.com
Topic: 1776 Message: 1777

Your best bet on getting traffic to WB8R is designate a person to bring it to the MITN (Michigan Traffic net) at 7pm Sat night- on 39.52 .
There is no VHF Traffic net on Sat night-
On the Digital runs are any on MT-63 or Olivia? DE WD8USA ...-.-

-----Original Message-----
From: Hank Greeb <n8xx@...>
To: GRARA Group <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Cc: Bob Robinson <kd8hnf@...>
Sent: Tue, Jun 12, 2012 11:09 pm
Subject: [GRARA] Field Day suggestions

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1778. Re: [GRARA] Field Day suggestions

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-06-13 03:51:13 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1776 Message: 1778

I guess we could try 3.563 CW @ 2330Z, if NIL, then 3.952 SSB That would give us two tries @ passing the traffic. If nothing else, we could transmit it to some local who is at another FD site or at home - it doesn't NEED to get to WB8R on Field Day weekend, we just have to originate it during the FD session.

73 de n8xx Hg

On 6/12/2012 11:21 PM, wd8usa@... wrote:

Your best bet on getting traffic to WB8R is designate a person to bring it to the MITN (Michigan Traffic net) at 7pm Sat night- on 39.52 .

There is no VHF Traffic net on Sat night-

On the Digital runs are any on MT-63 or Olivia? DE WD8USA ...-.-

-----Original Message-----
From: Hank Greeb
To: GRARA Group
Cc: Bob Robinson
Sent: Tue, Jun 12, 2012 11:09 pm
Subject: [GRARA] Field Day suggestions

For Field Day 2012, Lettuce b sure to:

1. Copy the field day message over the air. There's a transmission on Friday evening before the start of Field Day.
Day Mode Eastern UTC
FRIDAY CW 8:00 PM 0000 (Sat)
Digital 9:00 PM 0100
Phone 9:45 PM 0145
CW 11:00 PM 0300
CW frequencies are 1.8025, 3.5815, 7.0475, 14.0475, 18.0975, 21.0675, 28.0675 and 147.555 MHz.
Digital frequencies are 3597.5, 7.095, 14.095, 18.1025, 21.095, 28.095 and 147.555 MHz
(Note: PSK31 and MFSK16 are now included in the regular Digitalruns.)
Phone frequencies are 1.855, 3.990, 7.290, 14.290, 18.160, 21.390, 28.590 and 147.555 MHz.

Probably 40 or 20 metres would be betst at 0000Z, It's a guess for me @ 0100Z, but I'd try 40 first, then 20.
for the two later times I'd suggest 80 or 40.

I'll try to copy The Corn Whiskey version, would appreciate at least one other person volunteer to copy on whatever mode with which they're more comfortable.

2. Send a message to the Section Mangler, WB8R - probably at 2230Z (6:30 p.m) Saturday evening on 3.563 KHz, or, will there be a VHF net on 147.16 linked repeater system? Details of the message format and content are in the rules as follows:

"7.3.5. Message Origination to Section Manager: 100 bonus points for origination of a National Traffic System (NTS) style formal message to the ARRL Section Manager or Section Emergency Coordinator by your group from its site. You should include the club name, number of participants, Field Day location, and number of ARES operators involved with your station. The message must be transmitted during the Field Day period and a fully serviced copy of it submitted must be included in your submission, in standard ARRL NTS format, or no credit will be given.."

It appears that we have a publicity release - we're in a public location - do we have signs directing folks from East Beltline to our area? How about a Public Info table? A "representative of our served agency" Red Cross (WD8USA, KD8CAN, any others?) are likely to show up to give us a bonus! Can we convince some of the younger folks who visit us at our meetings (or are progeny or friends of our members) to make at least one contact on the SSB or VHF station? We can get 20 points for each person (licensed or not) who makes at least one contact - up to a maximum of 100 bonus points.

How many bonus points can we muster? Lettuce try to remember to get as many as possible.

73 de n8xx Hg

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1779. Amateur Radio Week

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-06-13 09:03:50 UTC
From: KD8CAN
Topic: 1779 Message: 1779

For Immediate Release:

Michigan Legislature Recognizes Contributions of Amateur Radio Enthusiasts

(Lansing, MI, June 6, 2012) ☐ The Michigan House of Representatives has issued a resolution recognizing the public service contributions of Michigan's Amateur Radio Operators, as they prepare for their annual emergency communications exercise. On June 1st, the State house passed House Resolution No. 287, A resolution to declare June 17☐23, 2012, as Amateur Radio Week in the state of Michigan.

Amateur Radio (or "ham radio") operators from throughout Michigan will be joining Hams across the nation, attempting to talk to people around the world using an amazing variety of differing methods. These range from the tried and true Morse code to voice and digital communications, even to using amateur satellites as they demonstrate their unique dedication to public service during Amateur Radio Week. Michigan's local ham radio clubs will be active in their communities to raise awareness about Amateur Radio in preparation for the week's culminating event, an annual emergency preparedness exercise called "Field Day." Field Day is a 24-hour marathon event where the object is to contact as many other stations as possible during the contest, which will occur over the weekend of June 23 and 24. Field Day is sponsored by the American Radio Relay League (ARRL), the national association for Amateur Radio.

Field Day is designed to test operators' abilities to set up and operate portable stations under emergency conditions such as the loss of commercial electricity and normal avenues of communication. Most participants will set up their Field Day stations in city parks, on village greens or even in shopping mall parking lots. The event is a serious test of skill, and a contest for fun, too. During the weekend, the radio operators try to contact as many other Field Day stations as possible, simulating the on-air skills needed to assist state, regional and local officials as well as agencies such as the Salvation Army and the American Red Cross during an emergency. More than 37,000 Amateur Radio operators across the country participated in last year's event, a far cry from the handful of hams that participated in the first Field Day back in 1933.

The public is invited to stop by and watch the proceedings, ask questions and will often get a chance to join in, making a few contacts themselves under the watchful eye of a friendly ham operator. Anyone interested in visiting a Field Day site may locate the site nearest you by using the online locator on the ARRL website at http://www.arrl.org/field-day-locator

With more than 650,000 Amateur Radio operators in the United States and more than 2.5 million worldwide, the Amateur Radio hobby is alive and well. And best of all, anyone can become a ham. Information on how to become involved in Amateur Radio is available from the American Radio Relay League, 225 Main Street, Newington, CT 06111 or by calling 1-800-32-NEW HAM. The URL for the ARRL's home page on the World Wide Web is www.arrl.org.

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Reps. Lindberg, Darany, Byrum, Yonker, Hovey-Wright, Hammel, Liss, Dillon, Kandrevas, McBroom, Barnett, Durhal, Geiss, Heise, Horn, LeBlanc, Slavens, Switalski, Talabi and Tyler offered the following resolution: House Resolution No. 287. A resolution to declare June 17□23, 2012, as Amateur Radio Week in the state of Michigan. Whereas, Amateur radio operators are celebrating over a century of the miracle of the human voice broadcast over the airwaves; and Whereas, Amateur radio has continued to provide a bridge between peoples, societies and countries by creating friendships and the sharing of ideas; and Whereas, Amateur radio operators have also provided countless hours of community services both in emergencies and to other local organizations throughout these decades; and Whereas, These amateur radio's services are provided wholly uncompensated; and Whereas, The state of Michigan also recognizes the services amateur radio's people also provide to our many civilian Emergency Response organizations, including the American Red Cross and the Salvation Army; and Whereas, These same individuals have further demonstrated their value in public assistance by providing free radio communications for local parades, bike-a-thons, walk-a-thons, fairs and other charitable public events; and Whereas, The state of Michigan recognizes and appreciates the diligence of these "hams" who also serve as weather spotters in the Skywarn program of the National Weather Service; and Whereas, Amateur radio once again proved its undisputed relevance in the modern world by providing emergency communications when other systems failed in the wake of Hurricane Irene, the paralyzing October Blizzard that hit the Northeast and Atlantic Seaboard; and Whereas, The Amateur Radio Relay League (ARRL) is the leading organization for amateur radio in the USA; and Whereas, The ARRL Amateur Radio Field Day exercise will take place on June 23-24, 2012 and is a 24-hour emergency preparedness exercise and demonstration of the Radio Amateurs' skills and readiness to provide self-supporting communications without further infrastructure being required; now, therefore, be it Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body declare June 17□23, 2012, as Amateur Radio Week in the state of Michigan

1780. Re: [GRARA] Amateur Radio Week

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-06-13 11:26:27 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1779 Message: 1780

Thanks, for posting, Jim!

Great news! - Perhaps someone has (or will) make a fancy looking copy of this resolution on parchment or similar to feature @ our Field Day site?

A formatted copy of the resolution can be found @

http://www.legislature.mi.gov/documents/2011-2012/resolutionintroduced/House/pdf/2012-HIR-0287.pdf

Do we have an artistic designer amongst us?

73 de n8xx Hg

On 6/13/2012 5:03 AM, KD8CAN wrote:

House Resolution No. 287

1781. N24HC Radio Communications

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-06-14 02:57:01 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 1781 Message: 1781

The National 24 Hour (Bicycle) Challenge this Saturday in Barry County is in need of one more radio volunteer for either lead vehicle or a check point.
If you can give part of this Saturday to help, (you did read the State House resolution, didn't you?), let me know ASAP. TIA.

73 Jack NY8D

jamelar@...?subject=N24HC
(616)438-5412
Cell (616)438-1464

1782. Field Day Preparations

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-06-14 05:41:49 UTC
From: Steven Kaney
Topic: 1782 Message: 1782

I thought there was going to be some sort of meeting to synchronize our N1MM's and otherwise prepare for Field Day but I haven't seen any notifications of where or when on the web site or in the email.!?

de N7MUT/8

1783. Re: [GRARA] Field Day Preparations

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-06-14 12:08:34 UTC
From: Jack Kunnen
Topic: 1782 Message: 1783

It was last night at Open radio room, as discussed at the last club meeting.

Jack, AB8ND

On Jun 14, 2012, at 1:41 AM, Steven Kaney wrote:

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1784. Re: [GRARA] Field Day Preparations

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-06-14 13:33:47 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1782 Message: 1784

Jack:

Methinks we should use this forum to publicize things like meetings (which we sometimes do), special meetings (like the technical meeting we had last evening W8DC). cleanup on M-57, grass cutting, etc, @ the repeater site, et. cetera.? After all, Ham Radio has something to do with communications.

The meeting which we proposed @ the May meeting (and possibly the June meeting @ Hudsonville, which I couldn't attend) was for NEXT Wednesday, the 20th @ W8DC open radio room.? MAYBE the meeting for last evening was decided @ Hudsonville, but the attendance was a bit light.

I thought last evening's gathering was announced here, but find that the announcement was in a private message.?? I've put up an announcement within the GRARA yahoo group, so it will appear here on Monday, June 18, and then again 12 hours before the meeting time on Wednesday to remind us all.

So, For anyone interested in finding out the intricacies of how to set up N1MM for Networked operation are cordially invited to attend a "working/learning session"? Text of the announcement which will be automagically sent to this reflector 2 daze and again at 12 hours before the event is as follows:

Field Day Preparation Gathering
Date:???? Wednesday June 20, 2012
Time:???? 7:15 am - 9:15 am
Author:?? n8xxham
Type:???? Club Event
Reminder: There are reminders set for 12 hours and 2 days before this event.
Location: W8DC
Street:?? 1050 Fuller Ave NE
City/State/Zip:??? Grand Rapids, MI 49503
We will continue learning N1MM logger - networked versionat

Note, we will end either when we "think" we know enough about N1MM logger or we give up in exasperation! :)? The proof of whether we actually know enough about the setup will be on the 23rd & 24th!?

Congrats to KD8HNF for guiding us through the setup.? We learned a lot - and next week we hope to "nail it."

73 de n8xx Hg
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On 6/14/2012 8:08 AM, Jack Kunnen wrote:

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Jack, AB8ND

On Jun 14, 2012, at 1:41 AM, Steven Kaney wrote:

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1785. Fwd: ARLB015 New Amateur Extra Class Question Pool Effective July 1

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-06-14 20:21:07 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1785 Message: 1785

If you studied for the Extra Class license, but have procrastinated on taking the test, you might wish to find a test session to attempt to get your license before July 1.

Just a friendly reminder from ARRL.

73 de n8xx Hg

-------- Original Message --------
Subject: ARLB015 New Amateur Extra Class Question Pool Effective July 1
Date: Thu, 14 Jun 2012 11:33:09 -0400 (EDT)
From: ARRL Web site
To: hgreeb@...

SB QST @ ARL $ARLB015
ARLB015 New Amateur Extra Class Question Pool Effective July 1

ZCZC AG16
QST de W1AW
ARRL Bulletin 15 ARLB015
> From ARRL Headquarters
Newington CT June 14, 2012
To all radio amateurs

SB QST ARL ARLB015
ARLB015 New Amateur Extra Class Question Pool Effective July 1

The new Amateur Extra class (Element 4) question pool -- released by the National Conference of Volunteer Examiner Coordinators (NCVEC) in January 2012 -- becomes effective on Sunday, July 1. The current Amateur Extra class pool expires on June 30, 2012 and cannot be used after that date. This new question pool -- including graphics and diagrams -- will remain valid until June 30, 2016. The new Amateur Extra pool contains 702 questions, from which 50 are selected for an Element 4 examination. As of June 13, three questions -- E1D09, E2A14 and E6E10 -- have been removed from the new pool. The current Technician class question pool that became effective July 1, 2010 is valid through June 30, 2014. The current General class pool that became effective July 1, 2011 is valid until June 30, 2015.
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1786. Field Day Reminder on the calendar

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-06-14 20:30:59 UTC
From: n8xxham
Topic: 1786 Message: 1786

I put the following info on the Field Day calendar for June 23 and 24 - slightly different for Sunday. Please look the announcement over and see if there are any errors, omissions, or lies. The June 23 announcement will issue on Wednesday and Friday. The 24th announcement will show up early on Sunday.

Please let me know if there are any errors. Thanks.

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Field Day - W8M - Field Day!
Date: Saturday June 23, 2012
Time: 9:00 am
Author: n8xxham
Type: Club Event
Reminder: There are reminders set for 1 day and 2 days before this event.
Location: Next to Devos Communications Center, Calvn College
Street: 1810 East Beltline Aven SE
City/State/Zip: Grand Rapids, MI 49546
ALL are invited, members, visiting hams, general public. We begin setting up about 9 a.m. Saturday morning, with the event starting at 2 p.m., and running until 2 p.m. Sunday afternoon. We will have four stations - two Please let your fellow hams know of this event.

Note this is on the EAST side of East Beltline. We will try to monitor 147.26 MHz repeater for directions, but may get busy setting up and operating.

1787. 'We Do That" & "When all Else Fails"

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-06-16 01:43:14 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1787 Message: 1787

Hi, Bob:

Don't know what plans, if any, we have for public info booth for Field Day, but, if we're having one such thing (for which we get 100 bonus points or so), I have 50 each of the ARRL fliers *'We Do That" & "When all Else Fails" *which I had planned to use for another function in August, but I'd donate them to the Field Day cause if needed.

Also, do we have any signs to put up to guide visiting hams and the general public to our Field Day? I've put up directions on the ARRL Field Day Locator web site, but the location, being in the "other" part of Calvin might be a bit of a puzzle for people to find, even with the address and a GPS.

73 de n8xx Hg

1788. Summer Stew Perry Topband Challenge, June 16/17

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-06-16 13:12:10 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1788 Message: 1788

Here's a "very interesting" contest this weekend...

Summer Stew Perry Topband Challenge:

1500Z, Jun 16 to 1500Z, Jun 17

Same rules as the December challenge
http://jzap.com/k7rat/stew.rules.txt

There's even a QRP category... Who would be crazy enough to try <5 watts on 160 metres in the middle of a heat wave? Well, last year there WERE 2 QRP entries, one did an amazing 692 miles with QRP. Yep, 692 miles with <5 watts during June 2011 on 160 metres! Wouldja ever believe it could be done?

72/73 de n8xx Hg

1789. Bill Borgman, K8CJQ

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-06-17 15:47:24 UTC
From: K8TB
Topic: 1789 Message: 1789

I received a very sad call this morning from Terrie, W8CJQ.

Bill Borgman, K8CJQ, from Allegan, a long time friend of so many of us, has passed away.

Bill has had a series of severe illness's over the last few years. But yet, he was at Dayton this year, with his 'CJQ smile. (And Terrie, thank you for the hard work of pushing him around)

He is someone we will miss. I cannot remember, but I think he has fired up over 25 Michigan Islands on his travels.

And those of us who had any "industry" connection with him at the FCC, we are reminded of his soft words of encouragement to "do things right", and his professionalism.

tom bosscher k8tb

1790. Re: 'We Do That" & "When all Else Fails"

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-06-17 17:06:20 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 1787 Message: 1790

"Also, do we have any signs to put up to guide visiting hams and the general public to our Field Day?"

I have a few "AMATEUR RADIO FIELD DAY, VISITORS WELCOME" signs with adjustable arrows and posts you're welcome to use.

Jack NY8D

----- Message from n8xx@... ---------

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> part of Calvin might be a bit of a puzzle for people to find, even
> with the address and a GPS.
>
> 73 de n8xx Hg

----- End message from n8xx@... -----

1791. Re: [GRARA] Re: 'We Do That" & "When all Else Fails"

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-06-17 17:15:53 UTC
From: Jack Kunnen
Topic: 1787 Message: 1791

Jack,

Bob, KD8HNF had some signs made ?

Jack, ab8nd

On Jun 17, 2012, at 1:06 PM, Jack Amelar wrote:

> "Also, do we have any signs to put up to guide visiting hams and the
> general public to our Field Day?"
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> Jack NY8D
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> > with the address and a GPS.
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> > 73 de n8xx Hg
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> ----- End message from n8xx@... -----
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1792. Double CME Hits Earth, Sparks Auroras

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-06-17 19:36:13 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1792 Message: 1792

Space Weather News for June 17, 2012
http://spaceweather.com

As predicted, a double CME hit Earth's magnetic field on June 16th. The impact strongly compressed Earth's magnetosphere, exposing geosynchronous satellites to solar wind plasma and sparking more than 24 hours of geomagnetic storms. (The storms are still in progress as this alert is being written during the middle hours of June 17th.) In the United States, Northern Lights have descended as far south as Wisconsin, Washington, Minnesota, and the Dakotas. Southern hemisphere observers are also reporting colorful aurora australis. Check http://spaceweather.com for photos and updates.

1793. ARRL Field Day Bulletin Sked

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-06-18 18:50:50 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1793 Message: 1793

Attention all GRARA members:

QST QST QST. Please, pretty please, especially those members who have capabilities of copying RTTY or other digital modes,

Please, pretty please, copy the Field Day message on one of the schedules on Friday evening.

The folks who can copy Corn Whiskey @ 18 wpm so please copy the bulletins on CW if you're able to do so. I'll be listening at the 8 p.m. time, but if I miss a word or two, I'll need a backup. My antenna will be down after that to be taken to the Field Day site as a backup antenna.

I pray that we will have multiple copies of the FD message - a pristine copy is worth 100 bonus points to add to our entry.

73 de n8xx Hg

-----Forwarded Message-----
>SB SPCL @ ARL $ARLX009
>ARLX009 2012 W1AW Field Day Bulletin Schedule
>
>ZCZC AX09
>QST de W1AW
>Special Bulletin 9 ARLX009
>From ARRL Headquarters
>Newington CT June 18, 2012
>To all radio amateurs
>
>SB SPCL ARL ARLX009
>ARLX009 2012 W1AW Field Day Bulletin Schedule
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>Day Mode Pacific Mountain Central Eastern UTC
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>FRIDAY CW 5:00 PM 6:00 PM 7:00 PM 8:00 PM 0000 (Sat)
> Digital 6:00 PM 7:00 PM 8:00 PM 9:00 PM 0100
> Phone 6:45 PM 7:45 PM 8:45 PM 9:45 PM 0145
> CW 8:00 PM 9:00 PM 10:00 PM 11:00 PM 0300
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>SATURDAY CW 7:00 AM 8:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:00 AM 1400
> Phone 8:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:00 AM 11:00 AM 1500
> CW 5:00 PM 6:00 PM 7:00 PM 8:00 PM 0000 (Sun)
> Digital 6:00 PM 7:00 PM 8:00 PM 9:00 PM 0100
> Phone 6:45 PM 7:45 PM 8:45 PM 9:45 PM 0145
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> Digital 9:00 AM 10:00 AM 11:00 AM 12:00 PM 1600
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>K6KPH Field Day Bulletin Schedule
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>SATURDAY CW 7:30 AM 8:30 AM 9:30 AM 10:30 AM 1403
> CW 5:30 PM 6:30 PM 7:30 PM 8:30 PM 0030 (Sun)
> Digital 6:30 PM 7:30 PM 8:30 PM 9:30 PM 0130
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>SUNDAY CW 7:30 AM 8:30 AM 9:30 AM 10:30 AM 1430
> Digital 9:30 AM 10:30 AM 11:30 AM 12:30 AM 1630
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>W1AW will operate on its regularly published frequencies.
>
>CW frequencies are 1.8025, 3.5815, 7.0475, 14.0475, 18.0975,
>21.0675, 28.0675 and 147.555 MHz.
>
>Digital frequencies are 3.5975, 7.095, 14.095, 18.1025, 21.095,
>28.095 and 147.555 MHz.
>
>Phone frequencies are 1.855, 3.990, 7.290, 14.290, 18.160, 21.390,
>28.590 and 147.555 MHz.
>
>W1AW will transmit the Field Day bulletin using 45.45-baud Baudot,
>PSK31 in BPSK mode and MFSK16.
>
>The Maritime Radio Historical Society station K6KPH will transmit
>the W1AW Field Day 2012 bulletin for the benefit of West Coast
>stations on 3.5815, 7.0475, 14.0475, 18.0975 and 21.0675 MHz using
>CW.
>
>K6KPH will transmit the Field Day bulletin using Baudot, FEC AMTOR,
>BPSK31 and MFSK16 on 7.095 and 14.095 MHz.
>
>The K6KPH schedule is accurate as of June 18, 2012.
>
>Any additional transmissions or changes in the schedule will be
>posted on the web at,
>http://www.arrl.org/files/file/Field-Day/2012/2012-FD-W1AW-Sked.pdf.
>NNNN
>/EX

1794. K8CJQ, Bill Borgmans Obituary

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-06-18 21:31:17 UTC
From: K8TB
Topic: 1794 Message: 1794

Bill Borgmans Obituary is available at the Gordon Funeral home web site:

www.gordonfuneral.com

Direct link is:

http://gordonfuneral.com/fh/obituaries/obituary.cfm?o_id=1510265&fh_id=13079

Please note, that like most online funeral home sites, on Bill's
obituary page, there is a
"Sign Guest Book" link to leave comments.

tom bosscher K8TB

1795. Field Day Preparation Gathering, 6/20/2012, 7:15 pm

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-06-18 23:16:45 UTC
From: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 1795 Message: 1795

Reminder from: GRARA Yahoo! Group
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/GRARA/cal

Field Day Preparation Gathering
Wednesday June 20, 2012
7:15 pm - 9:15 pm
Location: W8DC, 1050 Fuller Ave NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503

Notes:
We will continue learning N1MM logger - networked version

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1796. Coverage of our field day in Mlive

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-06-19 19:06:16 UTC
From: sprovost
Topic: 1796 Message: 1796

hello, the link below is the story posted on mlive about field day this week.

http://www.mlive.com/ada-cascade/index.ssf/2012/06/ham_radio_operators_show_off_e.html

stephen

1797. Re: [GRARA] Coverage of our field day in Mlive

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-06-20 10:03:23 UTC
From: Bob Robinson
Topic: 1796 Message: 1797

Hi Stephen, was you able to get the things for the wireless connection for the network?

Bob
On Jun 19, 2012 3:06 PM, "sprovost" <stprovost@provtechs.com> wrote:

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> hello, the link below is the story posted on mlive about field day this
> week.
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> http://www.mlive.com/ada-cascade/index.ssf/2012/06/ham_radio_operators_show_off_e.html
>
> stephen
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1798. Re: [GRARA] Field Day Preparation Gathering, 6/20/2012, 7:15 pm

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-06-20 10:27:48 UTC
From: Bob Robinson
Topic: 1795 Message: 1798

Who posted this notice?

Kd8hnf

Bob
On Jun 18, 2012 7:16 PM, <GRARA@yahoogroups.com> wrote:

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>
> Reminder from: *GRARA Yahoo! Group<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/GRARA/cal>
> * Title: Field Day Preparation Gathering Date: Wednesday June 20,
> 2012 Time: 7:15 pm - 9:15 pm Location: W8DC, 1050 Fuller Ave NE,
> Grand Rapids, MI 49503 Notes: We will continue learning N1MM logger -
> networked version Get reminders on your mobile, Yahoo! Messenger, and
> email.
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1799. Re: Coverage of our field day in Mlive

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-06-20 10:42:56 UTC
From: David
Topic: 1796 Message: 1799

Where did they get that picture?

--- In GRARA@yahoogroups.com, "sprovost" <stprovost@...> wrote:
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1800. Field Day Preparation Gathering, 6/20/2012, 7:15 pm

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-06-20 11:17:05 UTC
From: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 1795 Message: 1800

Reminder from: GRARA Yahoo! Group
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/GRARA/cal

Field Day Preparation Gathering
Wednesday June 20, 2012
7:15 pm - 9:15 pm
Location: W8DC, 1050 Fuller Ave NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503

Notes:
We will continue learning N1MM logger - networked version

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1801. Re: Coverage of our field day in Mlive

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-06-20 18:24:12 UTC
From: ka5s
Topic: 1796 Message: 1801

I felt compelled to answer "John Smith's" comments there deprecating our efforts.

John Smith raises a concern often voiced inside the Amateur Radio community.

However, it is a spurious complaint. It doesn't MATTER that, once a year, we have fun doing things; operating without commercial power from locations that could be deprived of utilities and facilities, demonstrating we can contact other stations by actually doing so, and doing things as PRACTICE (and for fun), that we must be able to do in a real emergency.

Years ago in California, our local Radio Club ran one Field Day outside the City offices and dispatch center, simulating setting up as if they had been made useless by an earthquake.

And he deprecates hobbies, as if they do not teach useful skills. Target shooting is a hobby. Occasionally, it is a skill valued for its military uses. Occasionally, Amateur Radio operators find use doing for the Military when (sic -- should read "what") it fails to train Soldiers -- or enough of them -- to do. A small but highly trained number of Amateur radio operators are members of the Military Auxiliary Radio System, and THEY train to communicate not only in local emergencies, but with and between military and Federal stations with digital modes all of them share. These folks, as I recall from 21 years in the Army, were often better communicators than the Signal Corps soldiers.

A hobby? Perhaps. But not a Hobby Horse. On the way home from the Art Festival, stop by Calvin College and see us playing. Playing at what we may some time have to do in earnest.

Oh, as to the PURPOSE of Amateur Radio, the FCC says it best:

§97.1 Basis and purpose.-

The rules and regulations in this Part are designed to provide an amateur radio service having a fundamental purpose as expressed in the following principles:

(a) Recognition and enhancement of the value of the amateur service to the public as a voluntary noncommercial communication service, particularly with respect to providing emergency communications.

(b) Continuation and extension of the amateur's proven ability to contribute to the advancement of the radio art.

(c) Encouragement and improvement of the amateur service through rules which provide for advancing skills in both the communications and technical phases of the art.

(d) Expansion of the existing reservoir within the amateur radio service of trained operators, technicians, and electronics experts.

(e) Continuation and extension of the amateur's unique ability to enhance international goodwill.
Source: http://www.arrl.org/part-97-amateur-radio#

1802. Re: [GRARA] Re: Coverage of our field day in Mlive

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-06-20 19:28:45 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1796 Message: 1802

Ron, K8DMR sent out the info to several newspapers, so perhaps that's one of his setups?

As Cortland says, Amateur Radio is a hobby, but it is defined by the Federal Communications Commission as the Amateur Radio Service - and has been defended against intrusion by that definition. A very small number of our licensees devote a part of their time in training for, and actual operating in disaster recovery operations when "All Else Fails" (a subtitle of a brochure produced by the American Radio Relay League which will be @ the Field Day Site.) The rest of us are free loaders, who enjoy privileges earned by these dedicated volunteers.

73 de n8xx Hg

p.s. To Cortland, KA5S: You speak so eloquently in print - our church occasionally has need of a "fill-in" preacher - are you available? :)

On 6/20/2012 6:42 AM, David wrote:

Where did they get that picture?

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stephen

1803. Fwd: N1MM and field day

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-06-21 03:00:07 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1803 Message: 1803

For people who are coming to Field Day - either at Calvin College (east side of E-Beltline near the Prince Conference Center and the Communications Arts Buildings), or at any other info where you will be confronted with N1MM logging program.

This is a 12 minute video, well worth your time, if you aren't familiar with N1MM logger.

Note: We _*hope*_ to have the tree HF stations in a networked configuration. We have most of the glitches worked out, but there may be some unforeseen problemmes. Even if we aren't successful with networking, the N1MM logger will work essentially the same, except we won't be exchanging logging info "live." (Thanks to Bob, KD8HNF for figuring out what was going on when we were having severe glitches this evening.,)

Hope to see everyone @ Field day - we'll be starting setup at as close to 9 a.m. Saturday, June 23, as we can muster. Help will be appreciated! And, we hope to be completely set up and checked out by the official start time of 2 p.m. We will be shutting down at 2 p.m. Sunday. So, we'll have 4 stations, 3 HF, 1 VHF, and possibly a "Get on the air station). There will be plenty of time for YOU to operate. See you this weekend!

73 de n8xx Hg

-------- Original Message --------
Subject: Re: [MWA] N1mm and field day
Date: Wed, 20 Jun 2012 18:58:17 -0500
From: Patrick Korkowski <korkowp1@...>
Reply-To: Minnesota Wireless Association <mwa@...>
To: Minnesota Wireless Association <mwa@...>

Scott,

Here is a link to a 12-minute video from the N1MM team on using it for FD.

http://n1mm.hamdocs.com/tiki-index.php?page=Video+-+Operating+N1MM+Logger+on+Field+Day#Video_Operating_N1MM_Logger_on_Field_Day

73, Pat NA0N

1804. Field Day - W8M - Field Day!, 6/23/2012, 9:00 am

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-06-21 13:05:32 UTC
From: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 1804 Message: 1804

Reminder from: GRARA Yahoo! Group
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/GRARA/cal

Field Day - W8M - Field Day!
Saturday June 23, 2012
9:00 am - 2:00 pm
Location: Next to Devos Communications Center, Calvn College, 1810 East Beltline Aven SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546

Notes:
ALL are invited, members, visiting hams, general public. We begin setting up about 9 a.m. Saturday morning, with the event starting at 2 p.m., and ...

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1805. Field Day at Calvin College

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-06-21 15:06:04 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1805 Message: 1805

Since the Yahoo Group screwed up the announcement a bit, here's a better message concerning field day.
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All are invited to a multi-club effort for Field Day @ Calvin College, Grand Rapids, Michigan. Since it's a multi club effort, we will be using W8M special event call!

As most of you know by now, Field Day is on Saturday June 23, 2012 Official Start is 2 p.m. Saturday, but we will be setting up stations beginning at 9:00 a.m. It will end at 2:00 p.m. Sunday.

We have been invited by "Quint" K8QS (Professor @ Calvin) and will be set up next to Devos Communications Center, Calvn College, 1810 East Beltline Avenue SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546. This is on the EAST side of Beltline!

Map with directions is at http://goo.gl/maps/Sz4n Put in your starting directions, and you'll have a guide to the location. Remember, it's on the EAST side of East Beltline!

ALL are invited, members, visiting hams, general public. We begin setting up about 9 a.m. Saturday morning. We will have four stations - Three HF and one VHF Station. One HF station dedicated to CW, one to SSB, and the third to "operator's choice." Plenty of time for operators! Please let your fellow hams know of this event!

1806. Re: [GRARA] Coverage of our field day in Mlive

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-06-21 17:17:06 UTC
From: Steven Kaney
Topic: 1796 Message: 1806

I was looking at the ARRL field day locator and it show that we do NOT have a GOTA. Is that correct?

de N7MUT/8

_____
From: Bob Robinson <kd8hnf@...>
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Wednesday, June 20, 2012 6:03 AM
Subject: Re: [GRARA] Coverage of our field day in Mlive

Hi Stephen, was you able to get the things for the wireless connection for the network?
Bob
On Jun 19, 2012 3:06 PM, "sprovost" <stprovost@...> wrote:

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>hello, the link below is the story posted on mlive about field day this week.
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1807. Re: [GRARA] Coverage of our field day in Mlive

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-06-21 17:18:29 UTC
From: Steven Kaney
Topic: 1796 Message: 1807

What was the site where you get the Mesh S/W? I now have 2 Linksys WRT54Gs (a V1 and a V2).

de N7MUT/8

From: sprovost <stprovost@...>
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Tuesday, June 19, 2012 3:06 PM
Subject: [GRARA] Coverage of our field day in Mlive

hello, the link below is the story posted on mlive about field day this week.

http://www.mlive.com/ada-cascade/index.ssf/2012/06/ham_radio_operators_show_off_e.html

stephen

1808. Re: [GRARA] Coverage of our field day in Mlive

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-06-22 03:44:28 UTC
From: Steven Kaney
Topic: 1796 Message: 1808

I thought I was addressing this to Stephen but this web interface messes me up some times.

de N7MUT/8

From: Hank Greeb <n8xx@...>
To: Steven Kaney <sfkaney@...>
Cc: Steve KC8WQL <stprovost@...>
Sent: Thursday, June 21, 2012 2:51 PM
Subject: Re: [GRARA] Coverage of our field day in Mlive

Steven:

KC8WQL can tell you about software for the "mesh network"

The need for this kind of network hasn't been explained. It
ain't in the N1MM docs. Maybe the idea is to strategically
locate one of the special controllers at a high spot on or in
one of the buildings to cover the "hop" from KD8HNF's site to
the other two rigs. I dunno.

But, if it works, we'll use it. If it confuses N1MM software,
we'll go to plan B, which hasn't been explained yet.

73 de n8xx Hg

On 6/21/2012 1:18 PM, Steven Kaney wrote:

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V2).
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1809. Field Day Live on Shortwave Radio

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-06-22 14:41:52 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 1809 Message: 1809

WB8PUM
http://forums.qrz.com/showthread.php?351064-International-shortwave-broadcast-quot-Field-Day-Live-quot-everyone-invited-to-call-in

International shortwave broadcast "Field Day Live" everyone invited to call in

The QSO Radio Show will once again be broadcasting ☐Field Day Live☐
on Saturday from 12PM CDT to 6 PM CDT on International Shortwave Radio.
This year the broadcast will be on the new WTWW just outside of
Nashville TN with 100,000 watts of power and heard around the world.
This is double the power than the years before now on the new WTWW
facility so the outreach will be phenomenal!

We have some things we will be giving away on the air.

Call us from where ever you are and talk to us live ☐on the air☐
about your group, club, organization and your Field Day set up.
Including what the chef is cooking for Field Day.

If you not part of a group it matters not we want to hear from you.

We want to promote amateur radio and international good will, by
letting you and your Field Day group talk to the world about the fun
and unique experience of amateur radio. Feel free to line up some
people in your group to talk about the fun they are having and share
their own Field Day experiences.

This broadcast will be repeated thorough out the year and will be
downloadable as a podcast on Itunes for years to come.

Help us get the word out again this year and be sure to give us a
call and get on worldband shortwave radio and share the hobby with
millions of listeners.

The phone number to call to get on the air is 615-469-0702.
The time is 12PM EDT to 6PM EDT
The station is WTWW Lebanon TN
The frequency is 9990 KHZ
The live stream will be at http://tedrandall.com/pages/qso-live.php
Will update the website for any additional information
http://www.qsoradioshow.com

Should the phones get real busy feel free to email us your phone
number and we will call you back.
Let☐s have a great Field Day and share it with millions listening
all over the world.

73□s
Ted Randall WB8PUM
QSO Radio Show
http://www.qsoradioshow.com
tedrandall@tedrandall.com

P.S. To avoid any confusion as in years past, WTWW is a federally licensed shortwave broadcasting facility with multiple transmitters. 9990 KHZ is a shortwave broadcasting frequency just outside of the 31 meter band. This broadcast is not on amateur frequencies.

1810. GRARA field Day requests

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-06-22 16:07:31 UTC
From: sprovost
Topic: 1810 Message: 1810

Hello, I am in need of a volunteer to assist me with picking up the generator at the red cross. I will be there about 8:30am.
We will load the generator in the local ERV that I have signed out for two days.

Please email me at stprovost@... if you can assist.

Also I am still working out the issues with the wireless setup.
I will finish that process up today and will announce what I have later today.

If you have a linksys router, you can review the following pdf on setting up your own mesh network:

http://hsmm-mesh.org/images/stories/hsmmmesh-step-by-step.pdf

If you get stuck, just bring your equipment and I will assist you in the setup.
The more units we have, the connectivity will be the greatest!

thanks
Stephen KC8WQL

1811. Anyone else copying W1AW FD bulletin this evening?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-06-22 21:20:44 UTC
From: n8xxham
Topic: 1811 Message: 1811

Day

Mode

Pacific

Mountain

Central

Eastern

FRIDAY

CW

5 PM

6 PM

7 PM

8 PM

Digital

6 PM

7 PM

8 PM

9 PM

Phone

6:45 PM

7:45 PM

8:45 PM

9:45 PM

CW

8 PM

9 PM

10 PM

11 PM

Or, if we can't get another volunteer, could someone set up a receiver @ calvin so we can receive the Saturday morning transmissions?

SATURDAY

CW

7 AM

8 AM

9 AM

10 AM

Phone

8 AM

9 AM

10 AM

11 AM

CW

5 PM

6 PM

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8 PM

Digital

6 PM

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Phone

6:45 PM

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9:45 PM

W1AW will operate on its regularly published frequencies:

· CW frequencies: 1.8025, 3.5815, 7.0475, 14.0475, 18.0975, 21.0675, 28.0675 and 147.555 MHz.

· Digital frequencies (includes PSK31 and MFSK16) using 45.45-baud Baudot: 3597.5, 7.095, 14.095, 18.1025, 21.095, 28.095 and 147.555 MHz.

Phone frequencies: 1.855, 3.990, 7.290, 14.290, 18.160, 21.390, 28.590 and 147.555 MHz.

I'd very much prefer to have a 2nd, 3rd, and 4th opinion on what W1AW sent, even though I at one time could copy CW with "reasonable" proficiency.

The response to my previous message seemed very underwhelming.

73 de n8xx Hg

1812. Re: Anyone else copying W1AW FD bulletin this evening?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-06-22 21:26:00 UTC
From: Gerry Lerch
Topic: 1811 Message: 1812

Hank, I'll try. Thanks for the timely reminder.

Gerry ~ K8GGL

--- In GRARA@yahoogroups.com, "n8xxham" <n8xx@...> wrote:
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1813. Re: [GRARA] Re: Anyone else copying W1AW FD bulletin this evening?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-06-22 21:46:34 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1811 Message: 1813

I just listened on 40 metres to W1AW regular bulletin sked. They're "wall to wall and treetop tall" or 599+ on that band.

Hope they're as loud at 000Z tonight.

On 6/22/2012 5:26 PM, Gerry Lerch wrote:

Hank, I'll try. Thanks for the timely reminder.

Gerry ~ K8GGL

1814. Re: [GRARA] Re: Anyone else copying W1AW FD bulletin this evening?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-06-23 01:37:06 UTC
From: Gerry Lerch
Topic: 1811 Message: 1814

Here's my take on the FD bulletins ... discrepancies exist between my cw and digital copies in the number of field day contacts, and the wording of the "year round 365 day 24/7 enjoyment" line. I expect I copied the cw wrong, but perhaps they issued slightly different versions for each mode?

CW:

SPCL C210 AND PFB CW25 FOLLOW

HR SPCL CW10 FROM ARRL HQ NEWINGTON CT JUNE 22, 2012 TO ALL RADIO AMATEURS

IS IT THAT WEEKEND ALREADY? PERHAPS NOTHING SAYS AMATEUR RADIO LOUDER THAN ARRL FIELD DAY. WHETHER ON A HILLTOP OVERLOOKING A NATIONAL MONUMENT IN WYOMING, ENJOYING THE VIEW OF THE PACIFIC FROM THE HAWAII COAST, SPRAYING FOR MOSQUITOS IN THE HUMID CAROLINAS, ENJOYING THE ANNUAL COVERED DISH SUPPER IN IOWA, OR SIMPLY TRYING TO STAY COOL ALONG THE GULF COAST, YOU ARE PART OF THE SPLENDID HERITAGE THAT DATES BACK TO 1933.

WHILE FIELD DAY IS A ONCE A YEAR EVENT, AMATEUR RADIO CAN BE A YEAR ROUND 365 DAY 24/7 ENJOYMENT IN YOUR LIFE. IT IS MORE THAN AN 8 HOUR SHIFT AT AN EOC OR THE QUEST OF DXCC AND CONTEST AWARDS FOR MANY. FIELD DAY BECOMES THE ZENITH OF OUR SHARED EXPERIENCE. IT IS WHERE OUR FRIENDSHIPS COME TOGETHER WITH OUR FAMILIES TO CREATE UNIQUE SHARED MEMORIES. STATISTICS SHOW THAT OVER 1R3 MILLION CONTACTS WILL BE MADE DURING THIS WEEKEND. SO REMEMBER IT IS NOT THE NUMBER OF CONTACTS YOU LOG. THE QUALITY OF THE EXPERIENCE MAKES FIELD DAY 2012 A LASTING MEMORY.

HAVE FUN AND ENJOY THE DAY. 73

BPSK31:

ARLX010 and ARLP025 follow

ZCZC AX10
QST de W1AW
Special Bulletin 10 ARLX010
From ARRL Headquarters
Newington CT June 22, 2012
To all radio amateurs

SB SPCL ARL ARLX010
ARLX010 2012 W1AW Field Day Bulletin

Is it that weekend already? Perhaps nothing says Amateur Radio louder than ARRL Field Day. Whether on a hilltop overlooking a national monument in Wyoming, enjoying the view of the Pacific from the Hawaiian coast, spraying for mosquitoes in the humid Carolinas, enjoying the annual covered dish supper in Iowa, or simply trying to

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heritage that dates back to 1933.

While Field Day is a once a year event, Amateur Radio can be a year
round, 365 and 24 enjoyment in your life. It is more than an 8
hour shift at an EOC or the quest of DXCC and contest awards. For
many, Field Day becomes the zenith of our shared experience. It is
where our friendships come together with our families to create
unique shared memories.

Statistics show that over 1.4 million contacts will be made during
this weekend. So remember, it is not the number of contacts you log.
The quality of the experience makes Field Day 2012 a lasting memory.

Have fun and enjoy the day. 73
NNNN

See ya tomorrow!

Gerry - K8GGL

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Gerry Lerch ~ K8GGL

1815. Re: [GRARA] Re: Anyone else copying W1AW FD bulletin this evening?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-06-23 01:46:48 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1811 Message: 1815

Thanks. I think we can take the digital version as "gospel" Lettuce c
if anyone else has copied it. I have a copy of mine, and will print out
all the copies and see if we have a consensus of the "correct version.

On 6/22/2012 9:37 PM, Gerry Lerch wrote:
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1816. Re: [GRARA] Re: Anyone else copying W1AW FD bulletin this evening?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-06-23 01:52:13 UTC
From: Gerry Lerch
Topic: 1811 Message: 1816

Oops, I had intended the bulletin copy to go just to N8XX :-(. My apologies for broadcasting the secret message to the whole yahoo group. I hope my reprimand from the ARRL won't be too severe.

Gerry Lerch ~ K8GGL

On Fri, Jun 22, 2012 at 9:46 PM, Hank Greeb <n8xx@...> wrote:

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> Thanks. I think we can take the digital version as "gospel" Lettuce c if
> anyone else has copied it. I have a copy of mine, and will print out all
> the copies and see if we have a consensus of the "correct version.
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> On 6/22/2012 9:37 PM, Gerry Lerch wrote:
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> Here's my take on the FD bulletins ... discrepancies exist between my cw
> and digital copies in the number of field day contacts, and the wording
> of the "year round 365 day 24/7 enjoyment" line. I expect I copied the cw
> wrong, but perhaps they issued slightly different versions for each mode?
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> CW:
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> SPCL C210 AND PFB CW25 FOLLOW
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> HR SPCL CW10 FROM ARRL HQ NEWINGTON CT JUNE 22, 2012 TO ALL RADIO
> AMATEURS
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> IS IT THAT WEEKEND ALREADY? PERHAPS NOTHING SAYS AMATEUR RADIO LOUDER
> THAN
> ARRL FIELD DAY. WHETHER ON A HILLTOP OVERLOOKING A NATIONAL MONUMENT IN
> WYOMING, ENJOYING THE VIEW OF THE PACIFIC FROM THE HAWAII COAST, SPRAYING
> FOR MOSQUITOS IN THE HUMID CAROLINAS, ENJOYING THE ANNUAL COVERED DISH
> SUPPER IN IOWA, OR SIMPLY TRYING TO STAY COOL ALONG THE GULF COAST, YOU ARE
> PART OF THE SPLENDID HERITAGE THAT DATES BACK TO 1933.
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> WHILE FIELD DAY IS A ONCE A YEAR EVENT, AMATEUR RADIO CAN BE A YEAR ROUND
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> EOC OR THE QUEST OF DXCC AND CONTEST AWARDS FOR MANY. FIELD DAY BECOMES
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> HAVE FUN AND ENJOY THE DAY. 73
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> BPSK31:
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> ARLX010 and ARLP025 follow
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> ZCZC AX10
> QST de W1AW
> Special Bulletin 10 ARLX010
> From ARRL Headquarters
> Newington CT June 22, 2012
> To all radio amateurs
>
> SB SPCL ARL ARLX010
> ARLX010 2012 W1AW Field Day Bulletin
>
> Is it that weekend already? Perhaps nothing says Amateur Radio
> louder than ARRL Field Day. Whether on a hilltop overlooking a
> national monument in Wyoming, enjoying the view of the Pacific from
> the Hawaiian coast, spraying for mosquitoes in the humid Carolinas,
> enjoying the annual covered dish supper in Iowa, or simply trying to
> stay cool along the Gulf Coast, you are part of the splendid
> heritage that dates back to 1933.
>
> While Field Day is a once a year event, Amateur Radio can be a year
> round, 365 and 24 enjoyment in your life. It is more than an 8
> hour shift at an EOC or the quest of DXCC and contest awards. For
> many, Field Day becomes the zenith of our shared experience. It is
> where our friendships come together with our families to create
> unique shared memories.
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> Statistics show that over 1.4 million contacts will be made during
> this weekend. So remember, it is not the number of contacts you log.
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1817. Re: [GRARA] Anyone else copying W1AW FD bulletin this evening?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-06-23 02:53:59 UTC
From: Steven Kaney
Topic: 1811 Message: 1817

Other people had a better plan for my life (in their humble opinion).

de N7MUT/8

From: n8xxham <n8xx@...>
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Friday, June 22, 2012 5:20 PM
Subject: [GRARA] Anyone else copying W1AW FD bulletin this evening?

Day Mode Pacific Mountain Central Eastern
FRIDAY CW 5 PM 6 PM 7 PM 8 PM
Digital 6 PM 7 PM 8 PM 9 PM
Phone 6:45 PM 7:45 PM 8:45 PM 9:45 PM
CW 8 PM 9 PM 10 PM 11 PM
Or, if we can't get another volunteer, could someone set up a receiver @ calvin so we can receive the Saturday morning transmissions?
SATURDAY CW 7 AM 8 AM 9 AM 10 AM
Phone 8 AM 9 AM 10 AM 11 AM
CW 5 PM 6 PM 7 PM 8 PM
Digital 6 PM 7 PM 8 PM 9 PM
Phone 6:45 PM 7:45 PM 8:45 PM 9:45 PM
W1AW will operate on its regularly published frequencies:
· CW frequencies: 1.8025, 3.5815, 7.0475, 14.0475, 18.0975, 21.0675, 28.0675 and 147.555 MHz.
· Digital frequencies (includes PSK31 and MFSK16) using 45.45-baud Baudot: 3597.5, 7.095, 14.095, 18.1025, 21.095, 28.095 and 147.555 MHz.
Phone frequencies: 1.855, 3.990, 7.290, 14.290, 18.160, 21.390, 28.590 and 147.555 MHz.

I'd very much prefer to have a 2nd, 3rd, and 4th opinion on what W1AW sent, even though I at one time could copy CW with "reasonable" proficiency.

The response to my previous message seemed very underwhelming.

73 de n8xx Hg

1818. Field Day - W8M - Field Day!, 6/23/2012, 9:00 am

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-06-23 10:04:31 UTC
From: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 1804 Message: 1818

Reminder from: GRARA Yahoo! Group
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/GRARA/cal

Field Day - W8M - Field Day!
Saturday June 23, 2012
9:00 am - 11:30 pm
Location: Next to Devos Communications Center, Calvn College, 1810 East Beltline Aven SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546

Notes:
ALL are invited, members, visiting hams, general public. We begin setting up about 9 a.m. Saturday until 2 p.m. Sunday. We will have four stations - ...

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1819. Let me be amongst the first!

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-06-25 02:00:23 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1819 Message: 1819

To congratulate the folks who organized, detailed, etc., the FB Field Day effort @ W8M, Calvin College, this weekend.

Great learning experience, we got started on time - numerous visitors came by, food for breakfast (in particular) was great @ the Prince Conference Center.

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73

1820. Re: Let me be amongst the first!

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-06-25 02:12:10 UTC
From: Gerry Lerch
Topic: 1819 Message: 1820

Some photos are posted here:

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/GRARA/photos/album/613133936/pic/list

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1821. Re: [GRARA] Re: Let me be amongst the first!

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-06-25 02:39:57 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1819 Message: 1821

Gerry:

FB nice pictures. - you must have a real sturdy camera. It took a
picture of me, and you were still abel to use it later!

Glad we had photographers - did anyone take a video of the 100' tower as
it was being raised to the top?

73 de n8xx Hg

On 6/24/2012 10:12 PM, Gerry Lerch wrote:
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1822. Re: [GRARA] Let me be amongst the first!

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-06-25 04:22:47 UTC
From: R. Mark Barnett
Topic: 1819 Message: 1822

I am disgusted with the sunspot situation... While I don't want the Earth wiped out with a coronal mass ejection, a little more action on the sun would be appreciated! I am working on a QRP rig... MAYBE I will be able to use it when I'm finished...

Thanks for the pictures! I wish I could have made it!

Mark B. N8PGV

Nothing in this world can take the place of persistence. Talent will not; nothing is more common than unsuccessful people with talent. Genius will not; unrewarded genius is almost a proverb. Education will not; the world is full of educated failures. Persistence and determination alone are omnipotent.

Calvin Coolidge

1823. Re: [GRARA] Let me be amongst the first!

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-06-25 04:47:42 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1819 Message: 1823

Mark:

The next "outing" for the QRP minded is the "Flight of the Bumblebees" on the last Sunday of July. No definite plans yet, but a couple years ago KA5S and I went up to Fisk Knob in Northern Kent county and had a ball with my AT-Sprint and Cortland's K1. We tried to get others to join, but for whatever reason things didn't work out.

The "rules" for FOBB 2012 haven't even been finalized yet (to my knowledge), but do put this on your list.

73 de n8xx Hg

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Calvin Coolidge (http://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/quotes/c/calvincool414555.html)

1824. Re: [GRARA] Let me be amongst the first!

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-06-25 12:05:50 UTC
From: Jack Kunnen
Topic: 1819 Message: 1824

NIce work Gerry !

Jack, ab8nd

On Jun 24, 2012, at 10:12 PM, Gerry Lerch wrote:

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1825. Anyone need a LDG 4/1 UN-UN

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-06-28 21:50:15 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1825 Message: 1825

I order a 4/1 LDG BALUN the other day. Today a 4/1 LDG UN-UN arrived. Neither the Un-Un nor the BALUN was in the Universal Catalog, so I didn't even know that LDG made a 4/1 UN-UN.

Anyway, I'm requesting a way to return it and get the unit I ordered, but I'd save them money and trouble if there's anyone within the greater Grand Rapids area who needs a 4/1 UnUn rated at 100 watts.

Please advise via private e-mail

73 de n8xx Hg

1826. Field Day Pictures have been added to website

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-07-02 02:46:25 UTC
From: W8DER
Topic: 1826 Message: 1826

Field day pictures have been added to the website. Thanks to those who sent photos. Start by clicking the links on our home page.

Check them out at http://www.w8dc.org

1827. Notice

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-07-02 12:07:55 UTC
From: Jack Kunnen
Topic: 1827 Message: 1827

There will be NO Open Radio Room this Wednesday, 4 July.

The July meeting will this Friday, 6 July, 6:30 Coffee and rag chew, meeting at 7pm
Place: THe Red Cross Chapter House on Fuller.

Jack, AB8ND

1828. Help needed for Rest Stop during upcoming 4th of July period

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-07-02 17:37:04 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1828 Message: 1828

Help, Help, Help

A group from Ottawa county has scheduled "free coffee, etc" at the Rest Stop along I-96

It's officially called

Fruitport Rest Area 502
Region: Grand Highway: I-96 WB
County: Ottawa Mile Marker: 8
Location: Westbound on I-96, 1 mile beyond Exit 9 also called Spring Lake Exit.

I've been "sucked into" (quite willingly) covering the Midnight (12:01 AM) Thursday, to 6 am Thursday, 7/05/2012 slot.

We need one more "sucker" errrr..... volunteer because MDOT requires we have two people at all times.

Any "suckers" errrr..... volunteers out there who would care to help this public service event?

Please advise me via direct e-mail and also Tom, K8EOD, k8eod@... <mailto:k8eod@...>

The pay is double (and the multiplier is negotiable if double isn't large enough) the usual pay for this kind of volunteer duty.

73 de n8xx Hg
n8xx@...

1829. Fwd: MRHS Report No. 5

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-07-02 23:51:48 UTC
From: Cortland Richmond
Topic: 1829 Message: 1829

FYI: KPH Shore to Ship CW station "Night of Nights"

-------- Original Message --------
Subject: MRHS Report No. 5
Date: Mon, 2 Jul 2012 15:10:25 -0400 (EDT)
From: Maritime Radio Historical Society <ddillman@...>
Reply-To: ddillman@...
To: ka5s@...

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<http://campaign.r20.constantcontact.com/render?llr=6e997tjab&v=001gitP1NKQiAIZg9AXIcEv928ShZjbjQZBOUBPEICa3qrouRsnz4v7oHlNt8uL1r7RYda94maOt0Vitvp2YV0-NR74R3MlZylY4IXPmr3D1-g%3D>

*MRHS Report No. 5 for the Weekend of 30 June/1July 2012****

*We received a report that for some readers Report No. 4 was hard to
read because the text displayed as black letters on a black background.
If that happened to you we apologize. We hope the problem has been
corrected.

FEAR THE /BOX OF DEATH /

/Transmitter Supervisor Steve Hawes (L) stands bravely at the *Box of
Death*, so called because we were warned by the last transmitter site
engineer to NEVER turn it on. But in fact it is a very valuable tube
tester allowing us to test the mercury vapor rectifiers and thyratrons
used in the vintage transmitters. The tube is shown under test at right. /

SUPPORT THE MRHS

Make a Donation
<https://www.paypal.com/cgibin/webscr?first_name=&last_name=&undefined_quantity=1&business=info@...&image_url=&return=http://www.radiomarine.org&cancel_return=&item_name=Support%20the%20MRHS&amount=0&shipping=0¤cy_code=USD&item_number=&cmd=_xclick>

Steve is ready to put himself on the line by using the BOD and the rest
of us are happy to pay for tubes for him to test. Our transmitters from
the 1940s and 1950s need tubes and other parts that have become scarce
or almost unobtainable so every bit of financial help we get means a
lot. If you're a True Believer and can make a contribution to The Cause
it will be most appreciated. And remember, we're all volunteers so 100%
of your contribution goes directly to purchase the items needed to keep
the transmitters and receivers working and the antennas in the air.

Thanks!

NIGHT OF NIGHTS XIII 12 JULY

/*Updated Information*/

/This is the 1929 RCA receive site where Night of Nights XIII will be held. Why not join us? See below for location and time information./

Night of Nights XIII will be held on 12 July 2012 - the date of the supposed last commercial Morse transmission. Every year on that date we pick up the thread and carry forward with the traditions of maritime Morse. More details will follow in these reports and on our Web site.

/Flash!/

We have just received confirmation that frequencies for both KPH and KFS will be available again this year, this through the kind support of Globe Wireless <http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?e=001H8jq0-LDdXhVbTh0a0pELPmNKmCtTNNok6B1ltZuIzj-jQJrLjUhFfRTeS6DnVGjSWSoc5yJ3oOH0KfvArrDCt6y58oh8dBoH0VTqn46DIlWvrgXQZxw6g==>.

The MRHS Transmitter Department will have to confirm the availability of transmitters and antennas for these frequencies but for now we hope to activate KPH and KFS on the frequencies below. KSM will also be on the air but on a reduced number of frequencies due to a lack of enough transmitters and antennas for all KSM frequencies.

KPH - KFS - KSM -

426 500 426
500 17026.0 500
4247.0 12695.5 6474.0
6477.5 8438.3
8642.0 12993.0
12808.5
17016.8
22477.5

All frequencies for these three stations will be keyed in parallel.

But wait, there's more!

Rene Stiegler of Shipcom LLC <http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?e=001H8jq0-LDdXgl8bDvgiEn_Mq5UKzga3BWBWmHtY-fesV4V3jM1gjG0XER-x71LFORdEZVLr_aQ0L0yZkA3pqtWe1NNs930PO9wIwePZv61t8OhbBQdCMT4A==> has said that every effort will be made to have WLO and KLB on the air once again this year. This too will have to be confirmed closer to Night of Nights but probable frequencies are listed below.

WLO - KLB -

2055.5 488
4343.0 500
12992.0 8582.5
16968.5

All stations will listen for calls from ships on 500 and ITU channel 3 HF:

ITU Ch 3 -

4184.0
6276.0
8368.0
12552.0
16736.0
22280.5

Amateur Station K6KPH -

K6KPH, the amateur station of the MRHS, will be on the air listening for calls on its usual operating frequencies:

3550.0
7050.0
14050.0
21050.0

That's right! A total of 16 transmitters will be on the air from the Bolinas transmitter site for Night of Nights.

WHAT THE HECK IS NIGHT OF NIGHTS?

Right, good question. We get so caught up in this event each year that we forget that a lot of folks may be finding out about it for the first time. In a nutshell, this is a True Believer event to the max. Check out this description - complete with time and location information.

12 July 1999 was a sad day for many of us. We knew it was coming but when the end finally arrived is was a shock. I was there.

It was the supposed last day of Morse code. The final sign off took place at a remote station on the Pacific coast. Women attending the event were dressed asif at a funeral. Grizzled, hard bitten old men, the kind you wouldn't mess with in a bar room, had tears in their eyes as the last messages was keyed out to the world at 0000 gmt. And then there was silence.

It was just beeps in the air. But that's how much Morse code means to the men and women who made the profession of radiotelegrapher one of honor and skill.

But the prediction of the death of Morse code was not to be fulfilled. On that day the Maritime Radio Historical Society was born. On that day we began plans to restore a Morse code radio station - the famous KPH. One year later we held the first "Night of Nights" when not only KPH but

other coast stations appeared once again on the air. Every year since we have commemorated that date by returning these stations to the air and thereby, we hope, honoring the men and women who came before us.

Join us this year for Night of Nights XIII. See and hear a real Morse code coast station in full song. Mingle with the pioneers who werethe men and women of the airwaves.

Or, if you can't join us in person, join us on the air. KSM and, we hope, KPH and KFS will be in action.

K6KPH will be open to calls from amateur stations.

When: 12 July 2012 - Doors open at 3:00pm, first transmission at 5:01pm (0001gmt)

Where: KPH receive station, 17400 Sir Francis Drake Blvd, Point Reyes National Seashore, past the oyster company and G Ranch

Information: info@... or +1 415-663-8982

Light snacks will be served.

VY 73,

RD
Chief Operator
KSM and K6KPH

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*POINT REYES NATIONAL SEASHORE

*Once there were dozens of coast station in the US alone. They ranged from the power houses of the big communications companies like RCA, Globe Wireless and Tropical Radio to the smaller, privately held stations. They stood shoulder to shoulder across the commercial marine bands working ships, sending weather and press and putting all else aside when those most electrifying three letters - SOS - crackled in their headphones.

Every one of these historic stations was closed and bulldozed before the tubes in the transmitters even grew cold. Every one that is except KPH. That's because both the transmit and receive sites **are within the Point Reyes National Seashore (PRNS), part of the National Park Service. KPH continued in service until 30 June 1997. On that day the transmitters were shut down, the lights turned off and the doors locked.

The PRNS now owned this major communications facility with only a general idea of what it was and probably very little idea of what should be done with it.

Fast forward to 1999. Two guys show up saying they have founded the Maritime Radio Historical Society. They say the thing to do with KPH is to preserve and restore it. And not only that, they say they're the guys to do it.

Put yourself in the place of the administrators of the PRNS. They're used to dealing with wildlife and native plants and beaches. Now they're looking at these two radio squirrels who they don't know. The squirrels say they want to work on transmitters generating thousands of volts and antennas 100ft in the air. The potential for things going very badly was clear. And yet... they said "Okay, go ahead!"

Think of the vision of those folks. And think of the trust they placed in the MRHS. Today it seems almost impossible to imagine. We still find it hard to believe. But from that day to this they have been unstinting in their support and enthusiasm for The Cause.

We appreciate the thanks we get from fellow True Believers who think our project meaningful and worthwhile. But the real thanks are due to to Point Reyes National Seashore. Without those folks none of the things we have been able to accomplish would have happened.

Why not plan a special trip to visit the PRNS, one of the most spectacularly beautiful parks in the country. Plus you'll be able to stop by and pay us a visit!

<http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?e=001H8jq0-LDdXiFjAePvp9suoPtkOnexX4sq21N9VmiK6WdjaPB42naxKsQbEwYAiUgFbShdXGIHh-RAPtW_mBbEYlmkyhk4vsnhG8xTsoyRUfkUuuRkUL11ffQUIBU7fzj>

PRNS Web Site

DENICE CONTINUES TO MAKE PROGRESS

As many will recall our beloved Denice Stoops suffered a stroke aboard her newly assigned ship. After beginning her rehabilitation in a Singapore hospital she's now home and continuing her recovery. Lots have folks have sent cards and letters to Denice via the MRHS. She's received and enjoyed them as we hear in this report just received from Kathy Lauer, Denice's sister:

Greetings to Denice's Fans all over the world!

Good news comes to you this week. Denice was released from the rehab hospital and is now resting comfortably at her father's home in Saginaw, MI. Denice will start out patient rehab on Mon. July 2nd. What a happy fourth we will have this year. Rehab will be three our hour days a week about half a day each.

Denice is "moving" around the house quite well. Her speech continues to progress daily as she hears "new" words. Today it was California and Florida. She said she was moving there.....what she meant was here

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2237 K4VIZ (14)

Watkins-Johnson WJ-8718-23: No dwell time, receiver stuck on 8438.3mhz. Reprogramed for 4 second dwell - receiver back to normal ops now scanning 4/6/8/12/16/22mhz.

A-Tronix CW electronic keyer on holiday. This equipment malfunction delayed putting on the KSM wheel for about 35 minutes. I programmed the keyer incorrectly and had to put on the Boehme Keying Head Driver Type 4-D-B with the ole perforiated tape and send out as the wheel while I attempted to correct my programming error on the A-Tronix. Only

partially corrected. Will correct errors Sunday.

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Number of guests were I think six.

RD did the honors while I kept futzing around on Posn 1.

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Sunday July 1st

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2027 W4LNI (14)
2140 VO1RAC (14)
2213 N4KGL (14)
2240 W6AWO (14)
2245 KD7KAR (14)
2250 W7ASA (14)
2255 KB1VEN (14)
2323 PY2EL (21)

So I arrive 15 minutes early to try and reprogram the A-Tronix. 30 minutes later I am still trying. So why not just reference the instruction book you might ask...cause there isn't one. Bummer. So, back on the wheel goes the Boehme, but finally, I program the A-Tronics correctly and put her back on the air. Whew!

And in case you missed the new call on the TFC List it is NBVO.

And my last call for the day was PY2EL, out of Sao Paulo. He had his keyer cranked up to between 30 es 35 so I cranked up my bug to same. The ole bug was smoking but had most excellent time.

Also, spent good amount of time CQing 7 and 21mhz but no luck except for PY2EL. It seemed that today and yesterday there must have been solar flares because intermittent very heavy QRN that would come and go, knocking out all signals at times.

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Visitors were none. As it was heavy mist and fog out at the station today, I figure that kept folks away.

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As always, if I missed your call or failed to note you in this weeks report please accept my apologies and let me know at puffin@...

Until next time, 73s from ZUT central KSM/K6KPH MP

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The first program will begin at 1:00pm Pacific time on Friday, 6 July.
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"Swimming Upstream" with Amanda Eichstaedt. The interview will begin at
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important folks will join in by phone.

KWMR is the media sponsor for Night of Nights. Listen to KWMR over the
air or on line for the best of what a real community radio station can
offer.

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Until next week we wish you fair winds and following seas.

VY 73,

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1830. Check out the W8DC.org website

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-07-03 01:12:03 UTC
From: W8DER
Topic: 1830 Message: 1830

Hey guys and gals, check out our website to read an article published in this month's issue of the ARRL National Contest Journal, by our own Hank Greeb, N8XX.

http://www.w8dc.org

1831. Re: [GRARA] Fwd: MRHS Report No. 5

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-07-03 01:36:18 UTC
From: wd8usa@aol.com
Topic: 1829 Message: 1831

Thanks- Very intersting Sir!! JB

-----Original Message-----
From: Cortland Richmond <ka5s@...>
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Sent: Mon, Jul 2, 2012 7:51 pm
Subject: [GRARA] Fwd: MRHS Report No. 5

FYI: KPH Shore to Ship CW station "Night of Nights"

-------- Original Message --------

Subject:
MRHS Report No. 5

Date:
Mon, 2 Jul 2012 15:10:25 -0400 (EDT)

From:
Maritime Radio Historical Society <ddillman@...>

Reply-To:
ddillman@...

To:
ka5s@earthlink.net

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We received a report that for some readers Report No. 4 was hard to read because the text displayed as black letters on a black background. If that happened to you we apologize. We hope the problem has been corrected.

FEAR THE BOX OF DEATH

Transmitter Supervisor Steve Hawes (L) stands bravely at the Box of Death, so called because we were warned by the last transmitter site engineer to NEVER turn it on. But in fact it is a very valuable tube tester allowing us to test the mercury vapor rectifiers and thyratrons used in the vintage transmitters. The tube is shown under test at right.

SUPPORT THE MRHS

Steve is ready to put himself on the line by using the BOD and the rest of us are happy to pay for tubes for him to test. Our transmitters from the 1940s and 1950s need tubes and

other parts that have become scarce or almost unobtainable so every bit of financial help we get means a lot. If you're a True Believer and can make a contribution to The Cause it will be most appreciated. And remember, we're all volunteers so 100% of your contribution goes directly to purchase the items needed to keep the transmitters and receivers working and the antennas in the air.

Thanks!

NIGHT OF NIGHTS XIII 12 JULY

Updated Information

This is the 1929 RCA receive site where Night of Nights XIII will be held. Why not join us? See below for location and time information.

Night of Nights XIII will be held on 12 July 2012 - the date of the supposed last commercial Morse transmission. Every year on that date we pick up the thread and carry forward with the traditions of maritime Morse. More details will follow in these reports and on our Web site.

Flash!

We have just received confirmation that frequencies for both KPH and KFS will be available again this year, this through the kind support of Globe Wireless.

The MRHS Transmitter Department will have to confirm the availability of transmitters and antennas for these frequencies but for now we hope to activate KPH and KFS on the frequencies below. KSM will also be on the air but on a reduced number of frequencies due to a lack of enough transmitters and antennas for all KSM frequencies.

KPH - KFS - KSM -

426 500 426
500 17026.0 500
4247.0 12695.5 6474.0
6477.5 8438.3
8642.0 12993.0
12808.5
17016.8
22477.5

All frequencies for these three stations will be keyed in parallel.

But wait, there's more!

Rene Stiegler of Shipcom LLC has said that every effort will be made to have WLO and KLB on the air once again this year. This too will have to be confirmed closer to Night of Nights but probable frequencies are listed below.

WLO - KLB -

2055.5 488
4343.0 500
12992.0 8582.5
16968.5

All stations will listen for calls from ships on 500 and ITU channel 3 HF:

ITU Ch 3 -

4184.0
6276.0
8368.0
12552.0
16736.0
22280.5

Amateur Station K6KPH -

K6KPH, the amateur station of the MRHS, will be on the air listening for calls on its usual operating frequencies:

3550.0
7050.0
14050.0
21050.0

That's right! A total of 16 transmitters will be on the air from the Bolinas transmitter site for Night of Nights.

WHAT THE HECK IS NIGHT OF NIGHTS?

Right, good question. We get so caught up in this event each year that we forget that a lot of folks may be finding out about it for the first time. In a nutshell, this is a True Believer event to the max. Check out this description - complete with time and location information.

12 July 1999 was a sad day for many of us. We knew it was coming but when the end finally arrived is was a shock. I was there.

It was the supposed last day of Morse code. The final sign off took place at a remote station on the Pacific coast. Women attending the event were dressed asif at a funeral. Grizzled, hard bitten old men, the kind you wouldn't mess with in a bar room, had tears in their eyes as the last messages was keyed out to the world at 0000 gmt. And then there was silence.

It was just beeps in the air. But that's how much Morse code means to the men and women who made the profession of radiotelegrapher one of honor and skill.

But the prediction of the death of Morse code was not to be fulfilled. On that day the Maritime Radio Historical Society was born. On that day we began plans to restore a Morse code radio station - the famous KPH. One year later we held the first "Night of Nights" when not only KPH but other coast stations appeared once again on the air. Every year since we have commemorated that date by returning these stations to the air and thereby, we hope, honoring the men and women who came before us.

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Or, if you can't join us in person, join us on the air. KSM and, we hope, KPH and KFS will be in action.

K6KPH will be open to calls from amateur stations.

When: 12 July 2012 - Doors open at 3:00pm, first transmission at 5:01pm (0001gmt)

Where: KPH receive station, 17400 Sir Francis Drake Blvd, Point Reyes National Seashore, past the oyster company and G Ranch

Information: info@radiomarine.com or +1 415-663-8982

Light snacks will be served.

VY 73,

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The PRNS now owned this major communications facility with only a general idea of what it was and probably very little idea of what should be done with it.

Fast forward to 1999. Two guys show up saying they have founded the Maritime Radio Historical Society. They say the thing to do with KPH is to preserve and restore it. And not only that, they say they're the guys to do it.

Put yourself in the place of the administrators of the PRNS. They're used to dealing with wildlife and native plants and beaches. Now they're looking at these two radio squirrels who they don't know. The squirrels say they want to work on transmitters generating thousands of volts and antennas 100ft in the air. The potential for things going very badly was clear. And yet... they said "Okay, go ahead!"

Think of the vision of those folks. And think of the trust they placed in the MRHS. Today it seems almost impossible to imagine. We still find it hard to believe. But from that day to this they have been unstinting in their support and enthusiasm for The Cause.

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PRNS Web Site

DENICE CONTINUES TO MAKE PROGRESS

As many will recall our beloved Denice Stoops suffered a stroke aboard her newly assigned ship. After beginning her rehabilitation in a Singapore hospital she's now home and continuing her recovery. Lots have folks have sent cards and letters to Denice via the MRHS. She's received and enjoyed them as we hear in this report just received from Kathy Lauer, Denice's sister:

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2233 W8IM (14) QTC NR52 KSM VIA K6KPH SWL RPT FLA 2210Z 4/6/8 NO CPY 12 QSA 5 16 QSA 5 22 QSA 1 12/16 QRK 5 22 QRK 1 AR
2237 K4VIZ (14)

Watkins-Johnson WJ-8718-23: No dwell time, receiver stuck on 8438.3mhz. Reprogramed for 4 second dwell - receiver back to normal ops now scanning 4/6/8/12/16/22mhz.

A-Tronix CW electronic keyer on holiday. This equipment malfunction delayed putting on the KSM wheel for about 35 minutes. I programmed the keyer incorrectly and had to put on the Boehme Keying Head Driver Type 4-D-B with the ole perforiated tape and send out as the wheel while I attempted to correct my programming error on the A-Tronix. Only partially corrected. Will correct errors Sunday.

KSM: No sigs

Number of guests were I think six.

RD did the honors while I kept futzing around on Posn 1.

I managed to bcst KSM Tfc List and High Seas Wx without incident.

Sunday July 1st

Posn 1:

2027 W4LNI (14)
2140 VO1RAC (14)
2213 N4KGL (14)
2240 W6AWO (14)
2245 KD7KAR (14)
2250 W7ASA (14)
2255 KB1VEN (14)
2323 PY2EL (21)

So I arrive 15 minutes early to try and reprogram the A-Tronix. 30 minutes later I am still trying. So why not just reference the instruction book you might ask...cause there isn't one. Bummer. So, back on the wheel goes the Boehme, but finally, I program the A-Tronics correctly and put her back on the air. Whew!

And in case you missed the new call on the TFC List it is NBVO.

And my last call for the day was PY2EL, out of Sao Paulo. He had his keyer cranked up to between 30 es 35 so I cranked up my bug to same. The ole bug was smoking but had most excellent time.

Also, spent good amount of time CQing 7 and 21mhz but no luck except for PY2EL. It seemed that today and yesterday there must have been solar flares because intermittent very heavy QRN that would come and go, knocking out all signals at times.

KSM: No sigs

Visitors were none. As it was heavy mist and fog out at the station today, I figure that kept folks away.

KSM Tfc List and High Seas Wx bcst without incident.

As always, if I missed your call or failed to note you in this weeks report please accept my apologies and let me know at puffin@...

Until next time, 73s from ZUT central KSM/K6KPH MP

NIGHT OF NIGHTS INTERVIEWS ON KWMR

Richard Dillman, member of the Operations Department and Chief Operator at KSM and K6KPH, will be interviewed on community radio station KWMR in Point Reyes Station about the MRHS and Night of Nights.

The first program will begin at 1:00pm Pacific time on Friday, 6 July. On 12 July, the morning of Night of Nights, Richard will be a guest on "Swimming Upstream" with Amanda Eichstaedt. The interview will begin at about 10:00am Pacific time. We hope that ex-KPH operators and other important folks will join in by phone.

KWMR is the media sponsor for Night of Nights. Listen to KWMR over the air or on line for the best of what a real community radio station can offer.

Listen Live

Until next week we wish you fair winds and following seas.

VY 73,

MRHS

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1832. Re: [GRARA] Check out the W8DC.org website

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-07-03 01:36:06 UTC
From: K8TB
Topic: 1830 Message: 1832

Very cool. It's given me some thought. And with access to a female voice? Hmmm..

tom k8tb

On 7/2/2012 9:12 PM, W8DER wrote:
>
> Hey guys and gals, check out our website to read an article published
> in this month's issue of the ARRL National Contest Journal, by our own
> Hank Greeb, N8XX.
>
> http://www.w8dc.org
>

1833. Re: [GRARA] Help needed for Rest Stop during upcoming 4th of July period

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-07-03 03:08:53 UTC
From: timothy courtier
Topic: 1828 Message: 1833

Know of any spots open from Thursday night, and on?
am working untill Thursday about 19:00 E.S.T.
Timothy kb8afs.

--- On Mon, 7/2/12, Hank Greeb <n8xx@...> wrote:

From: Hank Greeb <n8xx@...>
Subject: [GRARA] Help needed for Rest Stop during upcoming 4th of July period
To: "GRARA Group" <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Date: Monday, July 2, 2012, 1:37 PM

Help, Help, Help

A group from Ottawa county has scheduled "free coffee, etc" at the Rest Stop along I-96

It's officially called

Fruitport Rest Area 502
Region: Grand Highway: I-96 WB
County: Ottawa Mile Marker: 8
Location: Westbound on I-96, 1 mile beyond Exit 9 also called Spring Lake Exit.

I've been "sucked into" (quite willingly) covering the Midnight (12:01 AM) Thursday, to 6 am Thursday, 7/05/2012 slot.

We need one more "sucker" errrr..... volunteer because MDOT requires we have two people at all times.

Any "suckers" errrr..... volunteers out there who would care to help this public service event?

Please advise me via direct e-mail and also Tom, K8EOD, k8eod@...

The pay is double (and the multiplier is negotiable if double isn't large enough) the usual pay for this kind of volunteer duty.

73 de n8xx Hg
n8xx@...

1834. Mini-DX

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-07-03 07:52:35 UTC
From: KD8CAN
Topic: 1834 Message: 1834

Great well writen article Hank
Jim KD8CAN

1835. Monthly Meeting, 7/6/2012, 7:00 pm

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-07-03 23:13:02 UTC
From: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 1835 Message: 1835

Reminder from: GRARA Yahoo! Group
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/GRARA/cal

Monthly Meeting
Friday July 6, 2012
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm
Location: Red Cross - 1050 Fuller NE - Grand Rapids

Notes:
Gather @ 6:30 p.m. - Field Day Wrapup will be top of the list

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1836. Special Event from the Acropolis, Greece

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-07-06 13:39:01 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1836 Message: 1836

Be on the lookout for more information about SX1GR, a special event station which will be operating from the Acropolis in Greece between 18-22 July 2012. The web site for this activity is

http://www.raag.org/news.asp?ITMID=495&LANG=EN

or, for those of us who are fluent in the Greek Language

http://www.raag.org/news.asp?ITMID=495&LANG=GR

I didn't dig into particulars, but I did notice that the operation would be during operation of the museum.

Updates will be appreciated.

72/73 de n8xx Hg

1837. Great group

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-07-07 04:07:52 UTC
From: kd8lzu
Topic: 1837 Message: 1837

Hey everyone:

It was very nice meeting you all at tonight's meeting. I must say I am impressed with your dedication and enthusiasm. Dave, it was great to get to know you and I look forward to hooking up on the VHF/UHF contesting soon. Jack, it was great to hear your stories. Cortland, I was interested in your unique knowledge of world history.

Thank you gentlemen for a great evening. I have a feeling I will be back again soon.

KD8LZU
Mitch

1838. Re: [GRARA] Great group

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-07-07 04:26:46 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1837 Message: 1838

Mitch:

Sorry I missed you and the meeting tonight. Family is visiting this weekend, and I lost track of time. It was 7:30 p.m., just after we finished dinner, when I noticed the time. I figured the meeting would be at least half over. It would have been great to meet you and to reminisce with others about Field Day (did anyone mention the "free shower we had courtesy of the lawn sprinklers on Field Day Sunday morning?) and other happenings.

Welcome to the club. I hope to be down at the Open Radio Room this Wednesday. If you've nothing better on your agenda would like to meet you then. That's 7:15 p.m. (sometimes folks show up sooner) almost every week unless there's something very unusual like 4th of July, Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's Day, or Dayton Hamvention. Location is the Red Cross Building, same place as the meeting was held tonight.

73 de n8xx Hg

p.s Your use of "Gentlemen" is very gracious and a very stretch of the Queen's Englyshe. :)

On 7/7/2012 12:07 AM, kd8lzu wrote:
> Hey everyone:
>
> It was very nice meeting you all at tonight's meeting. I must say I am impressed with your dedication and enthusiasm. Dave, it was great to get to know you and I look forward to hooking up on the VHF/UHF contesting soon. Jack, it was great to hear your stories. Cortland, I was interested in your unique knowledge of world history.
>
> Thank you gentlemen for a great evening. I have a feeling I will be back again soon.
>
> KD8LZU
> Mitch

1839. Re: Great group

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-07-07 12:00:42 UTC
From: ka5s
Topic: 1837 Message: 1839

Hank, you *were* missed. I was able to DL your email with the FD log attached and give a close estimate of the number of Q's on each band and mode -- after putting it in a spreadsheet.

Cheers,

Cortland
KA5S

--- In GRARA@yahoogroups.com, Hank Greeb <n8xx@...> wrote:
> weekend, and I lost track of time. It was 7:30 p.m., just after we
> finished dinner, when I noticed the time. I figured the meeting would
> be at least half over. ...

1840. QRP in the park

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-07-07 19:54:48 UTC
From: kd8lzu
Topic: 1840 Message: 1840

I heard Jeff, KB8QAP, talking on the Holland repeater today and it's not totally official yet, but they're 90% sure it will be this coming Saturday, July 14 at Kollen park in Holland from 3:00pm to dusk.

So it's next week. I can't be there because my wife's family will all be in town, but whoever wants to go that's where it will be. I will try to post updates if/when they occur.

KD8LZU
Mitch

1841. IARU HF World Championship: 1200Z, Jul 14 to 1200Z, Jul 15

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-07-07 21:24:58 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1840 Message: 1841

That's Noon EDT Saturday, July 14th, to Noon EDT Sunday, July 15.

Details and rules are at

http://www.arrl.org/iaru-hf-championship

This is one of the "premier" contests of the year, with over 3600 entries last year.

All sorts of categories, Single op, Multi op, QRP, Low, High Power, CW, Phone, Mixed.

Might be worth a try at one or more of the club stations in the area?

Note: The Operators from 'QRP in the Park" could QSY to home QTH and continue to work the world. Last time I entered (2010) I managed >150 contacts in quite a number of zones, with my "mighty five watts" and a cloud warmer antenna. Not anywhere near full time.

72/73 de n8xx Hg.....

1842. Re: Great group

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-07-08 17:54:27 UTC
From: David
Topic: 1837 Message: 1842

Mitch - good to meet you too, and looking forward to talking more about VHF/UHF.

73 de KF8QL - Dave DeVos

--- In GRARA@yahoogroups.com, "kd8lzu" <kd8lzu@...> wrote:
>
> Hey everyone:
>
> It was very nice meeting you all at tonight's meeting. I must say I am impressed with your dedication and enthusiasm. Dave, it was great to get to know you and I look forward to hooking up on the VHF/UHF contesting soon. Jack, it was great to hear your stories. Cortland, I was interested in your unique knowledge of world history.
>
> Thank you gentlemen for a great evening. I have a feeling I will be back again soon.
>
> KD8LZU
> Mitch
>

1843. Open Radio Room on Yahoo Groups Calendar

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-07-10 13:45:48 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1843 Message: 1843

I put the open radio room on the GRARA Yahoo Groups calendar for 7:15 p.m. each Wednesday evening.

For this week it's tomorrow - Wednesday, July 11, 2012 at 7:15 p.m., Come one, come all!

The announcement will show up on this reflector one day before, Not sure what time, but probably around 7:15 P.M. Tuesday. We'll see what happens tonight.

I've also put an announcement of the GRARA meetings, but the default is by day of the month. I don't see a way to put an event on the first Friday of each month, so these have to be done manually, at least for now until "The New Yahoo groups events calendar" is rolled out. They've been advertising the new calendar for some time, so perhaps it will have such a feature.

73 de n8xx Hg

1844. Open Radio Room, 7/11/2012, 7:15 pm

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-07-10 23:15:53 UTC
From: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 1844 Message: 1844

Reminder from: GRARA Yahoo! Group
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/GRARA/cal

Open Radio Room
Wednesday July 11, 2012
7:15 pm - 8:30 pm
Location: Red Cross - 1050 Fuller Ave NE, Grand Rapids

Notes:
All Hams invited!

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1845. VE's needed

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-07-11 14:16:52 UTC
From: Jack Kunnen
Topic: 1845 Message: 1845

VE's needed for the normal monthly testing this Friday, 13 July at 6:30 pm

Jack, AB8ND

1846. Re: [GRARA] VE's needed

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-07-11 14:20:53 UTC
From: Dave Ed
Topic: 1845 Message: 1846

Jack, I am available for Friday night. Do you need me,Dave Ed

--- On Wed, 7/11/12, Jack Kunnen <ab8nd@...> wrote:

From: Jack Kunnen <ab8nd@...>
Subject: [GRARA] VE's needed
To: "GRARA Yahoo" <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Date: Wednesday, July 11, 2012, 10:16 AM

VE's needed for the normal monthly testing this Friday, 13 July at 6:30 pm

Jack, AB8ND

1847. Re: [GRARA] VE's needed

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-07-11 14:33:22 UTC
From: Jack Kunnen
Topic: 1845 Message: 1847

Sure do Dave.

Jack, ab8nd

On Jul 11, 2012, at 10:20 AM, Dave Ed wrote:

> Jack,
> I am available for Friday night. Do you need me,
> Dave Ed
>
> --- On Wed, 7/11/12, Jack Kunnen <ab8nd@...> wrote:
>
> From: Jack Kunnen <ab8nd@...>
> Subject: [GRARA] VE's needed
> To: "GRARA Yahoo" <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
> Date: Wednesday, July 11, 2012, 10:16 AM
>
>
> VE's needed for the normal monthly testing this Friday, 13 July at 6:30 pm
>
> Jack, AB8ND
>
>

1848. Re: [GRARA] VE's needed

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-07-11 16:14:54 UTC
From: Dave Ed
Topic: 1845 Message: 1848

I will be there a little after 6:00.
OK,Dave

--- On Wed, 7/11/12, Jack Kunnen <ab8nd@...> wrote:

From: Jack Kunnen <ab8nd@...>
Subject: Re: [GRARA] VE's needed
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Date: Wednesday, July 11, 2012, 10:33 AM

Sure do Dave.

Jack, ab8nd

On Jul 11, 2012, at 10:20 AM, Dave Ed wrote:

Jack, I am available for Friday night. Do you need me,Dave Ed

--- On Wed, 7/11/12, Jack Kunnen <ab8nd@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

From: Jack Kunnen <ab8nd@...>
Subject: [GRARA] VE's needed
To: "GRARA Yahoo" <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Date: Wednesday, July 11, 2012, 10:16 AM

VE's needed for the normal monthly testing this Friday, 13 July at 6:30 pm

Jack, AB8ND

1849. Michigan Antique Radio Club EXTRAVAGANZA

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-07-11 16:16:39 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 1849 Message: 1849

This Friday and Saturday, July 13 & 14
It's not ham radio, but it is radio. Vintage ham gear tends to show up at this event.

http://www.michiganantiqueradio.org/?q=content/extravaganza

Welcome to EXTRAVAGANZA □12

This year the Michigan Antique Radio Club is proud to announce our 27th annual EXTRAVAGANZA convention which will be held at the fabulous Causeway Bay Hotel in Lansing Michigan. The primary activities related to this year□s convention will take place on Thursday, July 12th, Friday, July 13th and Saturday, July 14th. As has been the case in the past, there will be activities on Thursday evening. Last year over 1000 attendees from nearly 30 states and a number of foreign countries, as close as Canada and as far as Australia, enjoyed the festivities. Our theme this year will be Bakelite and Beyond.
Registration Fees

There is no charge for attending the outdoor flea market as a buyer. Also, its free to attend the Good Buy Affair donation auction on Saturday night. Our live auction Saturday afternoon has a nominal paddle fee for buyers and is free for observers. All other functions require registration. .....

This year the Telephone Collectors International, Inc is holding their meet in conjunction with EXTRAVAGANZA '12. Please visit their website for details of their meet......

Visit the website for more details

73 Jack NY8D

1850. Re: [GRARA] VE's needed

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-07-11 16:47:35 UTC
From: W8DER
Topic: 1845 Message: 1850

Jack, I will be there Friday for VE Testing.

Mike@...

On 7/11/2012 10:16 AM, Jack Kunnen wrote:
>
> VE's needed for the normal monthly testing this Friday, 13 July at 6:30 pm
>
> Jack, AB8ND
>
>

1851. Announcing the July 19th Fox Hunt.

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-07-11 18:33:41 UTC
From: W8DER
Topic: 1851 Message: 1851

Announcing the July Fox Hunt! Won't you join us on July 19th at 6:00 PM for the July Fox Hunt with Chuck Nowak, AJ8W, as the Fox.

Starting point will be the parking lot of the Family Fare Supermarket on 28th Avenue and Port Sheldon in Jenison/Hudsonville. There will be _two_ transmitters: one on 145.530 Mhz and a MicroFox on 145.690 Mhz. The hunt will last two hours after which the fox will announce the post hunt meeting place.

Come join Chuck for a great evening of fox hunting.

1852. Re: [GRARA] VE's needed

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-07-11 21:13:35 UTC
From: Tom KD8DEG
Topic: 1845 Message: 1852

Jack,

I will be able to be their.

KD8DEG Tom

----- Original Message -----
From: Jack Kunnen
To: GRARA Yahoo
Sent: Wednesday, July 11, 2012 10:16 AM
Subject: [GRARA] VE's needed

VE's needed for the normal monthly testing this Friday, 13 July at 6:30 pm

Jack, AB8ND

1853. Re: [GRARA] VE's needed

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-07-11 21:54:04 UTC
From: streyle.j@comcast.net
Topic: 1845 Message: 1853

I'm planning to be there this time (for once!)
W8QZ

1854. General Class Class, starting September 19, 2012

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-07-11 23:00:29 UTC
From: K8TB
Topic: 1854 Message: 1854

The Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association will host General License Exam training classes this fall on Wednesday nights starting September 19, 2012 at 7:00 PM, for eight weeks. The last class on November 7th will be followed by an ARRL General Class License VE testing session on November 14th, run by the GRARA VE Team.

Cost will be $20 for the classes and $15 for the license exam fee.

The training classes will be held at the American Red Cross Building, 1050 Fuller NE, Grand Rapids, MI.

One of the following study guides is suggested: "ARRL General Class License Manual for the Radio Amateur" (April 25, 2011) [Available from Amazon.com for $19.95] OR "The 2011-15 FCC Element 3 General Class License" by Gordon West [Available from Amazon.com for $24.95]

For more information, contact the instructor, Tom Bosscher at 616-662-1080 or k8tb@... <mailto:k8tb@...>.

Please register online at:

http://tinyurl.com/GRARA-Gen-Training

1855. Re: [GRARA] VE's needed

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-07-12 12:09:44 UTC
From: Tom KD8DEG
Topic: 1845 Message: 1855

Jack,

I have to take back my help offer. Borncitus got worse instead of better.

Tom KD8DEG

----- Original Message -----
From: W8DER
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Wednesday, July 11, 2012 12:47 PM
Subject: Re: [GRARA] VE's needed

Jack, I will be there Friday for VE Testing.

Mike@...

On 7/11/2012 10:16 AM, Jack Kunnen wrote:

VE's needed for the normal monthly testing this Friday, 13 July at 6:30 pm

Jack, AB8ND

1856. Re: [GRARA] VE's needed

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-07-12 13:05:30 UTC
From: Terry
Topic: 1845 Message: 1856

Jack,

It has been a while but if I can find my credentials I will plan on be there tomorrow night.

Terry
AB8AL

From: Jack Kunnen <ab8nd@...>
To: GRARA Yahoo <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 11, 2012 10:16 AM
Subject: [GRARA] VE's needed

VE's needed for the normal monthly testing this Friday, 13 July at 6:30 pm

Jack, AB8ND

1857. IARU N8XX SOAB CW QRP

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-07-15 18:48:08 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1857 Message: 1857

IARU HF World Championship

Call: N8XX
Operator(s): N8XX
Station: N8XX

Class: SO CW QRP
QTH: MICHIGAN
Operating Time (hrs): 5.25

Summary:
Band CW Qs Ph Qs Zones HQ Mults

160: 0 0 0 0
80: 46 0 3 3
40: 66 0 8 3
20: 48 0 8 4
15: 16 0 4 8
10: 0 0 0 0

Total: 176 0 23 18 Total Score = 19,024

Club: Mad River Radio Club

Comments: - Personal Best - other obligations wore me out before I could get to the shack about 1900Z. QRP never ceases to amaze me. Thanks to all the High Power ops who dug my pipsquoke signal out of the ethereal waves.

1858. ARRL Ohio State Convention - August 11th, 2012

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-07-15 22:56:44 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1858 Message: 1858

If you happen to be in Ohio on August 11, this may be of interest to you:

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Greetings!

You are receiving this e-mail as a club contact of an ARRL Affiliated Club.

The ARRL Ohio State Convention is less than one month away Saturday, August 11. The Convention is being held in conjunction with the Columbus Hamfest.

We have many interesting forums being held at the Aladdin Shrine Center, 3850 Stelzer Road in Columbus. Doors open at 8:00am, the first forum kicks off at 8:30am, and goes non-stop until 2:00pm.

The Shrine Center is a beautiful facility, and the Columbus Hamfest will have both indoor and outdoor vendors, along with Emergency Vehicle displays, and much more.

Our Keynote Speaker for the day will be Kay Craigie, N3KN, ARRL President.

For full details of the day, please visit
http://arrl-ohio.org/convention/index.html

I look forward to seeing everyone in Columbus on August 11th!

73, Frank KI8GW

Frank J. Piper, KI8GW
Section Manager - Ohio

1859. W8DC OPEN RADIO ROOM, 7/18/2012, 7:15 pm

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-07-16 23:15:47 UTC
From: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 1859 Message: 1859

Reminder from: GRARA Yahoo! Group
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/GRARA/cal

W8DC OPEN RADIO ROOM
Wednesday July 18, 2012
7:15 pm - 9:00 pm
Location: Red Cross1050 Fuller NE, Grand Rapids, MI

Notes:
ALL WELCOME, Ring the doorbell a couple times if we don't hear the first attempt

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1860. New SDR rig (up to 15 watts output) State of the art

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-07-18 12:18:47 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1860 Message: 1860

Fellow West Michigan Ops:

A new, somewhat novel, open source, state of the (current) art. I
figure it might interest some ops who like to be on "the cutting edge."

If he actual performance is as claimed, it should make a fair to
middlin' contest rig.

72/73 de n8xx Hg

-------- Original Message --------
Subject: tapr-announce Digest, Vol 65, Issue 2
Date: Wed, 18 Jul 2012 12:00:02 +0000
From: tapr-announce-request@...
Reply-To: tapr-announce@...
To: tapr-announce@...

1. HPSDR: TAPR Now Accepting Orders for Hermes (John Ackermann N8UR)

Message: 1
Date: Tue, 17 Jul 2012 09:00:44 -0400
From: John Ackermann N8UR <jra@...>
Subject: [tapr-announce] HPSDR: TAPR Now Accepting Orders for Hermes
To: tapr-announce@...
Message-ID: <500561FC.90801@...>
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=ISO-8859-1; format=flowed

TAPR is pleased to announce that Hermes, an HF transceiver incorporating
the capabilities of the existing "Atlas Bus" HPSDR receiver, exciter,
and computer interface onto a single board, is now available for order
at http://tapr.org/kits_hermes.html

The Hermes board is completely assembled and tested, and is offered at
the following prices.

TAPR member: $895
TAPR non-member: $940

The order page will close Wednesday July 25th, so don't delay!

Please note that TAPR will be building only one production run of Hermes
boards, and will only build the number necessary to fulfill the orders
received on or before before the July 25th cutoff date.

Estimated delivery is October 15, and earlier if possible. Be a part of
history and support HPSDR!

More information here: http://openhpsdr.org/wiki/index.php?title=HERMES

Order here: http://tapr.org/kits_hermes.html

1861. Errata: New SDR rig State of the art

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-07-18 12:39:52 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1861 Message: 1861

Fellow GRARA Ops:

Errata - look carefully at the specs of the board - I think it produces only several hundred milliwatts - though some of the info talks about 15 watts. Probably a separate amplifier board, not a part of the "deal."

Apologies for this extra bandwidth>

72/73 de n8xx Hg

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From: John Ackermann N8UR <jra@...>
Subject: [tapr-announce] HPSDR: TAPR Now Accepting Orders for Hermes
To: tapr-announce@...
Message-ID: <500561FC.90801@...>
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=ISO-8859-1; format=flowed

TAPR is pleased to announce that Hermes, an HF transceiver incorporating the capabilities of the existing "Atlas Bus" HPSDR receiver, exciter, and computer interface onto a single board, is now available for order at http://tapr.org/kits_hermes.html

The Hermes board is completely assembled and tested, and is offered at the following prices.

TAPR member: $895
TAPR non-member: $940

The order page will close Wednesday July 25th, so don't delay!

Please note that TAPR will be building only one production run of Hermes boards, and will only build the number necessary to fulfill the orders received on or before before the July 25th cutoff date.

Estimated delivery is October 15, and earlier if possible. Be a part of history and support HPSDR!

More information here: http://openhpsdr.org/wiki/index.php?title=HERMES

Order here: http://tapr.org/kits_hermes.html

1862. CQ WW VHF this weekend activity spreadsheet

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-07-19 15:00:36 UTC
From: Bryan Leenheer
Topic: 1862 Message: 1862

I'm intending to play in this contest this weekend; here is a tool to assist with pointing your beams to some of the other hams in the region who are going to be playing as well. If you're going to join in on the fun, feel free to add your information to this list!

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/ccc?key=0AvU0R8d2qq2DdEJUaXBaZ0wwNjNCNU8wcGJYcVgwUWc#gid=0

Bryan Leenheer, KD8LDX

1863. 2012 Michigan Section Outing Foxhunt

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-07-20 23:58:07 UTC
From: K8TB
Topic: 1863 Message: 1863

Tucked over in a really nice area of the state, a few weekends ago was the ARRL Michigan Section Camp-out.
On Saturday, there was a first ever, "Open invitational find four itti bitti transmitters in the woods" Foxhunt.

Picture story follows:

http://www.michiganbroadcasttowers.com/amateur/lupton/lupton2012.htm

tom k8tb

1864. Please consider Helping

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-07-21 22:26:34 UTC
From: Bob Hardin
Topic: 1864 Message: 1864

Hams needed for the

Tri-Allegan Tuesday July 24, 5:00-9:00 pm

Little John Park just S.W. of Allegan, centrally located a short trip from all places known to man.

Please respond if you can come help.

We need car based mobile or hand held on parts of all three courses.

Fun and glory plus food and perhaps a T-shirt.

Thanks in advance,

Bob

KD8LZT@...

1865. TEST EQUIPMENT FOR SALE

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-07-22 23:38:39 UTC
From: Tom KD8DEG
Topic: 1865 Message: 1865

TEST EQUIPMENT FOR SALE

Contact me off the group at kd8deg @... or call 616-292-3335

Pictures upon request.

Operating and Service Manuals for all the test equipment on DVD’s

1- Tektronix Model 2465A, Quad 4-trace Scope on a cart. $500

With 2-Tek P6136 10meg ohm 10.8pf, 10x 1.3m test probes

With 2- CE AK-220 60 Hz test probes.

Other test probes if interested for $20 each

1- HP 5340A Freq Counter

Range from 10Hz to 18Ghz; $400

1- Cushman CE-3 Service Monitor with cover $300

Re-capped, new crystal oven, calibrated.

With modules: 1- model- 301 deviation scope (no manual); 1- model- 303 broadband mixer

1- WaveTek/Pacific Measurement Model 1034A Portable RF Meter $150

With test cable.

1866. Resullts of July Fox Hunt

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-07-23 01:46:11 UTC
From: W8DER
Topic: 1866 Message: 1866

For those of you who missed last week's fox hunt, the results are posted on.....

http://www.MichiganFoxHunter.com

1867. SAARC Swap and Fox Hunt

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-07-25 17:19:14 UTC
From: kg8jk
Topic: 1867 Message: 1867

The Straits Area ARC is going to have a swap and foxhunt on October 6th.
The swap will be in Petoskey at Emmanuel Evangelical church 620 Emmet St.
(corner of Emmet and Grove). The swap will run from 8 am to 12 pm. Entry will be
$5 and tables will be $10 (includes entry ticket).

The foxhunt will start at 1:00 and go until 3:00. The foxhunt is free for all to
enjoy and certificates will be awarded to all participants.

Please contact me with any questions or to reserve a table.

73 KG8JK

Dirk

1868. 10-M ant for 11-M ops

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-07-27 07:27:54 UTC
From: pobox740
Topic: 1868 Message: 1868

Hello,
I am switching out some radios in my car, and am interested in useing the 10-m ant for my new 11-m (cb)radio.
The plan is to use the 10-m rig as a base, and use a dipole for it.
So I was thinking of useing the 10-m ant for the cb.
The ant is rated for 50-W, 28.000-30.000 Mhz.
The cb is 4-W, 27.500 (center freq)Mhz.
As I see it, there should not be much of any problim with the theary.
And may work better, than the 1-1/2 foot ant that I was useing for the old cb.
Any information, or advice is welcomed.
TNX
Timothy kb8afs

1869. Re: 10-M ant for 11-M ops

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-07-27 18:30:01 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 1868 Message: 1869

Since you want to go from a higher frequency range to a slightly lower frequency range, to properly tune the antenna you would have to lengthen the antenna. Not knowing what kind of antenna you have, is there enough tuning adjustment for this? Could adding a base spring accomplish this? Could replacing a top whip with a longer whip do this? And if nothing else, local truck stops have new CB antennas (springs and whips too) reasonably priced.

73 Jack NY8D

----- Message from pobox740@... ---------
Date: Fri, 27 Jul 2012 07:27:54 -0000
From: pobox740 <pobox740@...>
Reply-To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [GRARA] 10-M ant for 11-M ops
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com

> Hello,
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> Timothy kb8afs
>
>

----- End message from pobox740@... -----

1870. TUNING METER

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-07-30 06:32:27 UTC
From: pobox740
Topic: 1870 Message: 1870

Dose the club have a tuning meter in the shack, or can i use one from someone this wed?
i will be at the W8DC shack this wed.
tnx
Timothy kb8afs

1871. Re: TUNING METER

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-07-30 12:46:53 UTC
From: ka5s
Topic: 1870 Message: 1871

What do you need to tune?

Cortland
KA5S
--- In GRARA@yahoogroups.com, "pobox740" <pobox740@...> wrote:
>
> Dose the club have a tuning meter in the shack, or can i use one from someone this wed?
> i will be at the W8DC shack this wed.
> tnx
> Timothy kb8afs
>

1872. Re: [GRARA] Re: TUNING METER

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-07-30 15:17:33 UTC
From: timothy courtier
Topic: 1870 Message: 1872

27.000 Mhz rig.
Sorry, I forgot to tell the bandI need it for.

From: ka5s <ka5s@...>
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Monday, July 30, 2012 8:46 AM
Subject: [GRARA] Re: TUNING METER

What do you need to tune?

Cortland
KA5S
--- In mailto:GRARA%40yahoogroups.com, "pobox740" <pobox740@...> wrote:
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1873. W8DC OPEN RADIO ROOM, 8/1/2012, 7:15 pm

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-07-30 23:15:28 UTC
From: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 1873 Message: 1873

Reminder from: GRARA Yahoo! Group
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/GRARA/cal

W8DC OPEN RADIO ROOM
Wednesday August 1, 2012
7:15 pm - 9:00 pm
Location: Red Cross1050 Fuller NE, Grand Rapids, MI

Notes:
ALL WELCOME, Ring the doorbell a couple times if we don't hear the first attempt

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1874. Anyone For the North American QSO Party, Saturday August 5

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-08-01 21:31:38 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1874 Message: 1874

Yup, it's that time again. The semi-annual North American QSO Party (CW version) is being held from 1800Z (2 p.m EDT), Saturday, August 4, until 0600Z (2 a.m. EDT) Sunday, August 5. This is a "fun" event, limited to 100 watts output, so you're not competing with the "full gallon" stations. The object is to contact as many stations within the U.S., Canada, Mexico, and other countries within North America.

Full details and rules are at http://www.ncjweb.com/naqprules.php

I'll be attempting to run an "itty bitty AT-Sprint" rig, built inside an Altoids tin, just a bit larger than a pack of cigarettes. Note, do we have a psychiatrist or psychologist amongst our membership? Some folks have suggested that my choice of rigs may be indicative of my mental health. :)

Hope to see you during NAQP this Saturday.

72/73 de n8xx Hg

1875. Or, the ARRL August UHF Contest?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-08-01 22:01:16 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1875 Message: 1875

If HF doesn't fit your style of operating, there's the ARRL August UHF contest:

Details at http://www.arrl.org/august-uhf/

Time/Date: First full weekend of August. Begins 1800 UTC Saturday, ends 1800 UTC Sunday (August 4-5, 2012).

This is for those who like to operate 222 MHz and higher frequency bands. Any legal mode allowed.

Categories: Single Operator – Low Power, Single Operator – High Power, Rover

1876. GRARA meeting, Friday, August 3, 7 p.m.

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-08-01 22:29:39 UTC
From: n8xxham
Topic: 1876 Message: 1876

I see that the calendar has been disabled on this yahoo group, so I guess one must advertise each meeting individually.

I believe that the next meeting of GRARA will be held Friday, August 3, 2012, with gathering about 6:30 p.m., meeting to start at 7:00 p.m. (EDT) Ring the bell at the door if no one is present to let you in.

Address is Red Cross, 1050 Fuller Ave NE, Grand Rapids, (just south of Leonard)

Programme?

We generally have a "post meeting" gathering at a local eatery. Come on down to the meeting for more information.

73 de n8xx Hg

1877. Re: [GRARA] GRARA meeting, Friday, August 3, 7 p.m.

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-08-01 22:42:46 UTC
From: streyle.j@comcast.net
Topic: 1876 Message: 1877

The "programme" for this Friday is the 2nd half of the K5D Descheo expedition video!

W8QZ

----- Original Message -----
From: "n8xxham" <n8xx@arrl.org>
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Wednesday, August 1, 2012 6:29:39 PM
Subject: [GRARA] GRARA meeting, Friday, August 3, 7 p.m.

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1878. Re: [GRARA] GRARA meeting, Friday, August 3, 7 p.m.

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-08-02 00:36:49 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1876 Message: 1878

Great! I'll be there!

On 8/1/2012 6:42 PM, streyle.j@... wrote:

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W8QZ

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1879. Re: Or, the ARRL August UHF Contest?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-08-02 10:59:49 UTC
From: David
Topic: 1875 Message: 1879

I'll be on for this one, from my home QTH in EN72. The Contest covers 220MHz, 440MHz and higher, and all modes. 2 PM local start time on Saturday.

Dave - KF8QL

1880. Meeting Tomorrow

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-08-02 20:21:45 UTC
From: Jack Kunnen
Topic: 1880 Message: 1880

The August Meeting of GRARA is tomorrow, 3 August, at 7 PM, coffee and rag chew at 6:30.

This is an important meeting as we much finalize plans for the September Swap.

John, W8QZ will be presenting the 2d half of the K5D Descheo expedition.

Jack, AB8ND

1881. Pictures and writeup from Flight of the Bumblebee online

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-08-03 01:44:40 UTC
From: W8DER
Topic: 1881 Message: 1881

Pictures and the writeup from Sunday's Flight of the Bumblebees Outing are online at the website SEE THE LINK ON THE HOME PAGE.

http://www.w8dc.org

1882. VHF Propagation map

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-08-04 04:11:09 UTC
From: kd8lzu
Topic: 1882 Message: 1882

Hi Everyone:

Here's a link to the VHF Propagation map I was talking with some of you about at the meeting earlier tonight.

http://aprs.mountainlake.k12.mn.us/

It uses APRS packets to estimate the current propagation conditions, and it updates at least once a minute, so it's current information.

1883. Looking for bench equipment

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-08-09 23:24:53 UTC
From: streyle.j@comcast.net
Topic: 1882 Message: 1883

A fellow at my work (young EE, not a ham) is looking for the following:

· Oscilloscope (DSO preferred)

· Multimeters

· DC power supplies

· Soldering station

· Function generator / signal generator

· Wire strippers / breadboards / spare tools and parts… basically everything you would need to setup a home lab!

Thanks again,

Eric Otte

He's not on this yahoo group - but I'll pass anything along to him that comes up.

John W8QZ

1884. SK

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-08-10 10:47:13 UTC
From: Tom KD8DEG
Topic: 1884 Message: 1884

Larry Case, WD8BDK, of Rives Junction passed away Wednesday morning.

Many of you have either talked with Larry or heard him with 3 other hams, Charlie WD8MBB, Glen W8KQM, and Bernie KD8DDZ every evening on the, IRA Link, Lowell, and GRARA systems.

Larrys viewing is Friday Aug 10th from Noon-2 & 6pm-8pm
The address where he is at is:

Chas J. Burden & Son Funeral Home

1806 E. Michigan Avenue

Jackson Mi 49202

1885. Re: [GRARA] Looking for bench equipment

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-08-10 10:59:22 UTC
From: Tom KD8DEG
Topic: 1882 Message: 1885

Hi John,

I have the following equipmant for sale.

1- Tektronix Model 2465A, Quad 4-trace Scope on a cart. $350

With 2-Tek P6136 10meg ohm 10.8pf, 10x 1.3m test probes

With 2- CE AK-220 60 Hz test probes.

Other test probes if interested for $10 each

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Contact me at kd8deg @...t or call 616-292-3335

KD8DEG Tom

----- Original Message -----
From: streyle.j@...
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Thursday, August 09, 2012 7:24 PM
Subject: [GRARA] Looking for bench equipment

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John W8QZ

1886. New NWS weather station at Holland State Park...

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-08-20 22:38:32 UTC
From: K8TB
Topic: 1886 Message: 1886

Recently NOAA completed upgrading the Lake Michigan level gauge station in Holland. There is a great article about it at:

http://oceanservice.noaa.gov/news/weeklynews/oct11/holland.html

A few weeks ago when I was at the Holland State park, I had noticed the weather station. Hey who doesn't look at Rohn 25! I thought the small building next to it held electronic equipment. But it holds two lake level gauges. And the even neater part? You can read all the data at the station anytime:

http://www.ndbc.noaa.gov/station_page.php?station=hlnm4

Take your time and look at all the data that is there for near real time and archived.

But wait, there's more.

In July, many local groups, with the help of Limnotech, deployed a weather buoy about 2 miles out into the big lake.
Press release at:
http://www.limno.com/pdfs/HollandBuoyPressRelease_071012.pdf

A U of M link:
http://uglos.engin.umich.edu/station_page.php?station=45029

And its NWS data? Look at:
http://www.ndbc.noaa.gov/station_page.php?station=45029

These are some impressive weather stations for us to look at anytime.

Anyone want to run a boat out to the buoy for a picture session?
HLD-Hank ? :)

Think the feds would notice a 3 element 2 meter beam on that Rohn 25? :)

Tom Bosscher K8TB

1887. Re: New NWS weather station at Holland State Park...

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-08-21 19:42:02 UTC
From: kd8lzu
Topic: 1886 Message: 1887

Great info, thanks Tom!

You can see the effect the wind has when the lake level rises and falls ever so slightly due to the wind "pulling" the water toward or away from the shore.

One question that I had as I was looking at the data plot was, "What does inches above LWD mean?" The answer to that can be found here:
http://glakesonline.nos.noaa.gov/faqglin.shtml

73 everybody!

KD8LZU
Mitch J.

--- In GRARA@yahoogroups.com, K8TB <k8tb@...> wrote:
>
> Recently NOAA completed upgrading the Lake Michigan level gauge station...

1888. K6JSS/UNIO during Ohio QSO Party Saturday, August 25, 1600Z

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-08-23 00:59:36 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1888 Message: 1888

Please be advised that I'll be operating as K6JSS/UNIO from UNIOn county, Ohio near Columbus. This event starts at 1600Z August 25, and ends at 0359:59Z on August 26. (That's Saturday evening in the United States and Canada). Rules for the party can be found at http://www.ohqp.org

If you're in the contest, or hear my signal, please spot me on your favorite DX cluster, and/or QRPSPOTS.com. Note that the rules allow for use of DX Clusters, Reverse Beacon Network, QRPSpots, etc. for all categories of operation.

Unless things change, I'll be the only fixed station on from UNIOn county, so folks will like to know when/where I'm operating.

This event is part of the K6JSS State QSO Party Challenge. Details of the challenge are at the QRZ.com page for K6JSS and at http://www.qrparci.org/content/view/8407/139/

Hope to see many GRARA members during the contest. If you contact me, please try to contact at least two or three others, so you won't be unique to my log.

Tnx es 73 de n8xx Hg
Operating K6JSS/UNIO during OHQP 2012

1889. Thank you stampers

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-08-23 23:06:46 UTC
From: Jack Kunnen
Topic: 1889 Message: 1889

Thank you to:
Martha KD8RPR
Bob AC8ZX
Jerry KD8SRH
Tom N8DGD
Dustin KD8PVZ
Mike K8EX
Jim KD8CAN
Steven KC8WQL
for helping put postage on the Swap notice postcards last evening. All the help made quick work out of the project.

I big Thank you Rich, KC8NKA for doing the layout, printing and addressing all the cards.

A little video is posted on Youtube
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=991Gh2q92h8

Thank you all,

Jack, AB8ND

1890. The-Mitigation-of-Radio-Noise-from-External-Sources-at-Radio-Receiving-Sites.pdf

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-08-25 12:32:01 UTC
From: Tom KD8DEG
Topic: 1890 Message: 1890

http://nk7z.net/wp-content/uploads/2012/01/The-Mitigation-of-Radio-Noise-from-External-Sources-at-Radio-Receiving-Sites.pdf

1891. Grara Hamfest Project status

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-08-27 00:09:31 UTC
From: sprovost
Topic: 1891 Message: 1891

Hello, on saturday a crew of 15 or so people assisted with the removal of about 35 years of amateur radio equipment from a local silent key's basememt.

We cataloged over 135 pieces of equipment with many items that were not inventoried.

We expect to have this equipment available at the swap meet for people to look at and purchase!

What I wanted to know is there is still alot of work to do and have the idea to have the radio room group go to Bob Moe's house for the next two wednesdays before the swap meet to go over the equipment and do any minor work as needed to make the equipment shine a little brighter!

What is your thoughts on this idea?

Thanks
"Stephen" (not Steven) KC8WQL

1892. Re: Grara Hamfest Project status

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-08-27 13:06:14 UTC
From: James
Topic: 1891 Message: 1892

Sounds like a good idea. Here is a cleaning tip. since the equipment was in the basement make a mix of water and bleach. Wipe the equipment with a damp cloth. Open it up and put in the sunshine to dry. Let it get nice and warm to dry up the mold or mildew. cul Jim KB8QAQ

--- In GRARA@yahoogroups.com, "sprovost" <stprovost@...> wrote:
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>

1893. Re: [GRARA] Grara Hamfest Project status

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-08-27 15:07:26 UTC
From: Jim Leys
Topic: 1891 Message: 1893

Think that was the plan. Bob suggested to bring some paper towel and a bottle of windex. If we can get a few people there Wedensday night we can probably get a lot done. What time to be at Bob's?

From: sprovost <stprovost@...>
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Sunday, August 26, 2012 8:09 PM
Subject: [GRARA] Grara Hamfest Project status

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1894. Re: The-Mitigation-of-Radio-Noise-from-External-Sources-at-Radio-Receiving-Sites.pdf

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-08-27 17:49:25 UTC
From: kd8lzu
Topic: 1890 Message: 1894

Wow. There's a plethora of good information in there.

Thanks Tom!

KD8LZU
Mitch J.

--- In GRARA@yahoogroups.com, "Tom KD8DEG" <kd8deg@...> wrote:
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>
> http://nk7z.net/wp-content/uploads/2012/01/The-Mitigation-of-Radio-Noise-from-External-Sources-at-Radio-Receiving-Sites.pdf
>

1895. RFI e-mail group

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-08-27 22:29:36 UTC
From: Tom KD8DEG
Topic: 1895 Message: 1895

This is a great e-mail group. Anything you want to know about RFI interferance and how to deal with it.

KD8DEG Tom

http://lists.contesting.com/mailman/listinfo/rfi

1896. Hurricane Watch Net is active!

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-08-28 18:01:09 UTC
From: kd8lzu
Topic: 1896 Message: 1896

Hurricane Watch Net is active as Isaac makes landfall.

14.325MHz USB

www.hwn.org

KD8LZU
Mitch J.

1897. OhQP K6JSS(N8XX) Single Op QRP

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-08-28 20:55:07 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1897 Message: 1897

Ohio QSO Party

Call: K6JSS
Operator(s): N8XX
Station: N8XX

Class: Single Op QRP
QTH: Glacier Ridge Metro Park, UNIOn County
Operating Time (hrs): 11

Summary:
Band CW Qs Ph Qs

80: 67 51
40: 31 56
20: 18 2
15: 0 0
10: 0 0

Total: 115 109 CW Mults = 69 Ph Mults = 53 Total Score = 41261

SOAPBOX: Before I begin My soapbox, let me thank the QRP Amateur Radio Club International for the honor and privilege of operating K6JSS/UNIO in the Ohio QSO Party (OHQP) this past Saturday. I had a blast ? set a new personal (recent) record for number of Q?s during the OHQP. I?m 99.44+++% sure I set a new record for QRP operation in UNIOn county. (There was no QRP fixed station operation in previous recorded history from UNIOn county).

With that obligatory preface, let me start:

?Is it REALLY fun to spend 18 to 20 hours straight, out in the field, for a ham radio event?? That was the question my wife, daughter, son-in-law, and grand kids had for me as I prepared to go to Glacier Ridge Metro Park in UNIOn county for the 2012 Ohio QSO Party.

I won?t answer that question directly, because it all started about 1000Z (6 a.m. EDT) with my alarm clock?s ?beep, beep, beep.? Bang the snooze button, 5 minutes later, same routine. Manage to get out @ 1006Z. Out the door by 1030Z, 7 minute drive to Glacier Ridge. Stop by Mickey D?s for breakfast on the go. Arrive by 1100Z. No one at the (non-reserevable) picnic shelter, so met the park ranger, who insisted on helping unload the ham radio stuff.

By 1130 finished breakfast, contemplated best place for the antenna. By 1300Z had antenna ?sorta placed?, but still needed adjustment to get the mast vertical. (One never ceases to be amazed at the how flexibility of

fiberglass reinforce plastic mast.) One last adjustment. CRASH! Like Humpty Dumpty, ?All fell down!?

Luckily, I brought a couple extra mast sections, since one was severely cracked at the joint. 2nd try? Got the mast up 36 feet, somewhat precariously. Adjusting one guy. Result: CRASH! #2. Third try turned out to be ?the charm.? 36? high (figured that the last 4 feet wasn?t worth another crash!), looks good.

Drag out all the parts of the rig. Oh #$%&@ (exact words unprintable in polite company)! Where?s the cord and connector between the 12 Volt power pack and the LDG Antenna Tuning Unit? I KNOW I looked at it prior to leaving home. Contemplate ?Plan B.? Should I call wife, ask her to find a Rat Shack and purchase a power plug? Nawww, ham radio ingenuity to the rescue. The ATU worked fine if I just tied the negative lead to the chassis ground, and touched the center pole of the power jack on the back of the tuner as I let it tune?..

Finally got on about 1630Z. 40 meters was ?OK? but figured that 20 would be reasonable to get a few states. WRONG! Rate was abysmal - only 14 Q?s in 70 minutes. Switched to 40 phone ? couldn?t seem to get off SSB because of folks calling, calling, calling. What a run!

The rest is history ? highlights:

A group of Chinese Graduate students from Ohio State University invaded the shelter a bit after 1600Z. Lots of questions about ham radio. Reduced the rate, but part of the reason for going to a public place is public relations for ham radio (other than to set a new record for an otherwise unrepresented county in the QRP category.) About 2000Z the family arrived with extra refreshements. Another 45 minutes to an hour of chatting, including nice chat with a passing cyclist who had lots of questions about ham radio, cycling with ham radio, etc., plus chit chat with the grand kids. (Grand kids generally take precedence over hamming.)

By 0200Z there were 175 Q?s in the bag, but the rate was ?OK, but nothing spectacular.? Quick check of last year?s log resulted in same number of Q?s, but slightly lower score. So, decision to plug on ? netted K8MR and W8O in new multipliers. Forays into SSB netted a few more. Final tally, 225 Q?s, 69 CW mults, 53 Phone mults, total claimed score 41261 ? a new personal best for OHQP!

By 0600Z the antenna was down (it came down WITHOUT crashing!), everything packed into the car. Locked the gate to the park, and made it back to daughter?s place.

I MUST thank the personnel and management of Metro Parks. The ranger on duty in the morning insisted on helping unload the gear, even though I told him I figured he had better things to do. He also checked several times during the day. The park manager was on duty, stopped by, and apologized before leaving at about 0000Z ? saying that getting ready for a big marathon invasion on Sunday was occupying most of his time. His

major concern was that I?d be all alone after the park was closed. I assured him I had a cell phone and could dial 911 in case of any emergency!

Finally, thanks to the organizers of the Ohio QSO party ? FB job, FB!

1898. Hamfest Equipment

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-08-28 23:52:18 UTC
From: RMoe@aol.com
Topic: 1898 Message: 1898

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Address is, 2235 Valentine NE Valentine is between 3 mile and 4 mile off of Dean Lake Rd.

73, Bob AC8ZX

1899. Classes and Classes, Tech and General

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-08-29 00:45:41 UTC
From: K8TB
Topic: 1899 Message: 1899

If you know of anyone who is interested in getting their technician class license, the Holland ARC will be holding a "Ham License in a Day" class, on Saturday, September 22, 2012. Start time is 1 PM, and the cost is $ 35.00 More information and online registration is at:

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And if you have your technician license, and have always thought about upgrading to the general, the Grand Rapids ARA will be holding a general class starting on Wednesday, September 19, 2012. These classes are two hours long, and will last 8 weeks, with a special VE testing session on November 14th.

More information on this class is at:

http://tinyurl.com/cfmrvmx

Tom Bosscher K8TB

1900. HAMS and Hurricane Isaac

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-08-30 16:27:07 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1900 Message: 1900

Hurricane watch nets provide valuable help during landfall of Hurricane Isaac.

For one view of what was/is going on, see

http://goo.gl/Oq6T1

BTW, I'm >99.44% sure that amateur radio will continue to be useful in the aftermath of Isaac, with some "parishes" in Louisiana with floods of up to 12' above ground level. If you are so inclined, contact West Michigan Red Cross, 1050 Fuller Avenue NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503, Phone (616) 456-8661, for information on how to become a volunteer for such eventualities. Be forewarned that a typical stint in a disaster relief area may last for a month or more, but many people find this type of work very rewarding.

And, though I haven't seen any direct plea for $$'s, events such as a hurricane typically tax the financial resources of the Red Cross, so I'm sure donations would be greatly appreciated. Checks may be sent to the above address, with a notation "For Hurricane Isaac Relief" if so desired, or there's an on line web page at http://www.redcross.org/charitable-donations where credit or debit cards may be used for such a donation.

73 de n8xx Hg

1901. Re: [GRARA] HAMS and Hurricane Isaac

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-08-30 18:40:08 UTC
From: wd8usa@aol.com
Topic: 1900 Message: 1901

Thanks Hank- They are indeed pitching for funds for DA relief! Or better yet, get Red Cross training and assist! DE WD8USA ...-.-

-----Original Message-----
From: Hank Greeb <n8xx@...>
To: GRARA Group <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Thu, Aug 30, 2012 12:27 pm
Subject: [GRARA] HAMS and Hurricane Isaac

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1902. Re: Hamfest Equipment

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-09-03 15:23:31 UTC
From: sprovost
Topic: 1898 Message: 1902

Hey, we need to really promote this collection this week!
Can we change our webpage to show this collection when people go to www.w8dc.org?
right now you have to HUNT for the information about the swap meet.

Can we make the changes TODAY?????

thanks

Stephen MC8WQL

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> off of Dean Lake Rd.
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1903. All your tower and shack grounding questions answered here:

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-09-03 18:46:34 UTC
From: Tom KD8DEG
Topic: 1903 Message: 1903

All your tower and shack grounding questions answered here:

http://www.google.com/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=web&cd=1&ved=0CCIQFjAA&url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.radioandtrunking.com%2Fdownloads%2Fmotorola%2FR56_2005_manual.pdf&ei=ZtdEUOzCGureigLcroHgAg&usg=AFQjCNEOc2r04mGLmXraEPGmEoqznH6KJQ&sig2=KVPI276L2uOjwU9r6NuFeA

1904. Re: [GRARA] Hamfest Equipment

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-09-03 19:03:17 UTC
From: Jack Kunnen
Topic: 1898 Message: 1904

Steven

Give me some info and I will put it also on the Facebook page.

Jack, ab8nd

On Sep 3, 2012, at 11:23 AM, sprovost wrote:

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> > 73, Bob AC8ZX
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1905. Re: [GRARA] Hamfest Equipment

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-09-03 19:33:42 UTC
From: RMoe@aol.com
Topic: 1898 Message: 1905

Jack, I thought I sent you a list of the equipment.
Bob, AC8ZX

In a message dated 9/3/2012 3:03:21 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time,
ab8nd@sbcglobal.net writes:

Steven

Give me some info and I will put it also on the Facebook page.

Jack, ab8nd

On Sep 3, 2012, at 11:23 AM, sprovost wrote:

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Can we change our webpage to show this collection when people go to
www.w8dc.org (http://www.w8dc.org/) ?
right now you have to HUNT for the information about the swap meet.

Can we make the changes TODAY?????

thanks

Stephen MC8WQL

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1906. Re: Hamfest Equipment

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-09-03 20:08:35 UTC
From: Gerry Lerch
Topic: 1898 Message: 1906

URL for swap (as published on flyer and mailing, and at arrl.org) is www.grahamfest.org .
No hunting required!

If you send list to Mike W8DER, I'll bet he can update the web site pronto.

Gerry ~ K8GGL

--- In GRARA@yahoogroups.com, "sprovost" <stprovost@...> wrote:
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1907. Re: [GRARA] Hamfest Equipment

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-09-04 12:10:34 UTC
From: Jack Kunnen
Topic: 1898 Message: 1907

You dud Bob, I wasn't thinking.

Jaacj, ab8nd

On Sep 3, 2012, at 3:33 PM, RMOE@... wrote:

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> Bob, AC8ZX
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1908. Re: Hamfest Equipment

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-09-04 12:25:49 UTC
From: sprovost
Topic: 1898 Message: 1908

Gerry: sorry, I did forget about the dedicated website we have for grarahamfest.org
thanks
stephen KC8WQL

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1909. Pictures of clean equipment

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-09-04 12:29:09 UTC
From: sprovost
Topic: 1909 Message: 1909

Does somebody have the pictures of the cleaned equipment that I can post on this group's photos?
I also want to send some picture to people who are interested.
thanks
stephen

1910. Re: [GRARA] Pictures of clean equipment

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-09-04 13:30:38 UTC
From: Jim Leys
Topic: 1909 Message: 1910

Mike is in the UP this week on Vac. I can some pictures to Steve

From: sprovost <stprovost@...>
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Tuesday, September 4, 2012 8:29 AM
Subject: [GRARA] Pictures of clean equipment

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1911. RE: [GRARA] Pictures of clean equipment

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-09-04 13:58:37 UTC
From: Michael J. Wolthuis
Topic: 1909 Message: 1911

I would be interested in the pics as well. I have some people I sent the equipment info too.

Mike

Kb8zgl@...

From: GRARA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:GRARA@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of Jim Leys
Sent: Tuesday, September 04, 2012 9:31 AM
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: Re: [GRARA] Pictures of clean equipment

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From: sprovost <stprovost@...>
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
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1912. Re: [GRARA] Pictures of clean equipment

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-09-04 14:11:00 UTC
From: Jack Kunnen
Topic: 1909 Message: 1912
Attachments: 3 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

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> stephen
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1914. Silent Key Estate Equipment information

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-09-05 00:18:07 UTC
From: sprovost
Topic: 1914 Message: 1914

Hello, listed below is the equipment volunteers have spent numerous hours cleaning up for this Saturday's swamp meet.
Please forward this list to anybody that would have interest.

Note equipment list may change by saturday.
thanks
Stephen KC8WQL

Also, if replying to this message, just copy the text needed for your reply. :)

MFG Model

AEA PK-232
Alinco DX-70
Astro 102 BX
Astron RS-20A
Astron RS-35A
Autek Research QF-1A
B&W VS300A
Daiwa CN-520
Drake R-4C
Drake SPR-4
Drake 2-B
Drake AC-4
Drake AC-4
Drake TR-4C
Drake R-4B
Drake T-4XC
Drake T-4XB
Drake R-4B
Galaxy GT550
Hallicrafters S-38E
Hallicrafters SX-62A
Hallicrafters S-38E
Hammarlund HQ-170
Hammarlund SP-600 JX-1
Hammarlund HQ-129-X
Hammarlund HQ-145A
Hammerlund HX-50
Heathkit HO-10
Heathkit IM-4100
Heathkit V-7A
Heathkit IT-18
Heathkit SB-303
Heathkit SB-110
Heathkit SA-2040

Heathkit HD-1250
Heathkit HP-23
Heathkit HP-23B
Heathkit IM-4110
Heathkit HW-104
Heathkit PS-1144
Heathkit IT-28
Heathkit SB-630
Heathkit SB-401
Heathkit
Heathkit HD-20
Heathkit SB-620
Heathkit HW-12A
Heathkit SB-600/HP-23B
Heathkit HX-10
Heathkit GD-125
Heathkit AT-1
Heathkit HW-101
Heathkit HG-10B
Heathkit HW-16
Heathkit DX-60A
Heathkit SB-620
Heathkit LG-1
Heathkit IM-48
Henry S-30
Hy-gain 615
Icom IC-505
Icom IC-720A
Icom IC-7072
Icom IC-745
Icom IC-730
Icom IC-R70
Icom IC-PCR1000
Icom IC-7072
Icom IC-R2
Icom IC-R10
Icom IC-EX1
Jackson 648
Johnson Capactor
Johnson Avenger
Kantronics UTU
Kenwood TR9130
Kenwood MC-50
Lafayette HA-230
Leader LSG-15
MFJ 4035MU
MFJ 4035MV
MFJ 986
MFJ 941-D
MFJ 1040B

MFJ 1224
MFJ 721
MFJ 784
Mirage B108
National NC105
National NC-60
National NC-300
National NC-125
National NC-98
National
National
National NC-173
Palomar P-410X
Pyramid PS-35
Pyramid PS-25
Radio Shack DX-300
Radio Shack DX-398
Radio Shack HXT242
Radio Shack HTX252
Radio Shack HTX420
Radio Shack Pro2045
Radio Shack Pro2055
Radio Shack Pro2096
Radio Shack Pro107
Radio Shack 22-168A
Radio Shack 22-602
Radio Shack 21-533
Radio Shack HTX-200
Radio Shack 1862
Radio Shack Pro-74
Radio Shack HTX-245
Radio Shack Pro-75
Radio Shack TRC-236
Radio Shack 21-1850
Radio Shack Pro-96
Radio Shack Pro-71
Radio Shack 19-312
Radio Shack DX-390
Radio Shack
Radio Shack MTA-20
Radio Shack Pro-99
Radio Shack Pro-2066
Radio Shack Pro-2052
Radio Shack CB-60
Radio Shack DX-100
Radio Shack DX-160
Radio Shack DX-395
Radio Shack DX-392
Radio Shack Pro-2046
Radio Shack HTX-242

Radio Shack TRC485
Radio Shack BC350C
Radio Shack Pro-2045
Radio Shack 20-014
Radio Shack 20-013
Ramesy ?
SBE 34
Sencore tc-162
Simpson 313
Sony ICF-2010
Sony ICF-Pro
Speed-X St. Key
Swan SW-240
Swan
Uniden BC350C
Uniden PC78LTW
UnKnown ?
Yaesu MD-38
Yaesu FV-107
Yaesu FL-101
Yaesu FR-101
Yaesu FRT-7700
Yaesu VX-1R
Yaesu FRG 9600
Yeasu SP-107
Yeasu TF-107M
Yeasu YO-901
Yeasu IC-202

1915. uploaded pictures

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-09-05 00:41:32 UTC
From: sprovost
Topic: 1915 Message: 1915

Hello, I have uploaded some photos of the equipment we have been cleaning. I can't figure out how to rotate some of the pictures.
Please do any needed editing as well (names, etc)

Stephen KC8WQL

1916. Re: uploaded pictures

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-09-05 00:42:55 UTC
From: sprovost
Topic: 1915 Message: 1916

Sorry here is the url link to the photo album

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/GRARA/photos/album/847733310/pic/list

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> Stephen KC8WQL
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1917. One Cool Solution to Weak Wifi Signals; (Mini BPL?)

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-09-05 20:05:54 UTC
From: Tom KD8DEG
Topic: 1917 Message: 1917

If this should catch on, the neighborhoods could get very RFI noisy.

KD8DEG Tom

http://askbobrankin.com/one_cool_solution_to_weak_wifi_signals.html?pcp

1918. Classes and Classes, Tech and General

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-09-06 00:44:46 UTC
From: K8TB
Topic: 1899 Message: 1918

If you know of anyone who is interested in getting their technician class license, the Holland ARC will be holding a "Ham License in a Day" class, on Saturday, September 22, 2012. Start time is 1 PM, and the cost is $ 35.00 More information and online registration is at:

http://www.hollandarc.org/?p=2524

And if you have your technician license, and have always thought about upgrading to the general, the Grand Rapids ARA will be holding a general class starting on Wednesday, September 19, 2012 at 7 PM. These classes are two hours long, and will last 8 weeks, with a special VE testing session on November 14th.

More information on this class is at:

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Tom Bosscher K8TB

1919. September VHF Contest

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-09-06 01:48:26 UTC
From: David DeVos
Topic: 1919 Message: 1919

To my Ham Radio Friends:

I'll be on the air from Saturday at 2:00 PM EST until Sunday night 11 PM (with some sleeping breaks) for the ARRL September VHF contest. This one is every radio band from 6 meters and up. My home station has 6 meters up to 1.2 GHz, so I'd love to work you on any radio bands you have.

My grid is EN72fu - looking forward to working you. If you'd like more information, or would like to make a schedule, email me, or call me on my cell - 616-706-8736.
 Dave - KF8QL
http://www.davedevos.com

1920. Re: [GRARA] September VHF Contest

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-09-06 05:45:16 UTC
From: Steven Kaney
Topic: 1919 Message: 1920

Is that THIS weekend?

de N7MUT/8

From: David DeVos <kf8ql@...>
To: Al Bailey <k8six@...>; Bill K8NFT <sbrocker@...>; Bob Senk K2YAZ <k2yaz@...>; Bob Thomas WA8VPD <wa8vpd@...>; Bruce Richardson <w9fz@...>; Bryan Dygert <kc8lmi@...>; Charles Putney <kc8reh@...>; Dave Cherba - Home <dcherba@...>; Dave Cherba - Work <david.cherba@...>; David B <kc8hvt@...>; David Cherba <wz8t@...>; Dennis Tanner <d.tanner@...>; Edward Novakowski <n8uxn@...>; Erv Beemer <mrdxcc@...>; Garry K3SIW <k3siw@...>; Gerry Lerch <k8ggl@glerch.com>; Graham Merrill <kb8sew@...>; GRARA@yahoogroups.com; GRARA@yahoogroups.com; Gregg Seidl <k9kl@...>; Jack <k8ja@...>; Jack Kunnen <ab8nd@...>; Jay Mol <jcmoljr@...>; Jim W9SNR <w9snr@...>; Joe Bell <wd8usa@...>; John (K9JK) Kalenowsky <hamk9jk@ameritech.net>; John Ruiz <n8jpr@...>; John Streyle <streylej@juno.com>; Jon Platt W0ZQ <W0ZQ@...>; KD8DDZ Bernie <berniedj@...>; Ken Boston W9GA <KBOSTON6@...>; Lou Goudzwaard <louisg@esfinancial.com>; Mark <wb8tgy@...>; Mark Dabish <k8md@...>; Mark Schmidt KX8XX <roadpizza@...>; Mike AA9IL <aa9il@...>; Mike Metroka <VHFRover@...>; Mike Smith <Mike.Smith@...>; Milt Poulos <ka9fon@...>; Mitch KD8LZU <kd8lzu@...>; Peter Szilagyi VE3ADQ <szcsaba@...>; Philip Nordstrand <nrdstrnd@...>; Ray Larabee Sr. <n8lrf@...>; Rich Douglas <kc8nka@...>; Robert McClymont (Work) <rmcclymo@...-rapids.mi.us>; Roman Downer <n4sc@arrl.net>; Ronald Fredricks <k8dmr@...>; Russ vhf <kb8u_vhf@...>; Sam Nabkey <snabkey@...>; Stan W8MIL <w8mil@...>; Steve Kaney N8MUT <sfkaney@...>; Terry Morgan EN72 <tmmorg@...>; Todd Spinkman KC9BQA <sprinkies@...>; Tom Bosscher <k8tb@...>; Tom Hansen <1n8dgd@...>; Tony Emanuele - WA8RJF <temanuele@kentdisplays.com>; Tony Lelieveld <ve3dwi@...>; Walt N8PVT <smartski@...>; Zack Widup <w9sz.zack@...>
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Subject: [GRARA] September VHF Contest

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 Dave - KF8QL
http://www.davedevos.com

1921. Re: [GRARA] September VHF Contest

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-09-08 02:25:58 UTC
From: wd8usa@aol.com
Topic: 1919 Message: 1921

Any luck on getting your 900 mhz handy programmed? JB
By the way, I ordered a 900 mhz brick for that HT- one watt or so just don't cut it so I ordered a 70 watt amp for it! JB

-----Original Message-----
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1922. Re: [GRARA] Re: Hamfest Equipment

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-09-04 02:27:30 UTC
From: Bob Robinson
Topic: 1898 Message: 1922

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Bob
On Sep 3, 2012 4:08 PM, "Gerry Lerch" <k8ggl@...> wrote:

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> www.w8dc.org?
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1923. Re: [GRARA] Re: Hamfest Equipment

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-09-10 20:20:22 UTC
From: RMoe@aol.com
Topic: 1898 Message: 1923

The problem at this point is we do not have a accurate accounting of the equipment that was left over. We would have to do another inventory.
73, Bob Moe ac8zx

In a message dated 9/10/2012 2:44:47 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time, kd8hnf@... writes:

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1924. A Question About the Hamfest Estate Sale

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-09-10 22:11:24 UTC
From: John C. Bradley
Topic: 1898 Message: 1924

Bob,

Sunday it dawned on me that the Heathkit AT-1 transmitter
was ITEM 75
and NOT _price_ $75.
I know it sold right away, but my curiosity is killing me -
I started out with an AT-1.
What was the price of item 75 on that list you had?

Thanks in advance for a reply,

John Bradley - AB8WT (former KN8RQY & W0CZJ)

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1925. Re: Hamfest Equipment

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-09-11 00:38:49 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 1898 Message: 1925

"Did any one check to see if we had a email database?"
Other than various e-mail reflectors such as this one, no.
In future hamfest ticket printings, I would recommend a line for e-mail address, all on a larger ticket.

73 Jack NY8D

----- Message from kd8hnf@... ---------
Date: Mon, 3 Sep 2012 22:27:30 -0400
From: Bob Robinson <kd8hnf@...>
Reply-To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: Re: [GRARA] Re: Hamfest Equipment
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com

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----- End message from kd8hnf@... -----

1926. General License class

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-09-18 15:54:23 UTC
From: Jack Kunnen
Topic: 1926 Message: 1926

Starts tomorrow evening,7 PM at the Red Cross chapter house on Fuller NE
$20 plus the regular fee for the FCC exam, testing will be the last night of class.

For more information visit the GRARA web page at www.w8dc.org

Jack, AB8ND

1927. Re: [GRARA] General License class

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-09-19 01:31:14 UTC
From: Al Pineiro
Topic: 1926 Message: 1927

Jack:

Thanks for your quick response. I am interested in the Extra License class. I currently have the General License and am interested in upgrading. I missed the test in late June by 1 question. I had studied for the Extra about 2 years ago, but put it on the back burner for my son's Cub Scout Den needing a leader. Now with time on my hands, I would like resume my Extra studies. Will you have an Extra class any time soon?

Al Pineiro
KC8OPU

From: Jack Kunnen <ab8nd@...>
To: GRARA Yahoo <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>; W8USA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Tuesday, September 18, 2012 11:54 AM
Subject: [GRARA] General License class

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1928. Re: [GRARA] General License class

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-09-19 11:11:28 UTC
From: Jack Kunnen
Topic: 1926 Message: 1928

Al,

No word for now on an Extra class.

Jack, ,ab8nd

On Sep 18, 2012, at 9:31 PM, Al Pineiro wrote:

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1929. Re:General License class

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-09-19 15:59:20 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 1926 Message: 1929

"I missed the test in late June by 1 question."

If you are that close, review the study material and re-take the exam.
Sounds like you about have it. Good luck.

Info on the exams in Grand Rapids:
http://www.w8dc.org/grr_license_testing/license_testing.htm

73 Jack NY8D

----- Message from ab8nd@... ---------
Date: Wed, 19 Sep 2012 07:11:28 -0400
From: Jack Kunnen <ab8nd@...>
Reply-To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: Re: [GRARA] General License class
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com

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----- End message from ab8nd@... -----

1930. Road Side Pickup

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-09-21 06:34:50 UTC
From: KD8CAN
Topic: 1712 Message: 1930

ROAD SIDE PICKUP

LOTS OF HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK!

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Rain date; Thursday Sept. 27th.

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616.454.0630

1931. Sites, Sounds and Smells of Mt Athos. Rick NE8Z, Friday October 5

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-09-23 21:50:36 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1931 Message: 1931

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1932. Adopt-A-Highway road side pick-up

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-09-20 23:58:48 UTC
From: Tom Hansen
Topic: 1932 Message: 1932

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1933. Kalamazoo Area Technician and General Classes...

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-09-25 16:48:00 UTC
From: Chip Locke
Topic: 1933 Message: 1933

This begins week #2 of licensing classes for Technician and General Class in Kalamazoo. It's not to late to join in!

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1934. Re: [GRARA] Kalamazoo Area Technician and General Classes...

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-09-26 01:51:51 UTC
From: Al Pineiro
Topic: 1933 Message: 1934

Chip:

Any Extra classes anywhere?

Al...KC8OPU

From: Chip Locke <WB8ALW@...>
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1935. Re: Kalamazoo Area Technician and General Classes...

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-09-27 14:43:43 UTC
From: chip_wb8alw
Topic: 1933 Message: 1935

Hi Al!

Not that I'm aware of. We don't have any plans at the moment for an Extra class, and haven't held one in awhile.

Thanks for asking, though!

Anyone else aware of an Extra Class (or any other classes) coming up??

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1937. Eham article on tower work guidelines

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Date: 2012-10-04 20:30:09 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1937 Message: 1937

Excellent article with good photos on EHam today.

http://www.eham.net/articles/28958

1938. Estate stuff at Muskegon Hamfest

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-10-05 00:24:44 UTC
From: streyle.j@comcast.net
Topic: 1931 Message: 1938

All:

I've reserved (3) tables for the Muskegon Hamfest, on October 13th, along with purchasing (2) advance admission tickets.
I have my neighbor's trailer I will bring to haul stuff. I assume some of us will need to meet at K8EX's barn Friday evening (the 12th), to load up the 'stuff'. We'll need to decide on a time to meet there (now that more of us know how to find it!)
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W8QZ

1939. Re: Estate stuff at Muskegon Hamfest

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-10-05 01:13:22 UTC
From: gerry_k8ggl
Topic: 1931 Message: 1939

John, I think it was Frank KD8QXC who offered the truck (based on your conversation I heard on the repeater this afternoon).

Gerry ~ K8GGL

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From: streyle.j@comcast.net
Topic: 1931 Message: 1940

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1941. Re: [GRARA] Re: Estate stuff at Muskegon Hamfest

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-10-05 13:39:18 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1931 Message: 1941

Remember, John,

The second thing to go is memory. I forget what the first thing was.

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1942. WWROF Webinar - 2012 Pennsylvania and California QSO Parties

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-10-05 19:37:42 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1942 Message: 1942

FYI - any contesters who plan to invade the California of Pennsylvania QSO Parties. This webinar should be a great tutorial. Note that these contests have a QRP category!

Thanks to Tim, K3LR for the info.

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You can play the recorded Webinar from last Sunday (October 1, 2012) by going to the World Wide Radio Operators Foundation (WWROF) web site http://wwrof.org and then click on Webinar Archive.

Thanks to Ken, K4ZW for heading the WWROF Webinar program. Also thanks to Mike, N3LI and John, K6MM for excellent slide presentations.

Kudos to George, K5TR for the WWROF web site archive work.

73,
Tim K3LR
WWROF Vice Chairman

1943. Availability of 20' lengths of DWV pipe?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-10-11 01:22:24 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1942 Message: 1943

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1944. Estate equipment @ the Muskegon swap

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-10-11 01:34:32 UTC
From: streyle.j@comcast.net
Topic: 1942 Message: 1944

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1945. Fwd: [HARC] Michigan Repeater Directory

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-10-11 12:26:00 UTC
From: Mike W8DER
Topic: 1945 Message: 1945

-------- Original Message --------
Subject: [HARC] Michigan Repeater Directory
Date: Thu, 11 Oct 2012 06:26:17 -0000
From: kd8jbg <nicholasroush@...>
Reply-To: k8daa@yahoogroups.com
To: k8daa@yahoogroups.com

http://www.miarc.com/repeater_directory.html

1946. Hamvention 2013 - Upcoming Department of Homeland Security Emergency Communications Course

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-10-11 12:53:34 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1946 Message: 1946

In case anyone is considering Hamvention 2013, she/he might wish to consider the following. Note that more details will be available as Hamvention 2013 gets closer Check the hamvention website from time to time

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The following comes from the Hamvention Website. Go to http://hamvention.org/#DHSOEC for future updates

Department of Homeland Security's Office of Emergency Communications To Provide Training In Conjunction With Hamvention® 2013

Details for registering for this special free course being held in conjunction with Hamvention® will be provided on this page at a later date. Stay tuned to the Hamvention® website for registration details as they become available. It should be noted that the instructors conducting the course will also be giving a forum at Hamvention® 2013 regarding the use of trained amateur radio operators as backup communicators in an NIMS/ICS emergency operations environment.

The Department of Homeland Security's Office of Emergency Communications (OEC) will be on hand at Hamvention® 2013 to conduct their nationally recognized NIMS/ICS compliant Auxiliary Emergency Communications course. The course will be held prior to Hamvention®, 14-16 May 2013 in the Dayton area as part of Hamvention® 2013.

The OEC workshop is designed for auxiliary emergency communicators who volunteer to provide backup emergency radio communications support to public safety and emergency response professionals and their agencies. Typically includes amateur radio communicators from groups such as MARS, ARES, RACES, SATERN, etc. Volunteer emergency communications operators/groups have been providing back-up emergency communications to the public safety community for nearly a century. They are routinely used by event planners and emergency managers at all levels of government. On numerous occasions amateur radio services have been used reliably when other forms of communications have completely failed or have been severely disrupted. Today nearly all the States/territories have incorporated some level of participation by amateur radio auxiliary communication operators into their communications interoperability plans.

The course focuses on auxiliary communications interoperability, emergency operation center etiquette, on-the-air etiquette, FCC rules and regulations, auxiliary communications training and planning, certification and accreditation and emergency communications deployment. It is intended to supplement and standardize an operator's basic knowledge of emergency amateur radio communications in a public safety context.

Prerequisites for attendance include:

• Successful completion of IS-100.b, IS-200.b, IS-700.a, and IS-800.b prior to the workshop (copies of certificates will need to be scanned and emailed to the lead instructor no later

than 14 days after registering. Details on this will be forthcoming.)
• At least have a General class FCC license, active for the past three years or more (a copy of your license will be requested at the start of the class)
• Documented past experience in auxiliary emergency communications in an EOC type environment
• A desire to learn how to work with COMLs in a NIMS/ICS environment

This will be an intensive three day course with including facilitated lectures and student exercises. This course provides scheduled time for interactive discussions and exercises. Normally this class is limited to 30 students, but for Hamvention this is being expanded to 60 attendees.

Course content:
• Introduction
• The Communications Unit and the Emergency Operations Center (EOC)
• AEC Roles and Responsibilities
• Interoperable Communications
• Incident Communication
• Incident Radio Communications Plan
• Incident Communications Center
• Team Management and Accountability
• Resources
• Intrastate and interstate radio networks
• Final exercise exam

1947. Built your own burger

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-10-11 20:44:36 UTC
From: Jack Kunnen
Topic: 1947 Message: 1947

Tomorrow is the MARA Build Your Own Burger at 5th Street Hall, corner of 5th St. and Davis, Grand Rapids.

While the burgers at excellent cooked by the great chefs of MARA, the Dessert table a big WOW and not to be missed.

5:00 PM to 8:00 PM

$6.00 Adults $3.00 Kids Under 12

Burger, Chips, Coleslaw, Coffee and Dessert

Jack, AB8ND

1948. Re:

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-10-11 23:24:15 UTC
From: David DeVos
Topic: 1948 Message: 1948

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1949. Re: [GRARA] Re:

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-10-12 00:39:51 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1948 Message: 1949

Dave:

Thanks! I'll probably go to the Muskegan hamfest and see if I can find some cheep Rohn or equivalent tower.

Or, do you know anyone who has some locally, preferably for free?

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1950. Fwd: [GRARA] Availability of 20' lengths of DWV pipe?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-10-12 01:09:28 UTC
From: John Streyle
Topic: 1950 Message: 1950

Sent from my iPad

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1951. Re: [GRARA] Re:

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-10-12 03:07:08 UTC
From: Steven Kaney
Topic: 1948 Message: 1951

I am in agreement. I was a physics major in college but did take a few basic engineering courses like strength of materials, statics, and dynamics. There are three kinds of stress the parts (members) of the tower must be able to deal with and I doubt pipe has very rigorous requirements for any of them. The Rohn was engineered to take the stresses. This project has the possiblity of earning a darwin award when it collapses due to materials failure - hope no-one is climbing it at the time. It just doesnt pay to try and cheat the engineers.

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1952. Re: [GRARA] Re:

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-10-12 03:58:35 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1948 Message: 1952

Steven:

I suspect you haven't heard the Olde Tymers's Maxim, "If it stays up for a full winter, it's ain't big enough."

I'm a comical engineer by training, by credentials in Ohio (Ch.E), so I'm not qualified to give a professional opinion on a structural engineer's question which you raise. But, I can guarantee you as a lay person and as one with 61 years in ham radio, including building a 50+ foot tower (guyed) from irrigation tubing which lasted for over 5 years of Field Day operation, and would probably still be usable had I not driven over on of the sections with my farm tractor back in Ohio, that I could build a tower from fibreglass reinforced polyester Drain, Waste and Vent (DWV) pipe, which would which stay up for at least a day or two in any wind less that 2 MPH.

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1953. Re: Availability of 20' lengths of DWV pipe?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-10-12 18:17:14 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 1950 Message: 1953

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Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-10-12 21:39:46 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1942 Message: 1954

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1955. Re: [GRARA] Estate equipment @ the Muskegon swap

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-10-12 23:53:51 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1942 Message: 1955

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1956. Re: [GRARA] Re: Availability of 20' lengths of DWV pipe?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-10-13 01:08:19 UTC
From: streyle.j@comcast.net
Topic: 1950 Message: 1956

Kalsbeek Plumbing
4132 Hall Street SW (off Wilson Avenue / Standale area)
453-9716

W8QZ
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Date: 2012-10-13 01:18:30 UTC
From: streyle.j@comcast.net
Topic: 1942 Message: 1957

Hank - sorry we missed you, but we'd everthing loaded up by about 4:45. I guess nobody had radios on where we were - too preoccupied with loading stuff.

K8EX's place is hard to find. His barn is located near his house, in this case. There's no house number readily available on Whitneyville road.
Anyway, I'll be looking for you tomorrow AM
W8QZ

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1958. Re: Estate equipment @ the Muskegon swap

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Date: 2012-10-13 01:35:24 UTC
From: Gerry Lerch
Topic: 1942 Message: 1958

4200 Apple Ave, Muskegon 49442 / 7 AM on Saturday for unloading.

Doors open @ 8:00am for general admission.

1959. BIG contest weekend coming up!

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-10-23 03:39:19 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1959 Message: 1959

For the die hard contester, the upcoming weekend provides:

The 2012 CQ World-Wide DX Contest, SSB: Saturday 00:00Z, October 27, to Sunday 23:59Z October 28. That's 48 hours of SSB! (Better have a voice keyer set up!)

Do you think SSB in a major contest is an oxymoron unless you have a giant antenna farm and a full gallon? Well, Lettuce consider:

In 2011 the top QRP operator in the USA was ND0C. with 820 QSO's, 89 Zones, 243 Countries, for a total score of 757,292 Top LP operator was N1UR, had 2428 Q's, 135 Zones, and 449 Countries, for a total score of 3,948,424.

But, you don't need to be a "die hard." You might just go for some "new" DX, there were 6 QRP operators who reported less than 10 Q's, and less than 100 points.

So, if you want to "run for the gold," or just search for some rare ones, why not join in?

Rules are at http://cqww.com/rules.htm

72/73 de n8xx Hg

1960. Fw: [CQ-Contest] Hurricane Sandy alert

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-10-26 17:56:45 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1960 Message: 1960

-----Original Message-----
From: Randy Thompson K5ZD
Sent: Friday, October 26, 2012 5:37 PM
To: Contest Reflector
Subject: [CQ-Contest] Hurricane Sandy alert

ATTENTION participants in this weekend's CQ World Wide DX Contest:

Hurricane Sandy continues to pose a significant threat to the east coast of the U.S. from now through Tuesday.

The Hurricane Watch Net will be active on 14.325 MHz throughout the contest weekend as Hurricane Sandy moves up the U.S. east coast. Please avoid the 14.320-14.330 MHz window if there is any chance that you have propagation to the eastern U.S. and remember that emergency traffic on any frequency always has top priority. Your cooperation in preventing interference to hurricane-related communications will be appreciated.

Tracking information:

http://www.wunderground.com/tropical/tracking/at201218.html

Randy Thompson, K5ZD
Director - CQ WW DX Contest
email: k5zd@...
web: <http://www.cqww.com/> www.cqww.com

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/cqwwdx> www.facebook.com/cqwwdx

1961. Fwd: ARLB024 FCC Seeks Comments on Proposed Changes to Amateur Licensing Rules, Emission Types

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-10-27 14:51:31 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1961 Message: 1961

Might be of interest to the club and members.
-------- Original Message --------
Subject: ARLB024 FCC Seeks Comments on Proposed Changes to Amateur Licensing Rules, Emission Types
Date: Fri, 26 Oct 2012 15:34:43 -0400 (EDT)
From: ARRL Web site <memberlist@...>
To:

SB QST @ ARL $ARLB024
ARLB024 FCC Seeks Comments on Proposed Changes to Amateur Licensing Rules, Emission Types

ZCZC AG25
QST de W1AW
ARRL Bulletin 24 ARLB024
>From ARRL Headquarters
Newington CT October 26, 2012
To all radio amateurs

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beginning on page 12 of the NPRM.

The NPRM can be found on the web in PDF format at,
http://transition.fcc.gov/Daily_Releases/Daily_Business/2012/db1002/FCC-12-121A1.pdf.
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/EX

1962. Fwd: ARLB024 FCC Seeks Comments on Proposed Changes to Amateur Licensing Rules, Emission Types

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-10-27 14:53:07 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1961 Message: 1962

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of interest to the club and members.
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1963. November Sweepsteaks - CW THIS WEEKEND - SSB in two weaks

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-11-01 12:50:55 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1963 Message: 1963

Yup, it's that time of the year again. ARRL November Sweepsteaks is looming

For people who like to exercise their left feet (or other appendages, as the case may be: this weekend CW: First full weekend in November (November 3-5, 2012)

For those who like to flap their vocal cords: SSB: Third full weekend in November (November 17-19, 2012)

Sweepsteaks is one of the "premier" contests within these Untied States. This year there are a couple of wrinkles, so it pays to read the rules:

http://www.arrl.org/files/file/Contest%20Rules%20PDFs/2012/2012-SS-Rules.pdf

or, if the above gets truncated: http://goo.gl/coCu9

The one more notable change is that we now have 83 ARRL sections - with Ontario being divided into four sections:

Ontario North (ONN), Ontario East (ONE), Greater Toronto Area (GTA), Ontario South (ONS)

(editor note - maybe some other section should split and call one of its sections "Tremendously Wonderfully Ordinary" or "TWO", then we could look for ONE plus TWO. :)

Sweepsteaks (or SS for short) can be an excellent excuse to fire up a club station, like W8DC - and test again if "Direct Current" can actually make ethereal waves to allow contacts with other stations.

Sorry for the above puns, but I must sadly report that I must be away from the shack on November 3-5, and won't be able to partook of one of my favorites, namely the Corn Whiskey part of SS.

Perhaps one or more of the GRARA folks can converge on W8DC and fire it up?

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1964. New 2012-2013 GRARA Officers

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-11-04 18:41:13 UTC
From: W8DER
Topic: 1964 Message: 1964

The list of newly elected GRARA Officers is now on the website.

http://www.w8dc.org

1965. Re: Reminder: Snow Bird dinner @ Tue Nov 6 16:30 - 20:30 (Lowell Amateur Radio Club and Area)

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-11-07 17:39:36 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 1965 Message: 1965

Does anyone know anything about this?
Is this annual event still taking place?
The information the Google Calendar sent out is from about 3 years ago.
If this dinner is still happening on an annual basis, there needs to be
a better job of publicizing it.

73 Jack NY8D

----- Message from calendar-notification@... ---------
Date: Tue, 06 Nov 2012 09:29:57 +0000
From: Google Calendar <calendar-notification@...>
Reply-To: "myw8lrc@..." <myw8lrc@...>
Subject: [LARC Officers] Reminder: Snow Bird dinner @ Tue Nov 6 16:30 -
20:30 (Lowell Amateur Radio Club and Area)
To: "Lowell Amateur Radio Club, Inc" <myw8lrc@...>

> This is a reminder for:
>
> Title: Snow Bird dinner
> Just a reminder to RSVP to Marc or Dorothy by Friday Nov. 5th if you
> plan to attend this years dinner at Logans Roadhouse. This is our
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> Buffet in the past. We upscaled it a bit this year from your
> requests last year and past years. Our reservation is for 4:30 PM
> and we need to know how many waiters to request as this is not a
> buffet this year.(We will be in a room behind the bar area somewhat
> secluded)
> Logans is located just south of the M-6 and Kalamazoo exit near
> Meijer. The actual address is 1651 Marketplace, Gaines Township, Mi.
> So far we do not have enough reservations to guarantee the room
> exclusive to us, but we are still getting more as the weekend nears.
> Even if you are not a snow bird, all are invited to join in for
> the fun and friendship as always. If you wish to leave a message or
> have questions please call us and leave a message at 616-554-3747 or
> the email below.
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> Marc Gergen
> wØwch@...
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> When: Tue Nov 6 16:30 - 20:30 Eastern Time
> Where: 1651 Marketplace, Gaines Township, Mi. (Logans Roadhouse)
> Calendar: Lowell Amateur Radio Club and Area
> Who:

> * myw8lrc@... - organizer
>

----- End message from calendar-notification@... -----

1966. Re: [GRARA] Re: Reminder: Snow Bird dinner @ Tue Nov 6 16:30 - 20:30 (Lowell Amateur Radio Club and Area)

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-11-07 17:52:50 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1965 Message: 1966

If a bunche of people show up @ 4:30 p.m. today, there WILL be a
sn*wbird dinner. It's a bit of a "fur piece" for me to attend,
particularly due to driving 800+ miles over last weekend on a mission of
mercy for my wife's sister in law.

Who owns the e-mail address "Myw8lrc@...?" Did you try to contact
the "caretaker" of that e-mail address? Does it still work?

Even if only a few people show up, it might result in some good eyeball
QSOs.

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1967. Re: Reminder: Snow Bird dinner

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-11-08 02:02:15 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 1967 Message: 1967

Word from the original organizer of the Snow Bird Dinner:

----- Message from w0wch@... ---------

> Subject: Re: Reminder: Snow Bird dinner

> Dorothy and I have not held this event for the last two years since
> we relocated to the Fremont/Holton area as our primary residence. It
> is more informal and celebrated at Lunch Bunch @ Schnitz Deli on
> Friday in Kentwood.
> We could still do this event but most that attended are deceased or
> have moved away.
> 73
> Marc W0WCH

Just to re-iterate, the "Lunch Bunch" are hams who meet informally every Friday at the Schnitz South Deli, 1529 Langley St, Grand Rapids/Kentwood near Kalamazoo Ave. and 44th St. From Kalamazoo Ave, a block north of 44th St, turn west onto Langley at the Admiral Gas Station. Schnitz is in the first strip mall on the right. All are welcome.

Next time I'm there, I'll take a survey if this weekly event should be added to the calendar or left well enough alone.

----- Message from n8xx@... ---------

> Subject: Re: Reminder: Snow Bird dinner

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And a surprise to the restaurant staff.

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> QSOs.

Well said, Hank.

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> the "caretaker" of that e-mail address? Does it still work?

Somewhere I have the log-in information for this, I'll get it removed. Funny thing is I don't recall seeing this message the past two years!

73 Jack NY8D

1968. Congratulations to three new generals

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-11-15 02:02:56 UTC
From: K8TB
Topic: 1968 Message: 1968

Three stars to three technicians who upgraded to general tonight as a special VE testing session at the Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Assoc.

Paul Jackson KD8OPD Alto
Jerry Elya KD8SRH, Kentwood
Jonathon Brockmeier W8QPP Zeeland

Tom Bosscher K8TB

1969. N0D - Doomsday - Special Event Station

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-11-18 00:16:24 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1969 Message: 1969
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Here's a special event announcement from an optimistic group!

-------- Original Message --------

Subject:

N0D - Doomsday - Special Event Station

Date:

Sat, 17 Nov 2012 12:31:10 -0600

From:

K5HM

To:

'K5HM'

Please put the following info on your club website or newsletter.

73, N0D

N0D-Now Zero Days

Special Event Station for Doomsday!

The End of the World!

Contact Us On Dec. 21, 2012

It might be your last 73.

www.nowzerodays.com (http://www.nowzerodays.com/)

N0D.Doomsday@...

1970. Field Day Results, W8M 2012

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-11-18 05:40:24 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1970 Message: 1970

Congrats to all who participated in the 2012 Field Day @ Calvin College.

W8M placed 5th out of 15 entries in Michigan in the 3A category
and 14th out of 83 entries in all categories.

Score of 3634 Points from 1167 Contacts.

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1971. Web site updated with Pettis Site Picture

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-11-18 17:35:39 UTC
From: W8DER
Topic: 1971 Message: 1971

We have updated the GRARA website with pictures and information on the rebuilding of the Pettis repeaters site building. Check it out...

http://www.w8dc.org

1972. Re: [GRARA] Web site updated with Pettis Site Picture

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-11-18 20:19:28 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1971 Message: 1972

I think we should award Robinson and his crew at least 1000 "attaboys"!!!!!!

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1973. Re: [GRARA] Web site updated with Pettis Site Picture

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-11-20 03:02:51 UTC
From: streyle.j@comcast.net
Topic: 1971 Message: 1973

Bob and his brother Rex, especially.

W8QZ

----- Original Message -----
From: "Hank Greeb" <n8xx@...>
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Sunday, November 18, 2012 3:19:28 PM
Subject: Re: [GRARA] Web site updated with Pettis Site Picture

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1974. Check out the latest N8XX article in ARRL NCJ

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-11-20 13:50:57 UTC
From: W8DER
Topic: 1974 Message: 1974

We have just posted a new article by Hank, N8XX, on the GRARA website. This article is in the Nov/Dec issue of the ARRL National Contest Journal.

Check it out at the GRARA website http://www.w8dc.org

(Posted with ARRL permission.)

1975. ARRL 160 Meter Contest Next Weekend

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-11-26 05:20:43 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1975 Message: 1975

The annual ARRL 160 Meter contest will be held next weekend

Starts 2200 UTC Friday, ends 1600 UTC Sunday (November 30-December 2, 2012). This is a forty-two hour period with no time limitation.

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For another 160 meter contest, the QRP ARCI is sponsoring their Top Band Sprint on November 29, 0000Z to 0600Z. That's 7 p.m Nov 28 EST to 1 a.m. Nov 29 EST.

Rules and other details at http://www.qrparci.org/content/view/8400/118/

As I write this, the QRP ARCI web site is down for maintenance. If it doesn't show up by Tuesday, I'll scrounge rules and post them in an e-mail.

Enjoy!

72/73 de n8xx Hg

1976. 160 Meter Contests this Week - Addendum

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-11-26 14:22:04 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1976 Message: 1976

Rule for the annual ARRL 160 Meter contest (next weekend) are at http://goo.gl/jN3Sj

Starts 2200 UTC Friday, ends 1600 UTC Sunday (November 30-December 2, 2012).

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Rules and other details are at a temporary site: http://goo.gl/pZr0w

The QRP ARCI web site is doing a major overhaul, but important info can be found by scrolling down from the place marker at http://www.qrparci.org

Enjoy!

72/73 de n8xx Hg

1977. SK Radio equipment for sale

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-11-29 02:32:29 UTC
From: Tom KD8DEG
Topic: 1977 Message: 1977

CQ, CQ, CQ All Hams,

Helping the wife of SK, Larry Case WD8BDK, sell his radio equipment. What is available is listed below.
She is open to reasonable offers. This equipment is from a smoke free enviroment. Pictures upon request.

Contact: Tom KD8DEG direct at kd8deg@...

Icom IC- V8000 2m 75 watt mobile.....asking $165.00 - New $249.00

Opek SWR-6 meter 2m 1000 watts, 70cm 200 watts.....asking $35.00 - New $49.00

Triplit PR-25M 25 amp Power supply.....asking $75.00 - New $158.00

Icom IC-T90A Triband HT 6m, 2m & 70cm w/BC-110AR charger.....asking $240.00 - New $319.00

Bencher BY-1 Iambic Paddle, Black base, Chrome components.....asking $95.00 - New $130.oo

Ringo Ranger 2m antenna.....asking $25.00 - New $60.00

Mirage B2516-G 2m amp; 25 watts in, 160 watts out + preamp.....asking $145.00 - New $329.00

Heathkit HD-1410 Electronic keyer.....asking $25.00 - New in kit form $50.00

1978. Small-quantity PCBs

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-12-01 01:38:53 UTC
From: w8qz
Topic: 1978 Message: 1978

Hank N8XX
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www.pcbnet.com/default.asp
www.4pcb.com/
www.sunstone.com

If you build and get your project to work, let us know about it!
W8QZ

1979. Re: [GRARA] Small-quantity PCBs

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-12-01 02:07:51 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1978 Message: 1979

Thanks John:

I'm "sorta" thinking about making an itty bitty PCB which would fit inside a 9 PIN RS232 plug to convert the RS232 DTR to a keying circuit. I've cobbled the things together without a board, but they generally don't last all that long. Folks who sell these things already made generally charge $30 or so, and the parts, one off construction, cost all of about $2.00.

But, I've noticed that I was thinking about applying to "Procrastinators of America" a few years back, but have neglected to download an application form from their web site. I also heard talk about a national convention of that organization, but the convention has never materialized.

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> www.4pcb.com/
> www.sunstone.com
>
> If you build and get your project to work, let us know about it!
> W8QZ

1980. Re: [GRARA] Small-quantity PCBs

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-12-01 14:43:38 UTC
From: streyle.j@comcast.net
Topic: 1978 Message: 1980

I did one using a relay out of an old dial-up modem (a great source of cheap parts, if you can find them).
Seems like it'd be a lot more useful to have that keying circuit hook to a USB port, since new computers don't have serial ports anymore.
How do you do a hardware interface to USB?
W8QZ

----- Original Message -----
From: "Hank Greeb" <n8xx@...>
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Friday, November 30, 2012 9:07:51 PM
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> www.sunstone.com
>
> If you build and get your project to work, let us know about it!
> W8QZ

1981. Re: [GRARA] Small-quantity PCBs

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-12-01 15:25:52 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1978 Message: 1981

John:

There are things like "rig blasters" which work directly from a USB port for CW keying. I think I saw a circuit for one in QST some time ago. And, if memory serves correct, Cortland, KA5S, has such a commercial interface which plugs into a USB port for keying CW.

These probably have circuits similar to what is in a USB to COM Port adapter plus the COM Port to CW keying adapter. If one can convert a USB port to a COM port, there's no reason you can't incorporate that circuitry and programming into a USB to Keying circuit.

When I think of it, isn't it strange that we use all sorts of complicated circuitry and computer hardware to merely turn a switch (key) which started out as a mechanical gadget back in the 1800's? :)

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To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
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> pcbexpress.com
> www.custompcb.com (http://www.custompcb.com)
> www.instantpcbquote.com/online-pcb/pcb-prototypes.html (http://www.instantpcbquote.com/online-pcb/pcb-prototypes.html)
> www.pcbnet.com/default.asp (http://www.pcbnet.com/default.asp)
> www.4pcb.com/ (http://www.4pcb.com/)
> www.sunstone.com (http://www.sunstone.com)
>
> If you build and get your project to work, let us know about it!
> W8QZ

1982. Re: [GRARA] Small-quantity PCBs

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-12-01 17:39:58 UTC
From: John Streyle
Topic: 1978 Message: 1982

Yep, I know about the 'Rig Blaster' - but to me that's too much of an 'appliance operator' concession - and I have a couple of those USB-to-serial converters, too; but it'd be useful to really understand the USB interface directly, down at the hardware level. Of course, there's also a software aspect to that, so the port/radio interfaces with other sw, etc.
W8QZ

Sent from my iPad

On Dec 1, 2012, at 10:25 AM, Hank Greeb <n8xx@...> wrote:

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1983. GRARA Meeting Friday Dec. 7th

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-12-01 18:12:22 UTC
From: n8dgd
Topic: 1983 Message: 1983

GRARA meeting Friday evening 6:30 eyeball qso and meeting follows at 7 PM. Bring a salad or dessert to pass or just yourself!

Merry Christmas!

Tom N8DGD

1984. Re: [GRARA] Small-quantity PCBs

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-12-02 04:41:24 UTC
From: Steven Kaney
Topic: 1978 Message: 1984

There are a variety of chips that perform the interface in a variety of ways at the 'B' end. There are also some micro controllers that talk USB as part of their on board IO. If you are trying to 'roll your own' device, may I suggest the Arduino ATMEL based mini-boards available at radio shack or arduino.cc, maker shed.com, or seedstudio.com. There are a variety of prototyping boards from the big 'mega' down to the tiny 'ardweeny'. Most common is the UNO. There are a number of 'shield' boards that stack onto the arduino board that give a variety of capabilities or you can wire what you want on a prototype shield. To my mind, this is the path of least resistance for something like this. I have a couple of Arduino Leonardo's and Seeduino Stalker.

de N7MUT/8

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When I think of it, isn't it strange that we use all sorts of complicated circuitry and computer hardware to merely turn a switch (key) which started out as a mechanical gadget back in the 1800's? :)

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On 12/1/2012 9:43 AM, streyle.j@... wrote:

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>I did one using a relay out of an old dial-up modem (a great source of cheap parts, if you can find them).
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>> www.pcbnet.com/default.asp

>> www.4pcb.com/
>> www.sunstone.com
>>
>> If you build and get your project to work, let us
know about it!
>> W8QZ
>

1985. GRARA Meeting Dec Mtg

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-12-02 08:19:18 UTC
From: KD8CAN
Topic: 1985 Message: 1985

The guest speaker will talk on Red Cross DST

Richard "Doc" Strait, AC8AL, COML, NREMT, MI-EMT, WEMT
Disaster Response Emergency Communications Volunteer ☐ Network Support Center
Regional Disaster Services Technology Lead of West Michigan ☐ Muskegon Office

1986. SK - K8GMO

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-12-02 14:39:19 UTC
From: Charles Rich
Topic: 1986 Message: 1986

I AM SADDENED TO REPORT THAT A LONG TIME FRIEND AND FELLOW HAM, LARRY ENGLAND, K8GMO HAS PASSED ON.

HE DIED AT HOLLAND HOSPITAL AT 8:30 AM SUNDAY DECEMBER 2, 2012.
LARRY HAD NOT BEEN WELL FOR SEVERAL YEARS.
I WILL SEND MORE, LATER WITH FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS, ETC.

*****I DON'T HAVE EMAIL FOR MUSKEGON CLUB - PLEASE PASS THIS ON TO THEM. LARRY LIVED THERE IN HIS EARLY HAM DAYS*****

CHUCK, W8GCW

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1987. Only Slightly OT, cable problems after Hurricane Sandy?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-12-03 00:01:07 UTC
From: K8TB
Topic: 1987 Message: 1987

Ever have a flooded basement? Take a look at what happened to the telephone cables underground in New York City;

http://tinyurl.com/TheDrownedInternet

BTW, I had trouble loading the page with Windows Internet Explorer, I had to use FireFox.

tom K8TB, with a dry basement..

1988. Bad ICOM HF rig

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-12-03 13:42:07 UTC
From: David
Topic: 1988 Message: 1988

Happy Monday everyone! Trying to get a response back from someone on the team that was selling the estate stuff at the GR and Muskegon swaps. I need to get in touch with Bob Moe or one of the other guys for a refund, and don't have an email address.

Thanks! de KF8QL

1989. Re: [GRARA] Bad ICOM HF rig

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-12-03 14:55:50 UTC
From: Dave Ed
Topic: 1988 Message: 1989

rmoe@...

From: David <kf8ql@yahoo.com>
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Monday, December 3, 2012 8:42 AM
Subject: [GRARA] Bad ICOM HF rig

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1990. Re: Bad ICOM HF rig

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-12-03 15:21:50 UTC
From: sprovost
Topic: 1988 Message: 1990

Dave: let me know if you don't get a reply this week.
what HF unit did you buy?
thanks
stephen

--- In GRARA@yahoogroups.com, Dave Ed <jeff4tyme@...> wrote:
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1991. Dec 2012 GRARA meeting

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-12-03 15:23:45 UTC
From: sprovost
Topic: 1991 Message: 1991

Hello, remember this week we will have an outstanding Red Cross presenter Doc Strait who will talk about the Disaster Services Technology (DST) volunteer group within the Red Cross System.

Meeting is at the GR red cross and starts at 7pm.

www.w8dc.org for more details.

thanks
stephen KC8WQL

1992. OBITUARY: LARRY ENGLAND, K8GMO

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-12-03 21:48:01 UTC
From: Charles Rich
Topic: 1992 Message: 1992

Reverend Dr. Lawrence England, age 78 of Holland went to be with his Lord and Savior Sunday, December 2, 2012.
He was preceded in death by his wife of 54 years, Betty England and an infant son, Jeffrey England.
He served as a minister at the First Baptist Church in Holland and New Richmond Baptist Church. He was the founder of the Fundamental Bible Institute and the founder and Chancellor of West Michigan Bible College. Larry also served as Quiz Master for West Michigan GARBC for 20 years.
He served his country in the Air Force during the Korean Conflict.
Larry is survived by his children: Marty and Shirley England of Holland, Barbara and Tim McKessy of Saugatuck and Shari and John Trautmann of Holland.
7 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren.
Sister, Judith Herbert of Ontario, CA.
In-laws: Wilburn Rhoades of Chicago, Joan Dexter of Muskegon, William Vander Slute of Muskegon, Janet and William Schugars of South Bend, IN, Doris Arbo of South Bend, IN, Jim and Sue Vander Slute of Muskegon and Marlene Vander Slute of Muskegon.
Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Thursday, December 6, 2012 at Rose Park Baptist Church, 600 Butternut Drive, Holland. Pastor Frank Senters will officiate. Visitation will be 5-8 p.m. Wednesday at Langeland-Sterenberg Funeral Home, 315 East 16th Street, Holland. Burial will be in Pilgrim Home Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be given to the American Heart Association or the Alzheimer’s Association. www.langelandsterenberg.com

I understand that there will be vistiation / viewing one hour prior to the funeral at the Church.(wear your call sign badges, I will)
Chuck W8GCW

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1993. Triangular Recesssed Panhead screwdriver

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-12-04 22:39:47 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1993 Message: 1993

Not exactly ham radio related, but I have an electronics gadget which is put together with what my local Ace Hardware describes as "Triangular Recessed Panhead" screws.

I've never seen one of them before this. Neither Ace nor its outside supplier has a tool to remove such screws. The people at Ace said screws like this are used for security.

But, I'd like to see what's inside a defective control box.

Anyone know where I might find a screwdriver or something which fits in my drill which could extract something like this. The screws have a triagular depression in the had, not quite equilateral (at least as measured by eye.)

Private responses seem appropriate.

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1994. Re: [GRARA] Triangular Recesssed Panhead screwdriver

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-12-04 22:53:28 UTC
From: Rich Douglas
Topic: 1993 Message: 1994
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Henry, Is this a Nintendo or Xbox product? If so, I may be able to help.

73,
Rich Douglas, KC8NKA
On 12/4/2012 5:39 PM, Hank Greeb wrote:
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1995. LARC Annual "SANTA NET"

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-12-05 03:20:43 UTC
From: Tom KD8DEG
Topic: 1995 Message: 1995
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

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The big Elf himself Tom KD8DEG

Graphics provided by Jim N8QMD

1996. Re: [GRARA] Triangular Recesssed Panhead screwdriver

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-12-05 13:24:10 UTC
From: Jack Kunnen
Topic: 1993 Message: 1996

It is a TP3 security screw, googling it I only came up with one tool source
http://www.fastenersavings.com/tp3®screwdrivers-ct-2042.html
You might call Snap-On also

Yup, Rich is on it, Nintendo and Xbox are big users of these fasteners

Jack, ab8nd

On Dec 4, 2012, at 5:39 PM, Hank Greeb wrote:

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1997. Node change for IRPL & Echolink reguarding the LARC Annual "SANTA NET"

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-12-06 22:43:26 UTC
From: Tom KD8DEG
Topic: 1997 Message: 1997
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

All !!!!

There has been a change in the nodes being used; IRLP is now on Node# 9617; and Echolink is now on Node# 96170. Also see correction in the announcement below.

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Tom KD8DEG

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1998. ARRL 10 Meter Contest This Weekend!

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-12-07 21:25:51 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1998 Message: 1998

2012 ARRL 10 Meter Contest is this weekend, beginning at 0000 UTC Saturday; ends 2359 UTC Sunday (December 8-9, 2012)

Rule are at

http://www.arrl.org/files/file/Contest%20Rules%20PDFs/2012/2012-10M-Rules.pdf

If that gets truncated, use this itty bitty url
http://goo.gl/K749z

Note that this timing is coincidental with the beginning of our meeting, 7 p.m. EST. So, if anyone wants to tune to the 10 metre band in the W8DC shack and see if it's active, go for it! The contest will "probably" be much more informative than the usual drivel which passes for business during our meetings.

OOPPSS, I forgot, we have an exalted member of the Disaster team as as speaker this evening, so perhaps we can learn something!

Anyway, see you this evening. If anyone wishes to fire up W8DC during the day on Saturday or Sunday (the most probable times for propagation on 28 MHz), lettuce talk about who can lettuce into the place during those time.

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And, by some fluke, the "On Air Director" for GRARA (if I don't get fired for a couple of statements in the above message.)

1999. ARRL Michigan Clubs PRB-1 Alert

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-12-08 17:33:07 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1999 Message: 1999

From: *ARRL Members Only Web site* <memberlist@...
<mailto:memberlist@...>>
Date: Sat, Dec 8, 2012 at 10:54 AM
Subject: PRB-1 Alert
To: hsbicknell@... <mailto:hsbicknell@...>

Greetings to all Michigan Hams December 8, 2012

This is a special email alert for all Michigan hams concerning our ongoing PRB-1 effort in Michigan.

I have good news to report in that after a Senate Hearing on December 5, based on a 3 ? 0 vote, SB1244 was passed and is moving onto the Senate Floor. This means that on December 11, our bill may be voted on by the Senate. If we are successful there, the bill will move to the House, and if successful there as well, it could end up on the Governors? desk for his signature.

I am asking each Michigan ham to act now and visit http://www.miarrlprb1.org/ which is our PRB-1 website and click on the ?Update Alert? tab to read the notes from Wednesday?s Senate Committee Hearing. Please download the ?sample? letter available by clicking on the ?What Can I Do?? tab. Simply fill in your senator?s name, add your name and address at the bottom and email to your senator. There is no need to add anything to the letter.

You can find your senator?s email address by clicking on the ?Find Your Senator? tab. Some senators have a direct email listed, others may have a form email where you may have to cut and paste your letter into their form. Please send a copy to wb8r@... <mailto:wb8r@...> so we can see how
much of the ?market? we are covering and we can send a copy to any senators who do not get a letter from a constituent. For those that use an email form, please send a note directly to me at wb8r@... <mailto:wb8r@...>telling me which senator you sent the letter to and that you used an
email form.

There is a possibility that our bill may time out if it is not possible to get the process completed by the end of the legislative session. Not to worry. We will start all over again in January and already have our primary sponsor lined up. We have some good support in the Senate and we feel that we are in good shape.

Thank you in advance for your fine assistance. This is an important issue and we need to blanket the Senate with our letters.

73,

Larry, WB8R
Michigan Section Manager

2000. Wanted: paddle-less memory keyer

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-12-11 00:28:36 UTC
From: qschultze
Topic: 2000 Message: 2000

Anyone have an old MFJ or AEA or other electronic memory keyer to unload?

Quin, K8QS (schu@...)

2001. Wanted: TenTec HF transceiver

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-12-11 00:32:37 UTC
From: qschultze
Topic: 2001 Message: 2001

Okay, let's try it again. Anyone interested in parting with a TenTec HF transceiver? Maybe a later model? Give me a jingle via email:

Quin, K8QS (schu@...)

P.S. Why do so few people ever post things for sale on this list? Do GRARA people just fill up their basements or garages?

2002. Re: [GRARA] Wanted: TenTec HF transceiver

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-12-11 00:56:05 UTC
From: R. Mark Barnett
Topic: 2001 Message: 2002

I have been looking for an older TenTec Transceiver myself for quite some time... I guess some people must use them to prop up their houses or something.... I haven't seen one for sale except on fleabay... then it's always " got it at an estate sale... doesn't smoke when I turn it on... but something smoked when I keyed the mike..." Or "I don't know anything about these, but twice what it was new seems like a fair price to start the auction,,,"
 Good luck and happy hunting!!

Mark B. N8PGV

--- On Mon, 12/10/12, qschultze <Schu@...> wrote:

From: qschultze <Schu@Calvin.Edu>
Subject: [GRARA] Wanted: TenTec HF transceiver
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Date: Monday, December 10, 2012, 7:32 PM

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Quin, K8QS (schu@...)

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2003. Re: [GRARA] Classes: General Testing --- from Martha

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-12-13 21:56:16 UTC
From: GEORGE JUNE
Topic: 1899 Message: 2003

Hi Tom Bosscher K8TB,

Hope all is well with you.

Just to let you know --- I will not be at the testing on Friday, due to holiday family matters.

Planning on January 2013. Maybe see you then. Will let you know. Thank you for the class.

Wishing you and your family a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

73,

Martha June KD8RPR

2004. Fw: [WestMichiganHams] Happy 100th Birthday Ham Radio!

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-12-14 00:24:21 UTC
From: Tom KD8DEG
Topic: 2004 Message: 2004

----- Original Message -----
From: Mark
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Thursday, December 13, 2012 10:10 AM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Happy 100th Birthday Ham Radio!

Ham Radio is 100 years old today.

At least the licensing is.

100 years ago today the first ham license was issued to Irving Vermilya, 1ZE

http://www.bostonradio.org/essays/vermilya.html

73

Mark K8MHZ

2005. Two "End of the World" events next week.

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-12-15 19:45:09 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2005 Message: 2005

How many folks know that the end of the world will be December 21, 2012 (At least some folks who studied a rock containing the Mayan Calendar have come to that conclusion.)

You may have heard of NØD, a special event station to commemorate this event. For details see http://www.nowzerodays.com/

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But, if you're interested in a light hearted event, in celebration of this same event, why not join a bunch of (at least semi) mad QRP ops for the annual Zombie Shuffle? Why a 'Shuffle' you may ask? Because, silly, QRP Zombies don't sprint! As Paul NA5N says, "There is no point to the Zombie Shuffle whatsoever except to get on the air and have fun with fellow Zombies and QRPers".

Details are at http://www.zianet.com/qrp/ZOMBIE/zombie.htm

Time is from 5 p.m. local time to Midnight local time (or anything similar to that - shucks, this is a zombie event, and zombies are immortal, have little or no sense of time). Call CQ BOO on or around QRP "watering hole" frequencies of 14.060, 7.040, 7.030, 7.106, 3.560, 3.710, or anything that works.

Plus, this year and this year only, you can celebrate the end of the Mayan Calendar and possibly the End of the World as We Know It!! You surely don't want to miss out on that, HA!

Remember, this isn't a high-speed sweepstakes but a friendly little contest. Please QRS for newcomers and us old skeletons alike :-).

And, above all, have fun!

HPE CU FRI, December 21.

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P.S. I'll be one of several Mayan King's

2006. LARC Annual "SANTA NET"

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-12-18 00:49:26 UTC
From: Tom KD8DEG
Topic: 1995 Message: 2006
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

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2007. *******Correct announcment with the right NODES listed*******

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-12-18 05:11:49 UTC
From: Tom KD8DEG
Topic: 2007 Message: 2007
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

*******Disregard the announcment just sent. It has the wrong IRLP and ECHOLINK Nodes listed.********

Use this announcment for correct NODE Numbers

73's

Tom KD8DEG

Gather your children & grandchildren into your Ham Shack on DECEMBER 24th starting 8 PM EST (0100 UTC) for the Lowell Amateur Radio Club’s annual:

“SANTA CLAUS NET”

On the W8LRC Lowell repeater, Freq 145.270 with a PL of 94.8. Also on the IRLP Node: 9617 and EchoLink Node: 96170

For all ages young and old. Santa will be checking-in with his Radio Control Elf, Dave KC8PCL, from time to time looking to talk with children and any Adult Children, about what they would like for Christmas. All the while Radar Elf, Frank N8UVI, will keep track of where Santa is located delivering his presents, on his radar screen.

Graphics provided by Jim N8QMD. Use of the "Great Lakes Reflector" Courtesy of Mike KB8ZGL

2008. HRDsoftware - YouTube

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-12-18 23:26:37 UTC
From: Tom KD8DEG
Topic: 2008 Message: 2008

http://www.youtube.com:80/hrdsoftware

2009. Re: [GRARA] HRDsoftware - YouTube

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-12-18 23:37:33 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2008 Message: 2009

Oh! HRD means Ham Radio Deluxe!?

Acronyms like HRD didn't ring any bells with me.

72/73 de n8xx Hg
QRP >99.44% of the time

On 12/18/2012 6:26 PM, Tom KD8DEG wrote:

http://www.youtube.com:80/hrdsoftware

2010. SANTA NET

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-12-24 03:21:43 UTC
From: pobox740
Topic: 2010 Message: 2010

Hello,
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The station will be located in the parkinglot, behind the CHASE BANK, and the Rockford Towers located at 59S. Main St.
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Will start setting up about 18:00(6:00 P.M.) 12/24/2012.
Stop by and say HI if in the area.
73s
Timothy kb8afs

2011. Re: [GRARA] SANTA NET

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-12-24 14:08:10 UTC
From: Tom KD8DEG
Topic: 2010 Message: 2011

Hi Timothy!!!

Thank you for doing that. This is going to be a fun year.

Catch you on the air tonight.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

73's

Tom KD8DEH

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2012. Re: [GRARA] SANTA NET

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-12-24 14:19:20 UTC
From: Tom KD8DEG
Topic: 2010 Message: 2012

Hi Again Timothy

Would it be posible for you to get there names and address's so we can send them a QSL card from Santa.

Thanks

Tom KD8DEG

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2013. Merry Christmas from KF8QL

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-12-24 16:49:20 UTC
From: David
Topic: 2013 Message: 2013

Wishing Christmas Blessings to everyone on the list!

de KF8QL

Dave DeVos

2014. Re: Merry Christmas from KF8QL

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-12-24 16:56:36 UTC
From: Gerry Lerch
Topic: 2013 Message: 2014

Thank you, and ditto!

Gerry Lerch ~ K8GGL

--- In GRARA@yahoogroups.com, "David" <kf8ql@...> wrote:
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> Wishing Christmas Blessings to everyone on the list!
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> de KF8QL
>
> Dave DeVos
>

2015. Re: [GRARA] SANTA NET

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-12-24 21:05:24 UTC
From: timothy courtier
Topic: 2010 Message: 2015

Will Do.

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From: Tom KD8DEG <kd8deg@centurytel.net>
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Monday, December 24, 2012 9:19 AM
Subject: Re: [GRARA] SANTA NET

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2016. For Sale: Ameritron ALS-600 Solid State HF Amp w/ supply

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-12-26 20:25:05 UTC
From: qschultze
Topic: 2016 Message: 2016

Hey, Gang.

I don't need this 600-watt HF amp (with the ten-meter option and the factory 25 amp, 50v, 120 supply -- heavy, and heavy duty) and would love to sell it locally. Works like new and looks about the same. I'm impressed with it. Those FETs do the job. No tuning. I ran it on a standard 15-amp 110 AC outlet. This thing is efficient, too. Magic.

I am the second owner and have not put many hours on it. I don't think I want to ship it. I've got original manuals, power cord, etc. Here's a link to the the info without the 10-meter adaptor.

http://www.ameritron.com/Product.php?productid=ALS-600

For $800 the whole package, with 10 meters and supply, is yours. Such a deal. If you decide to go back to QRP you could resell it for the same price. These are popular units and not easy to find used with supply and 10 meters. In decent shape (this is excellent shape) they go for $850-$980 (not including shipping) on eBay. Maybe the CBers buy them up.

Let me know soon because I intend to post on eham or eBay next.

Pax,

Quin, K8QS

2017. December meeting minutes are online W8DC.org/About_Us.htm

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-12-27 03:47:43 UTC
From: Mike W8DER
Topic: 2017 Message: 2017

The December membership meeting minutes are online. See the About_Us page.

Http://www.w8dc.org

Thanks Dave.

2018. Stew Perry Top Band Challenge Dec 29/30

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-12-27 22:41:21 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2018 Message: 2018

The Stew Perry Top Band Challenge is this coming Weekend. It starts at 1500Z December 29 and ends at 1500Z December 30. One may operate a maximum of 14 hours during the 24 hour period.

The call 160 meters "Top Band" but I figure this will need adjusting, since we will soon have an allocation around 500 KHz, or 600 meters. But, for now, let's let sleeping lies dog (or some converse thereof).

Details of this event may be found at
http://www.kkn.net/stew/stew.rules.txt

The scoring is a bit convoluted, and the scoring team does all the scoring, so I'm not worrying about how this is done.

Categories are, High power up to 1.5 KW, Low Power 5 watts to 100 watts, or QRP <5 watts

So, why not crank up the wavelength to about 166.666⅔ and give it "ye olde college try."

72/73 de n8xx Hg
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2019. Re: [GRARA] Stew Perry Top Band Challenge Dec 29/30

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-12-30 12:40:05 UTC
From: John Streyle
Topic: 2018 Message: 2019

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W8QZ

Sent from my iPad

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2020. Re: [GRARA] Stew Perry Top Band Challenge Dec 29/30

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-12-30 19:28:05 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2018 Message: 2020

Be sure to turn in your score!

I had

Stew Perry Topband Challenge

Call: N8XX
Operator(s): N8XX
Station: N8XX

Class: Single Op QRP
QTH: MICHIGAN
Operating Time (hrs): 3

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2021. Re: [GRARA] Stew Perry Top Band Challenge Dec 29/30

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-12-30 20:35:40 UTC
From: John Streyle
Topic: 2018 Message: 2021

I did submit my log via the 'type-it-on-a-webpage' thingy, but I've no idea what my trivial score might have been. Maybe it was in one of those other e-mails I deleted?

Sent from my iPad

On Dec 30, 2012, at 2:28 PM, Hank Greeb <n8xx@...> wrote:

> Be sure to turn in your score!
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> I had
>
> Stew Perry Topband Challenge
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2022. Re: [GRARA] Stew Perry Top Band Challenge Dec 29/30

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-12-30 21:18:47 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2018 Message: 2022

Hi, John:

Good Show!

In the eyes of a contest organizer, there ain't no "trivial scores." I've even seen a score of "zero" reported - no comment in the "soapbox" are of the report. I was on a team of ops where one op said he would be part time. He managed 4 Q's, 16 points, but one of the Q's was disqualified for some reason, and his score was 9 points.

Every entry shows interests in the contest, which helps the organizers.

Scoring for this Top band Distance challenge is different from most other contests, in that there are no "section" or "state" or "zone" or Grid Square multipliers. I had a hard time at first copying EN71, DN13, etc., without a 5NN coming first. Hard habit to break!

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On 12/30/2012 3:35 PM, John Streyle wrote:
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>
> <snip>
> I've no idea what my trivial score might have been.
>
> <snip>

2023. help with a kenwood tm281a

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-12-31 14:49:22 UTC
From: kd8tet
Topic: 2023 Message: 2023

hi i need some help with a kenwood tm281 programming i have it programed with 147.160 with ct 94.8 it txs great but i can not hear anything what did i do wrong any help would be great thank you art

2024. Re: [GRARA] help with a kenwood tm281a

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-12-31 15:03:04 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2023 Message: 2024

Art:

You don't need 94.8 Hz CTSS on receive. That may be your problem. The repeater may not be transmitting a CTSS tone.

Try opening up your receiver so it doesn't require a CTSS tone for receiving. Your transmitter should SEND the 94.8 Hz tone TO the repeater.

I may be wrong, but I didn't find any info about a CTSS tone on the output of the 147.18 MHz repeater @ the W8HVG.org website.

Happy New Year. Happy transmitting/receiving with the new rig!

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2025. Re: [GRARA] help with a kenwood tm281a

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2012-12-31 15:10:02 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2023 Message: 2025

Oh, and be sure you have +600 KHz offset for the transmitter. It should be transmitting at 147.78 MHz. That's one thing which is easy to forget, unless the rig "automagically" set the offset.

On 12/31/2012 10:03 AM, Hank Greeb wrote:

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2026. Hamfests, Hamfest, & More Hamfests

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-01-02 14:24:59 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2026 Message: 2026

Hamfests, hamfests, hamfests are starting, even here in Michigan in January

01/20/2013 | Hazel Park ARC's 47th Annual Hamfest
Hazel Park High School - 23400 Hughes - Hazel Park, Michigan 48030
ARRL Hamfest - Sponsored by Hazel Park Amateur Radio Club
Website: http://www.hparc.org
Flyer at http://hparc.org/wp-content/Swap/Flyer_2013.pdf

and, in February:

02/02/2013 | HARA Swap and Shop
Location: VFW Post 1079 42 Highway M-35 Negaunee, MI 49866
Sponsored: Hiawatha Amateur Radio Association
Learn More at http://www.arrl.org/hamfests/hara-swap-and-shop-2

02/17/2013 | Livonia ARC's 42nd Annual Swap & Shop
Location: Livonia Civic Park Seniors Center 15218 Farmington Road Livonia, MI 48150
Sponsored by Livonia Amateur Radio Club
Website (under construction): http://www.livoniaarc.com/swap.htm
Learn More at http://www.arrl.org/hamfests/livonia-arc-s-42nd-annual-swap-shop

2027. Intrado Plans Backup 9-1-1 System Using HF Communications (12/19/12)

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-01-02 22:44:14 UTC
From: Tom KD8DEG
Topic: 2027 Message: 2027

http://mccmag.com/newsArticle.cfm?news_id=9046

2028. kenwood programming help

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-01-03 02:02:44 UTC
From: kd8tet
Topic: 2028 Message: 2028

I have a Tm281a can not RX on ira Link can anybody help i am going nuts

2029. Re: kenwood programming help

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-01-03 17:32:03 UTC
From: kd8tet
Topic: 2028 Message: 2029

i would like to thank everybody the helped fix the problem i called kenwood they put me on the right track
--- In GRARA@yahoogroups.com, "kd8tet" wrote:
>
> I have a Tm281a can not RX on ira Link can anybody help i am going nuts
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2030. ARRL RTTY- Roundup is this weekend, January 5,6 2013

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-01-05 16:31:03 UTC
From: Mike W8DER
Topic: 2030 Message: 2030

Don't forget the RTTY-Roundup today and tomorrow. It is good winter fun!

See the web site: http://www.w8dc.org

2031. Re: [GRARA] ARRL RTTY- Roundup is this weekend, January 5,6 2013

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-01-06 03:23:54 UTC
From: Steven Kaney
Topic: 2030 Message: 2031

Dayam! No radio. Its in St. Joe for repair. I expected it back 3 weeks ago.

de N7MUT/8

From: Mike W8DER <mike@...>
To: .Y GRARA <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Saturday, January 5, 2013 11:31 AM
Subject: [GRARA] ARRL RTTY- Roundup is this weekend, January 5,6 2013

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2032. CQ Magazine, march 2012?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-01-07 04:53:00 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2032 Message: 2032

Anyone have a March 2012 and/or March 2011 CQ Magazine which I could buy or borrow? They tell me March is a QRP edition. I thought I had the 2012 issue, but it seems to have hit the recycle container and is probably now part of some newsprint.

Please advise.

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2033. Re: [GRARA] CQ Magazine, march 2012?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-01-07 23:15:18 UTC
From: Bob Robinson
Topic: 2032 Message: 2033

Hank I have one you may have.

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On Jan 6, 2013 11:53 PM, "Hank Greeb" <n8xx@...> wrote:

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2034. project PWBs - small quantity suppliers

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-01-08 22:26:47 UTC
From: streyle.j@comcast.net
Topic: 2034 Message: 2034

Hank:

I received a flyer in the mail recently at work from 'Advanced Circuits' The flyer says that a 'barebones" PCB is free, with some limitations: 2 layers, .062 thick, holes not plated through, up to 12" X 16". The link is

http://www.4pcb.com/bare-bones-pcbs

They also offer free PCB layout software. I don't know what the 'catch' may be, if any - but it sounds like it's worth investigating.

Another good option could be FAR circuits - this place appears to cater to the ham radio community. The web site has quite a list of project PWBs already designed, and available for a reasonable price, for various projects from ham magazines. Custom boards are available - but either prepared artwork, or 'Express PCB' files are required.

http://www.farcircuits.net/

W8QZ

2035. Counterfeit Icom Products - ALERT

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-01-08 23:04:48 UTC
From: Tom KD8DEG
Topic: 2035 Message: 2035

Please review the links below if you plan to purchase Icom products in the future.

http://www.icom.co.jp/world/notice/070308/
http://www.icom.co.jp/world/notice/alert_trademark/
http://www.icom.co.jp/world/notice/pdf/V8.pdf
http://www.icom.co.jp/world/notice/pdf/F21.pdf
http://www.icom.co.jp/world/notice/pdf/2720H.pdf

http://www.southgatearc.org/news/january2013/counterfeit_icom_products.htm?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+AmateurRadioNews+%28Southgate+Amateur+Radio+News%29#.UOw7WGt5mSO

2036. Re: [GRARA] Counterfeit Icom Products - ALERT

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-01-08 23:49:49 UTC
From: John Streyle
Topic: 2035 Message: 2036

I met a fellow at the IRA pre-hamfest last year, N8CUF, who bought one of those "IC-V89" radios at Dayton. It was supposed to be a dual band HT, but as far as I could tell, it only covered 2M, along with a wide receive range. It was not immediately obvious that it was a fake, and was not easy to understand how to program it. Buyer beware!
W8QZ

Sent from my iPad

On Jan 8, 2013, at 6:04 PM, "Tom KD8DEG" <kd8deg@...> wrote:

> Please review the links below if you plan to purchase Icom products in the future.
>
>
> http://www.icom.co.jp/world/notice/070308/
> http://www.icom.co.jp/world/notice/alert_trademark/
> http://www.icom.co.jp/world/notice/pdf/V8.pdf
> http://www.icom.co.jp/world/notice/pdf/F21.pdf
> http://www.icom.co.jp/world/notice/pdf/2720H.pdf
>
> http://www.southgatearc.org/news/january2013/counterfeit_icom_products.htm?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+AmateurRadioNews+%28Southgate+Amateur+Radio+News%29#.UOw7WGt5mSO
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2037. Antique AM radio

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-01-12 03:12:57 UTC
From: John Streyle
Topic: 2037 Message: 2037

A co- worker is inheriting an old wooden cabinet AM radio. He says it worked 25 years ago, but has not been turned on since. He's asked me to help find a good home for it.
Does anyone know of an antique radio collector type in the area that might be interested?
The radio will be available in the GR area in the first part of February- reasonable price to be negotiated. I don't have any more details at this time.
W8QZ

Sent from my iPad

2038. Re: [GRARA] Antique AM radio

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-01-12 03:56:27 UTC
From: Charles Rich
Topic: 2037 Message: 2038

CHECK MY PROFILE AT WWW.QRZ.COM
Licensed by the FCC since 1950

From: John Streyle <streyle.j@...>
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Fri, January 11, 2013 10:12:57 PM
Subject: [GRARA] Antique AM radio

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Try Lee Beyer - 616 335-2461. Lee is an old timer who was formerlly in the Radio service business. Does collecting and restoraton. Good guy all-around. He is in Holland.

Chuck, W8GCW

2039. Re: [GRARA] Antique AM radio

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-01-12 10:25:32 UTC
From: Tom KD8DEG
Topic: 2037 Message: 2039

Hi John!!

I am interested. Contact me off the group @ kd8deg@centurytel.net

73's

KD8DEG Tom

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2040. Re: [GRARA] Antique AM radio

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-01-15 03:01:13 UTC
From: streyle.j@...
Topic: 2037 Message: 2040

Thanks to all who expressed an interest. I'll save the messages, and get back to you when I have more details. It will be somewhere around the first part of February
W8QZ

----- Original Message -----
From: "Tom KD8DEG" <kd8deg@...>
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Saturday, January 12, 2013 5:25:32 AM
Subject: Re: [GRARA] Antique AM radio

Hi John!!

I am interested. Contact me off the group @ kd8deg@...

73's

KD8DEG Tom

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2041. Fwd: [HARC] Field Day 2013 Dates -- June 22-23

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-01-16 15:44:57 UTC
From: Mike W8DER
Topic: 2041 Message: 2041

June 22-23, 2013 -- easy to get wrong, mark your calendars!

-------- Original Message --------
Subject: [HARC] Field Day 2013 Dates
Date: Tue, 15 Jan 2013 16:08:45 -0500
From: wa8rsa <wa8rsa@...>
Reply-To: k8daa@yahoogroups.com
To: <k8daa@yahoogroups.com>

2013 Field Day is June 22-23!

Field Day is always the fourth full weekend in June. June 2013 has five
weekends in it, so make sure you have the correct date!Field Day 2013
will be the weekend of June 22-23.

73 Dave

Wa8rsa

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2042. Club Dues

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-01-25 21:01:20 UTC
From: Jack Kunnen
Topic: 2042 Message: 2042

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2043. Re: [GRARA] Club Dues

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-01-25 21:27:42 UTC
From: Rich Douglas
Topic: 2042 Message: 2043
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

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2044. Re: [GRARA] Club Dues

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-01-26 18:48:42 UTC
From: Dave Ed
Topic: 2042 Message: 2044

Rich,
you got my dues before we left for Florida.
Dave Ed
AC8AB

From: Rich Douglas <rich@...>
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Cc: Jack Kunnen <ab8nd@...>
Sent: Friday, January 25, 2013 4:27 PM
Subject: Re: [GRARA] Club Dues

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2045. Re: [GRARA] Antique AM radio

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-01-29 03:34:44 UTC
From: Gary Lauff
Topic: 2037 Message: 2045

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2046. Re: [GRARA] Club Dues

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-01-29 03:55:34 UTC
From: Gary Lauff
Topic: 2042 Message: 2046

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To: GRARA Yahoo <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
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2047. Re: [GRARA] Antique AM radio

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-01-29 11:41:59 UTC
From: John Streyle
Topic: 2037 Message: 2047

Don't know the details yet, but I'll pass that along when I get them
W8QZ

Sent from my iPad

On Jan 28, 2013, at 10:34 PM, Gary Lauff <w8gl@...> wrote:

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2048. Re: [GRARA] Club Dues

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-01-29 12:20:23 UTC
From: Jack Kunnen
Topic: 2042 Message: 2048

Yes

Uke practice Wed at Radio Room?

Jack, ab8nd

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2049. F)reeze Y)our B)...t O)ff (FYBO) Sat 02-02 1400Z - 2400Z.

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-01-30 01:33:04 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2049 Message: 2049

The annual F)reeze Y)our B)...t O)ff (FYBO) will be held this coming Saturday 2013-02-02 between 1400Z - 2400Z.

A couple of us nuts will be going out to a local park to F)reeze our B)...ts O)ff. and possibly making a few contact whilst so doing. Plans are preliminary, but if interested, please contact me.

This annual event is sponsored by the Arizona ScQRPions. The rules for 2012, same as 2013 except for date, are at
http://www.azscqrpions.com/fybo2009rules.html

Note, a few years ago, three of us went to Hell (Michigan), and Hell WAS frozen over at that time. This time we're looking for a park which has some shelter from the wind in the Greater Grand Rapids area.

High temperature is predicted to be 24 deg F. in the Grand Rapids area on Saturday, so dress warm, or else you may find the posterior of your body frozen. :)

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2050. SK Radio equipment for sale: Prices reduced

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-02-03 06:46:59 UTC
From: Tom KD8DEG
Topic: 2050 Message: 2050

CQ, CQ, CQ All Hams,

Helping the wife of SK, Larry Case WD8BDK, sell his radio equipment. What is available is listed below.
This equipment is from a smoke free enviroment. Pictures upon request.

All Prices reduced

Contact me off the reflector at kd8deg@...

Icom IC-T90A Triband HT 6m, 2m & 70cm w/BC-110AR charger, external spkr/mic, like new in the original box, and tested OK.......asking $190.00 - New $319.00

Bencher BY-1 Iambic Paddle, Black base, Chrome components..........asking $85.00 - New $130.oo

Mirage B2516-G 2m amp; 5 to 35 watts in, 160 watts out + preamp, fully tested OK...........asking $110.00 - New $329.00

Heathkit HD-1410 Electronic keyer, tested OK.....asking $15.00 - New in kit form $50.00

2051. Drone Aircraft Demo at February Membership Meeting

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-02-03 17:47:40 UTC
From: W8DER
Topic: 2051 Message: 2051

Many thanks to Al, KC8OPU, for the demonstration of his fantastic drone aircraft at the February general membership meeting.

Pictures are on the club website along with a link to a PDF copy of Al's handout on Arduino Micro-Controllers.

http://www.w8dc.org

Thanks also go out to John Streyle, GRARA "Off Air" Director for setting up this demonstration. (He is going to have a tough time topping this program at future meetings.)

2053. OK, who's going to volunteer to be Field Day Chairperson?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-02-07 21:17:05 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2053 Message: 2053

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2054. Re: [GRARA] OK, who's going to volunteer to be Field Day Chairperson?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-02-08 02:33:55 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 2053 Message: 2054

As I have the past couple years, I am offering use of my motorhome for field day. The catch is someone has to accept the offer before I'll bring it out.

"Why am I talking about Field day in the midst of February, and a sn*w storm you may ask."
Gee, where I'm at, it's perfect Field Day weather :)

73 Jack NY8D

Jack Amelar
13110 Victory Woods Dr NE
Lowell, MI 49331-8857
Home Phone #: (616)438-5412
Cell Phone #: (616)438-1464
E-mail: jamelar@...

Temporary Florida address @ Labonte's Garden RV Park
2830 Garden Street Lot 46
North Fort Myers, FL 33917-1869

----- Message from n8xx@... ---------
Date: Thu, 07 Feb 2013 16:17:05 -0500
From: Hank Greeb <n8xx@...>
Reply-To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [GRARA] OK, who's going to volunteer to be Field Day Chairperson?
To: GRARA Group <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>

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----- End message from n8xx@... -----

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Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-02-08 02:45:38 UTC
From: Jason E. Gillikin, CPHQ
Topic: 2053 Message: 2055

Hi, Hank (and everyone else!)

I'm a fairly newly licensed fellow - Technician last summer - and y'all haven't met me yet, because until just this month, I've had an obligatory meeting on the first Friday of the month that conflicts. Starting in March, and thereafter, the conflict vanishes.

I'm eager to meet everyone and contribute to GRARA. I'm also studying for General. I'd love the chance to soak up the wisdom from a few elmers out there.

Is there anything I can do to assist with Hamfest? I do, for example, make a mean vat of lean turkey chili ..

* LXXIII, Jason Gillikin (KD8SOI)

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Sent: Thursday, February 07, 2013 4:17 PM
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2056. Re: [GRARA] OK, who's going to volunteer to be Field Day Chairperson?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-02-08 14:01:13 UTC
From: RMoe@...
Topic: 2053 Message: 2056

Hank,
I have a 60' portable tower that was used at last years field day, with a 2 & 6 meter and 70 cm antennas. I will be glad to bring it again. Ron K8DMR provided the antennas. I all so have a small beam if it is needed for 10,15,20 meter bands.
73, Bob AC8ZX

In a message dated 2/7/2013 2:17:31 P.M. US Mountain Standard Time, n8xx@... writes:

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2057. Re: OK, who's going to volunteer to be Field Day Chairperson?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-02-08 20:25:00 UTC
From: David DeVos
Topic: 2053 Message: 2057

Hank I'm in to set up and equip the VHF/UHF station, (which is not the same as the GOTA station by the way).

I also have a 5 KW generator.

David DeVos KF8QL
616-706-8736

2058. Fwd: February 2013 QCWA Meeting

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-02-10 02:22:39 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2058 Message: 2058
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

QCWA Chapter 74 Muskegon, MI.

Next Meeting

Thursday February 14, 2013 at 5:30PM

**** AT ****

Whitlows Forerunner Restaurant

4610 Airline Road., Muskegon Mi.

Guests Welcome

2059. New Ham's Dinner, Saturday, February 16

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-02-10 20:45:08 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2059 Message: 2059

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Door Prizes, lots of eyeball QSO's, etc., are on the agenda.

Come one, come all! See you Saturday afternoon.

72/73 de n8xx Hg

2060. Re: [GRARA] New Ham's Dinner, Saturday, February 16

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-02-10 21:17:59 UTC
From: Mike W8DER
Topic: 2059 Message: 2060

Hello Hank, thanks for posting info for the New Hams Dinner. I was just sitting here trying to compose a notice for the web page.

I am still a little short on info. Can you help? It is sponsored by the _Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Club_, the _Michigan Amateur Radio Alliance_ and the _Lowell Amateur Radio Club_? The dinner is for the purpose of _____. All hams are welcome. New hams in the area are guests of the radio clubs. (new hams and hams who moved to the area in the last year.)

Having not gone to this in the past, I really don't know much about it. I might just come this year, since it is only 6 miles away.

Can you help me with a few words?

Mike

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2061. Anyone for the ARRL DX (CW) contest this weekend?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-02-11 17:45:03 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2061 Message: 2061

Just curious. It's from 0000Z Saturday Feb 16, through 2359Z, Sunday, Feb 17. That's 7 p.m. Friday to 6:59 p.m. (EST) Sunday for the dolts among us (like me sometimes) who can't figure out Zulu time.

Probably would be good practice for the upcoming 160 SSB contest. :)

See
http://www.arrl.org/files/file/Contest%20Rules%20PDFs/2013/2013DX-Rules.pdf

Since that will more than likely be truncated the following will also work
http://goo.gl/2txvC

for rules, etc.

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2062. Video Payload: iHAB-9 T-minus 3 Days

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-02-13 16:27:49 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2062 Message: 2062

FYI for anyone who may be interested in this iHAB-9 launch and tracking.

Subject: Fw: Video Payload: iHAB-9 T-minus 3 Days
To:

1. iHAB-9 Launch Announcement

The iHAB Team is excited to announce the next launch of the iHAB Project! iHAB-9 is scheduled to launch February 16, 2013 at 16:00Z (9AM CDT). In conjunction with Engineers Week 2013, sponsored by Cedar Valley Amateur Radio Club (CVARC), Collins Amateur Radio Club (CARC), and Rockwell Collins Inc in Cedar Rapids, the Iowa High Altitude Balloon Project.

Engineers Week celebrates the positive contributions engineers make to society and is a catalyst for outreach across the country to kids and adults alike. Engineers Week is part of many corporate and government cultures and is celebrated on every U.S. engineering college campus.

This year?s Engineers Week theme celebrates you?engineers, engineering students, and technicians?and all of the amazing things you do everyday to make the world a better place.

Launch Date/Time
February 16th, 2013
Webcast: 14:??Z - 8AM CDT
Launch: 15:??Z - 9AM CDT

Launch Location
North of the Rec Center - Building 154 - on the Rockwell Collins Campus
Cedar Rapids, Iowa.
N 42. ?314??, W -91.6479??

Payload includes a new "micro" 20 Meter QRP CW beacon designed and built by Dave Cripe - NM0S, Hi-Def Video, and 1.2Ghz live video downlink. The CW beacon controller is a new version (not yet available for purchase) of the EZKeyer from 4SQRP. The EZKeyer v2 has expanded memories, AND beacon mode!

Visit
http://www.ihabproject.com/iHAB-9/<http://www.ihabproject.com/iHAB-9/>
for updated Flight News, and Launch Information.

=== The launch of iHAB-9 will be webcast LIVE starting at/around 9:00AM CDT, so please plan to visit Mission Control. ===

http://www.ihabproject.com/iHAB-9/MissionControl/<http://www.ihabproject.com/iHAB-9/MissionControl/>

20M CW Beacon Signal Reports - Spot Here <http://www.qrpspots.com/>
PLEASE SPOT ON CLUSTER

FlightComm:

- W?GQ - Cedar Rapids, IA

146.745 MHz -, No Tone
Echolink Node : NONE

Telemetry & Tracking:

- APRS (legacy)

Balloon Telemetry-> HERE <http://aprs.fi/?call=a/W0OTM-11>
Chase Vehicle Telemetry-> HERE <http://aprs.fi/?call=a/W0OTM-2>
Both Telemetry->
HERE<http://aprs.fi/?call=W0OTM-11,%20w0otm-2&mt=roadmap&z=13&timerange=3600>

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600g He

Payload #1:
APRS - W?OTM-11 144.39Mhz
OpenTracker+ Alinco DJ-C7 - VHF/UHF 3??/5??mw

2?M QRP Beacon 1.5 Watts 14.057.85 +/- Mhz designed/built by Dave Cripe NM0S

"W0OTM iHAB-9 Iowa High Altitude Balloon Project"
AA?ZZ EZKeyer <http://www.wa0itp.com/aa0zzkeyer.html> (with v2 Chip)
20M Signal Reports - Spot Here <http://www.qrpspots.com/>
PLEASE SPOT ON CLUSTER

GoPro? HD HERO 1080p HD video

1.2Ghz live wireless downlink video

Keep Looking Up!

2063. Skywarn Training -- you must register again to get a TICKET.

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-02-15 13:42:49 UTC
From: Mike W8DER
Topic: 2063 Message: 2063

Hey guys, I noted in my email this morning that everyone has to register again for Skywarn Training so that they can send you a TICKET. If you registered or not, you need to fill out the short form again.

Then they send you a confirmation email where you have to click the _here_ link to see your ticket. You need to print the ticket for preferred entry into the training.

2064. Errata: Correct link for the ARRL DX (CW) contest this weekend?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-02-15 14:49:00 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2064 Message: 2064

Shucky durn: A kind fellow ham told me the link I had about the ARRL DX contest didn't work. I tried it, and sure 'nuff, it didnt' work.

Don't know whyt the original link doesn't work, it's exactly what appears on the top of my browser, but here's a link for a not so convenient form of rules.

http://www.arrl.org/arrl-dx

Even if you're in the contest, take a break for the new hams dinner - Saturday afternoon, at 2:00 p.m., at the Old Country Buffet located at 1038 28th Street SW, Wyoming, Mi, near Rogers Plaza! Cost for new hams, "Free" - cost for older hams and us real olde fogeys,$9.00 including tax and tip.

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2065. Antique radios

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-02-15 23:13:24 UTC
From: w8qz
Topic: 2065 Message: 2065

I've received (4) pictures of the antique radios I mentioned a few weeks ago.

They're posted on this group, photos, under W8QZ antique radios

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/GRARA/photos/album/544986850/pic/2120158774/view?picmode=&mode=tn&order=ordinal&start=1&count=20&dir=asc

The radios are located in Kalamazoo. The owner (my co-worker) is looking to get a 'reasonable' price for them (to be negotiated). He can be contacted at: erin.moore@... Please contact him directly.

The larger radio (Zenith 5678, AM & SW) is apparently from about 1940. It uses 6V tubes. The owner says that as far as he knows, the 'guts' are complete. At least one of the knobs is not original, and some of the buttons (for preset tuning, apparently) on the front are broken.

The smaller radio (Zenith 7K01 with 'tube saver', AM / FM) is approximately 1950. It uses a string of tubes set up for transformerless. The owner says it was last turned on about 25 years ago. (I explained to him the reason why he should *not* try turning it on now).

www.radiomuseum.org has a lot of info.

2066. Re: [GRARA] Antique radios

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-02-16 00:40:06 UTC
From: R. Mark Barnett
Topic: 2065 Message: 2066

The Zenith 7K01 is an AWESOME radio. I'm not a collector, a radio has to pull its weight for me to keep it. I gave the last one I had to my dad, he loves it.

They both look like good project radios, if I didn't have so many projects going I would jump on the console. THANKS for posting these!!! I showed the console to my wife.... SHE thinks I should buy one pre-restored if I like it... I'm NOT going to argue with her... LOL So thanks!!!!

I WAS going to get a Tecsun PL-660 to replace my Sangean ATS-909.... maybe I'll just get an old Zenith with SW, as most of my listening is to Spanish broadcast SW anyway.

Mark B. N8PGV

2067. 12 ohm, 1-watt resistor, any have one?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-02-17 19:13:16 UTC
From: qschultze
Topic: 2067 Message: 2067

I'm sure some of your junk boxes are better than Radio Shack, which locally carries about three different resistors. Anyone have one or two of these puppies on hand?

Quin, K8QS

2068. Re: [GRARA] 12 ohm, 1-watt resistor, any have one?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-02-18 00:29:29 UTC
From: Tom KD8DEG
Topic: 2067 Message: 2068

Go to T&W on S.Division St.

http://www.twelectronics.com/index2.htm

KD8DEG Tom
----- Original Message -----
From: qschultze
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Sunday, February 17, 2013 2:13 PM
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2069. ARRLDX CW N8XX SOAB QRP

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-02-18 00:31:49 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2069 Message: 2069

ARRL DX Contest, CW

Call: N8XX
Operator(s): N8XX
Station: N8XX

Class: SOAB QRP
QTH: MI
Operating Time (hrs): 6.8333

Summary:

Band	QSOs	Mults
160:	0	0
80:	13	12
40:	30	24
20:	42	30
15:	53	38
10:	22	19
Total:	160	123 Total Score = 59,040

Club: Mad River Radio Club

Comments:

Part time - Fish Fry on Friday evening until 0230Z. Saturday a "New Hams" luncheon (Yep, I attend those even though I've been licensed for more than 1 year). Family activities on Sunday. And these olde bones need rest. Goal was 150 Q's but figured I'd have a few N1L's or other errors of my ways, so I found 10 others, including several extra multipliers!

80 and 40 were surprises, with a cloud warmer antenna and a giant 5 watts output I figured close to zilch for those two bands. 10 was a pleasant surprise! 15 a workhorse, and 20 its usual crowded conditions, wall to wall and treetop tall between 14000.5 and 14099.5 much of the time.

Thanks to all who pulled out my pipsqueak signal amongst the QRM and ambient noise. As several of my colleagues are wont to say, "All the credit goes to the receiving station who has to copy the signal from the QRP Station." I'm very sure these folks use it as a "term of endearment" toward the person who chooses to run <5 watts.

And thanks to the organizers @ ARRL HQ!

2070. Re: [GRARA] Skywarn Training -- you must register again to get a TICKET.

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-02-19 20:55:19 UTC
From: Jerry L. Elya
Topic: 2063 Message: 2070

I'm signed up.

Jerry

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2071. Remember - Marshall Hamfest , March 16

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-02-22 17:48:19 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2071 Message: 2071

Michigan Crossroad Hamfest, otherwise known as the Marshall Hamfest is
Saturday, March 16, 2013. Open to general public @ 8 a.m., Vendors may
set up Friday evening from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., or beginning@ 6 a.m. Saturday.

Details of the Hamfest are at http://www.w8df.com/hamfest/hamfest2013.pdf

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2072. Fellow GRARA Ops - If you can generate SSB on 160 meters

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-02-23 16:21:38 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2072 Message: 2072

Please listen around 1845 ? QRM this evening and give N8CC a call if you hear us. We'll be camped out around that area of 160 meters for the CQ 160 SSB contest. And, while you're at it, I'll betcha a dollar to a donut you can work quite a few other station on 160 SSB this evening. Rules are at http://www.cq160.com

Yes, Jeff, N8CC runs a full gallon, but I'm sure we worked a host of Low Power stations and quite a few QRP ops.

So, you don't need to run anywhere near a full gallon to do some serious work on 160 Meter sideband!

Conditions were fair to middlin' on 160 last evening/early morning today.

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QRP >99..44% of the time
Except when working CQ 160 @ N8CC

2073. ARRL DX (SSB) Contest Apr 2 - Apr 3

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-02-28 15:41:40 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2073 Message: 2073

Yup, it's that time of year again, The ARRL DX Contest is upon us:

From: http://www.arrl.org/arrl-dx

Time: First full weekend in March (March 2 - 3, 2013)
Contest Period: 0000 UTC Saturday through 2359 UTC Sunday.

This means that we can fire up W8DC for this contest immediately after the meeting Friday evening (actually our meeting starts at 0000Z Saturday).

I may or may not be there, (we've been "semi-invited" to a "fish fry" which I can't pass up) but (I think) we have a Logging program installed in the computer, (n1mm? n3fjp?) which can be used for logging.

Rules are at: http://www.arrl.org/arrl-dx

Note that 20 meters has been open quite often into the evening hours. But the best time for operation for 20, 15, and 10 meters would be daylight, Saturday or Sunday. Anyone want to open up the building for this event? Please lettuce no of this possibility and time(s).

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2074. GRARA Meeting Tonight

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-03-01 15:49:19 UTC
From: W8DER
Topic: 2074 Message: 2074

Just a reminder, the Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association's March membership meeting will be tonight. Social time is 6:30, Meeting at 7:00.

Tonight's presentation will be "Ham Radio Applications with the Arduino Micro-Controller.

More information at:
http://www.w8dc.org

See you there.....

2075. Hammarlund HQ 145X sell or trade

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-03-02 17:40:56 UTC
From: qschultze
Topic: 2075 Message: 2075

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2076. Re: [GRARA] Hammarlund HQ 145X sell or trade

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-03-02 19:41:37 UTC
From: Charles Rich
Topic: 2075 Message: 2076

Misprint..??
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If a 129-X......
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On a scale of 1 - 10...this is a 12.

Info only!!
Chuck, W8GCW

Chuck, W8GCW
 CHECK MY PROFILE AT WWW.QRZ.COM
Licensed by the FCC since 1950

From: qschultze <Schu@Calvin.Edu>
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2077. Re: Hammarlund HQ 145X sell or trade

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-03-02 20:05:36 UTC
From: qschultze
Topic: 2075 Message: 2077

Thanks, Chuck. The 145 is a later model, fairly rare, and a great receiver. Not a misprint.
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2078. MARA Burger Night, March 22nd

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-03-04 19:10:29 UTC
From: W8DER
Topic: 2078 Message: 2078

Hey guys and gals, let's not forget MARA's Burger Night on March 22nd.
See the GRARA webside for details.

http://www.w8dc.org

2079. Any other skywarn programmes in the area?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-03-06 16:55:02 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2079 Message: 2079

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One year when Ottawa was separate from Kent County, I went over that a way and received my credentials.

Please tell me where to go to find this information.

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2080. Re: [GRARA] Any other skywarn programmes in the area?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-03-06 17:06:07 UTC
From: K8TB
Topic: 2079 Message: 2080

Hank,

If you missed the Ottawa-Kent County Skywarn training on February 21,
the Muskegon Skywarn group will be having a training session on
Saturday, March 16, 2013 starting at 2:00 PM. Ottawa County (and Kent
County !) residents are welcomed.

A PDF with details is here:

http://mcecs.net/Download/SkywarnFlyer2013.pdf

Tom Bosscher K8TB Ottawa County Skywarn
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But wait, there's more....

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A huge thank you to Phil, K8PVH who found this on the NWS web site.

The NWS does have a spotter training program online.

The web presentation is a little crude. If you are using Internet
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http://www.crh.noaa.gov/dmx/presentations/spotter-training/NWS-Spotter-Training_files/v3_d
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Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-03-06 17:21:02 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2079 Message: 2081

Thanks, but I'll "probably" be catching a ride to the Marshall Hamfest on that day. I'll look at the web site file.

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2082. RE: [GRARA] Any other sky warn programs in the area?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-03-06 17:26:04 UTC
From: Bob Hardin
Topic: 2082 Message: 2082

Allegan and Barry and others:

April 13, 10-12

419 126 st Shelby MI

RSVP to scorbin@...

From: GRARA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:GRARA@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of Hank Greeb
Sent: Wednesday, March 06, 2013 12:21 PM
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: Re: [GRARA] Any other skywarn programmes in the area?

Thanks, but I'll "probably" be catching a ride to the Marshall Hamfest on that day. I'll look at the web site file.

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On 3/6/2013 12:06 PM, K8TB wrote:

Hank,

If you missed the Ottawa-Kent County Skywarn training on February 21, the Muskegon Skywarn group will be having a training session on Saturday, March 16, 2013 starting at 2:00 PM. Ottawa County (and Kent County !) residents are welcomed.

A PDF with details is here:

http://mcecs.net/Download/SkywarnFlyer2013.pdf

Tom Bosscher K8TB Ottawa County Skywarn
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But wait, there's more....

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A huge thank you to Phil, K8PVH who found this on the NWS web site.

The NWS does have a spotter training program online.

The web presentation is a little crude. If you are using Internet Explorer, open up the magnifier on the lower right corner to 150% or so.

http://www.crh.noaa.gov/dmx/presentations/spotter-training/NWS-Spotter-Training_files/v3_document.htm

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Please tell me where to go to find this information.

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2083. RE: [GRARA] Any other skywarn programmes in the area?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-03-06 17:45:43 UTC
From: Jason Gillikin
Topic: 2079 Message: 2083

Ionia County is tonight, actually. 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

From: Hank Greeb
Sent: ☐March☐ ☐6☐, ☐2013 ☐11☐:☐55☐ ☐AM
To: GRARA Group
Subject: [GRARA] Any other skywarn programmes in the area?

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2084. RE: [GRARA] Any other skywarn programmes in the area?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-03-06 23:47:38 UTC
From: Bob Robinson
Topic: 2079 Message: 2084

Hank don't forget about the Marshell ham fest
On Mar 6, 2013 12:45 PM, "Jason Gillikin" <jason@...> wrote:

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2085. Re: [GRARA] Any other skywarn programmes in the area?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-03-06 23:53:03 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2079 Message: 2085

Yeah, I have it on my calendar.? I'm looking for a ride.

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On 3/6/2013 6:47 PM, Bob Robinson wrote:

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On Mar 6, 2013 12:45 PM, "Jason Gillikin" <jason@...> wrote:

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2086. TX5K Clipperton Island

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-03-08 14:07:43 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2086 Message: 2086

In case anyone likes hunting DX, it would appear that Clipperton Island
is sorta like shooting fish in a barrel. Apparently one needs to "fight
the sometimes big pileups" but their signals are quite strong.
Use http://www.reversebeacon.net/dxsd1/dxsd1.php?f=0&c=tx5k&t=dx to find
the latest data on frequencies, etc.

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PJ2T TX5K 28032.9 CW CQ 13 dB 34 wpm 1355z 08 Mar
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Lots more info @ http://www.tx5k.org/

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2087. Re: TX5K Clipperton Island

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-03-08 15:33:43 UTC
From: Gerry Lerch
Topic: 2086 Message: 2087

If you're into instant gratification, bring up http://www.dxa2.org, then watch your call sign appear in almost real time after you work them. That site also shows the current bands and modes that TX5K is working. I've worked them on cw, 17m & 15m, so far.

Gerry ~ K8GGL (

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2088. Fw: [kalamazoohamradio] Ham Radio in Hollywood: Last Man Standing to Feature Amateur Radio Storyline

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-03-04 22:57:42 UTC
From: Tom KD8DEG
Topic: 2088 Message: 2088

----- Original Message -----
From: Bob, K8LR
To: kalamazoohamradio@yahoogroups.com ; blind ham radio operators
Sent: Monday, March 04, 2013 4:43 PM
Subject: [kalamazoohamradio] Ham Radio in Hollywood: Last Man Standing to Feature Amateur Radio Storyline

This looks like it will be very interesting to watch on Friday March 15.

From: Nick wd8knw

Ham Radio in Hollywood: Last Man Standing to Feature Amateur Radio Storyline

http://www.arrl.org/news/em-ham-radio-in-hollywood-em-last-man-standing-to-feature-amateur-radio-storyline

Bob, K8LR, k8lr@...

2089. Re: [GRARA] TX5K Clipperton Island

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-03-08 21:55:30 UTC
From: John Streyle
Topic: 2086 Message: 2089

I managed to snag a contact with them last night on 160 cw -almost fell out of my chair in surprise on hearing my call come back (given my poor antenna for that band) !
W8QZ

Sent from my iPad

On Mar 8, 2013, at 9:07 AM, Hank Greeb <n8xx@...> wrote:

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2090. anyone have pre-amp mic, maybe old Motorola?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-03-11 16:24:14 UTC
From: qschultze
Topic: 2090 Message: 2090

Gang --

I am looking for a mic to use with an ICOM-730. Needs some pre-amplification. I could rewire one of the old Motorola mics if nothing else.

Any ideas/options? Anyone have a mic to use?

Quin, K8QS

2091. Re: [GRARA] anyone have pre-amp mic, maybe old Motorola?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-03-11 18:00:30 UTC
From: RMoe@...
Topic: 2090 Message: 2091

Quin,
Check out "Simple Headset Adapter for the IC-706 Series Radios" July 2007 QST. The adapter uses a different plug, but could be changed to an 8 pin.
73, Bob AC8ZX

In a message dated 3/11/2013 9:24:23 A.M. US Mountain Standard Time, Schu@... writes:

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Any ideas/options? Anyone have a mic to use?

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2092. Re: [GRARA] anyone have pre-amp mic, maybe old Motorola?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-03-11 21:26:11 UTC
From: sfkaney@...
Topic: 2090 Message: 2092

The problem is more than the just the plug. Until recently ICOM was the only radio mfgr using a particular mic tech that that put out a higher voltage than others. Consequently their preamp didn't have enough gain to handle the lower voltage of the other mic technology. They changed the preamp to be able to handle both about 5 years ago. If you can't get an older mic from ICOM then the only other choice I know about is the Heil 'ICOM' mic element

Sent from Yahoo! Mail for iPhone

2093. Mara Burger Night

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-03-20 13:46:38 UTC
From: Jack Kunnen
Topic: 2093 Message: 2093

Don't forget the MARA Built your own burger night tomorrow, 22 March, at the the 5th Street Hall at the corner of Davis and 5th street NW. 5 PM to 8 PM
$6.00 for burger or Fish sandwich, Crisps, Coleslaw, Coffee and Desert.

The burgers are terrific, but the deserts are NOT to be missed, they are out of this world.

Jack, AB8ND

2094. Re: Mara Burger Night

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-03-20 14:04:32 UTC
From: Gerry Lerch
Topic: 2093 Message: 2094

Not tomorrow, it's on Friday. Must be thinking of those desserts has Jack wishing it was tomorrow.

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2095. Re: [GRARA] Mara Burger Night

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-03-20 14:08:05 UTC
From: Jack Kunnen
Topic: 2093 Message: 2095

Thanks Gerry,

Must be on a sugar high

Jack, ab8nd

On Mar 20, 2013, at 10:04 AM, Gerry Lerch wrote:

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2096. RE: [GRARA] Mara Burger Night

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-03-20 16:15:33 UTC
From: Richard MI Ranta
Topic: 2093 Message: 2096

And there goes our diet!!!!

But its so good..yum

"No one heals himself by wounding another".

Rich k8jx

Saint Ambrose

Richard and Scooter the cat

2097. Well, lucky lucky me

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-03-22 05:36:13 UTC
From: unclefesterman
Topic: 2097 Message: 2097

Box arrived from Los Angeles today; former Motorola coo-worker, now retired, sent me a brand new 2m/440 HT.

I now have equipment!

jerry
KD8SRH

2098. RE: [GRARA] Well, lucky lucky me

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-03-22 14:45:43 UTC
From: Richard MI Ranta
Topic: 2097 Message: 2098

See Jerry, there is too a Santa Claus and he's Ham.

Now go and enjoy!

Rich K8JX

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Richard and Scooter the cat

2099. Only Four Weeks until the Michigan QSO Party (April 20)!

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-03-23 01:00:35 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2099 Message: 2099

I received a message today from the Ontario Folks about their Ontario QSO Party on April 20/21. This jogged the (lack of) grey matter between my ears, and reminded me that we have the Michigan QSO Party coming up on April 20, from 1600Z, until April 21, at 0359Z. That's noon to midnight Saturday, EDT.

Why don't we plan to activate our club station, W8DC, for this event? There's an "EOC" classification, which, since we're located @ Red Cross, should qualify us for this class.

I can't make be @ W8DC, because I'm planning and annual QRP-Dxpedition to a "fairly rare" county which has a non-existent or no record for QRP fixed station operation. Looking around, I found that Ionia County is a nice choice, right next door to Kent County. To top it off, I was talking with Bob, KD8HNF, and he offered his remote site south of Saranac, complete with heated shack, beam antenna, and all the conveniences of a home shack! Thanks, Bob! So, I'll be there with my "mighty five watts" on both SSB and CW. Please look for me, I'll be running with the QRP Amateur Radio Club International Club Station Call K6JSS/IONI.

Please "talk up" MiQP at the club meetings, and with fellow hams with whom you have contact. Lettuce make MiQP 2013 the biggest and best ever!

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2100. RE: [GRARA] Only Four Weeks until the Michigan QSO Party (April 20)!

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-03-23 03:24:00 UTC
From: sfkaney@...
Topic: 2099 Message: 2100

Historically EOC requires that your location is an official EOC with state or county emergency people, I wouldn't just declare station to be an EOC. I worked at an EOC in washing once and it was a lot more than a radio room at RC

Sent from Yahoo! Mail for iPhone

2101. Re: [GRARA] Only Four Weeks until the Michigan QSO Party (April 20)!

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-03-23 03:52:53 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2099 Message: 2101

Steve:

Lettuce not quibble over details. I haven't seen a"full blown" emergency situation here in Michigan during mystint here (6 years). A "full blown"emergency in my experience, is where the Red Cross is fully engagedin disasterrelief for a week or more. In Ohio, where I was intimately associated with the Cincinnati Red Cross for some 40+ years, the majority of the building was changed into an emergency operating center when the Ohio River and/or tributaries flooded, or aSn*w emergency was declared and folksneeded shelters, or a tornado hit and damage assessmentand housing was needed for those hit.

In Michigan the State Police and County Police seem totake a more active part in managing emergency response. And there doesn't seem to be nearly as many emergencies as there were in the flood prone, tornado prone Ohio River Valley. But, I believe that here in Michigan, a major reason that a ham radio station is co-located within a Red Cross chapter is to provide communications in times of emergency.

You'd need to ask the local Red Cross HQ if the location at 1050 Fuller Avenue NW is considered an Emergency Operating Center ifand when theRed Crosswould be called outfor disaster relief. If I were a betting man, and had $10,000 extra tobet (like one recent non-winner in a Presidential Election), I'd bet that it would be considered an EOC.

But, ask WD8USA, KD8CAN, or the Disaster Committee Chair at thelocal Red Crossif you wish a definite answer.

And, if the response comes out "No, we in the Red Cross are NOT considered as capable of responding to emergency or disaster relief" I'll be a bitsurprised. But, even then, we could still open up the shack and operate as a multi-op ClubStationjust for practice in whatever non-emergency situationduring which Red Cross needed communications.

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> *To: * GRARA Group <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>;
> *Subject: * [GRARA] Only Four Weeks until the Michigan QSO Party
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> *Sent: * Sat, Mar 23, 2013 1:00:35 AM
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2102. Re: [GRARA] Only Four Weeks until the Michigan QSO Party (April 20)!

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-03-23 05:35:47 UTC
From: sfkaney@...
Topic: 2099 Message: 2102

Do what you want but my experience in King County Search and Rescue (Seattle) the Red Cross in Seattle which was much bigger than the one here did not count as an EOC. King County didn't have one. The EOC was in Olympia and a assisted several NDMS exercises there

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2103. Re: [GRARA] Only Four Weeks until the Michigan QSO Party (April 20)!

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-03-23 13:01:22 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2099 Message: 2103

Steve:

Within Red Cross, here in Grand Rapids, there is a "commercial communications center" with 47.42 MHz and VHF communications facilities, which are used for routine "business" of the Red Cross on a day to day basis. And, I suspect that, in the various counties in Michigan, some have amateur radio facilities inside their facilities, others do not. I personally know that Kalamazoo and Grand Rapids chapters have amateur radio facilities which would be used in case of a large scale emergency.

We are fortunate, from a physical standpoint, of not having many natural disasters. We are unfortunate, from a training and recruiting standpoint, because of the same. In Cincinnati the best ham radio emergency response organization typically existed within six months to a year after the most recent flood or tornado. Hams would flock to the Queen City Emergency Net (Red Cross) and the Hamilton County Radio Amateur Service (RACES/ARES) after each such disaster, but 3 or 4 years later many would drop out because they did not see the "immediate" need. The Weather Amateur Radio Network (similar to Skywarn here in Western Michigan) had regular exercise due to weather bureau call ups for tornado watches and warnings but unless there was a F4 or F5 tornado involving a large swath of damage, this was hardly a blip on the recruiting map for the amateur radio response organizations.

The official name of the local chapter is "American Red Cross of Greater Grand Rapids" and has administrative responsibility for chapters in Ionia, Montcalm and Barry Counties,

For a more complete description of the history and current mission of this chapter, see
http://www.redcross.org/mi/grand-rapids/about
I don't claim to be and expert on this chapter.

I'm not familiar with the organization in the State of Washington. But, according to the web site run by the State of Washington, the EOC in Olympia is the State Emergency Operating Center. See
http://www.emd.wa.gov/about/emergency_operations_center.shtml,
There is a similar State EOC in Lansing, Michigan.
I'm sorry to say, but the Michigan State web page is organized to such an extent that a search for "State Emergency Operations Center Michigan" doesn't come up with a home page similar to that of the State of Washington. The best I can do is refer you to the page of the Michigan Department of Homeland Security:
http://michigan.gov/msp/1,1607,7-123-1593_3507---,00.html
It seems to me that each state government is responsible for its own emergency response plan. Here in Michigan we are blessed with the State being intimately involved with man-made disasters through local Sheriff's departments. I haven't seen the Emergency Operating Center at the Kent County Sheriff's office but I believe it exists.

I'm not sure of the extent of involvement of our local Red Cross during a civil emergency. I do know that our Red Cross is often alerted and responds when there is a multiple-alarm fire in Grand Rapids, and that we are subject to call if the need is large enough to require backup communication.

Thanks for questioning my statement about Red Cross and Emergency Operations Centers. It has caused me to look more into the organization of Red Cross locally and throughout the State of Michigan.

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2104. Re: [GRARA] Only Four Weeks until the Michigan QSO Party (April 20)!

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-03-23 13:32:39 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 2099 Message: 2104

My question is, how do the QSO Party rules define an EOC?

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E-mail: jamelar@...

Temporary Florida address @ Labonte's Garden RV Park
2830 Garden Street Lot 46
North Fort Myers, FL 33917-1869

----- Message from n8xx@... ---------
Date: Sat, 23 Mar 2013 09:01:22 -0400
From: Hank Greeb <n8xx@...>
Reply-To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: Re: [GRARA] Only Four Weeks until the Michigan QSO Party (April 20)!
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com

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> Steve:
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> Within Red Cross, here in Grand Rapids, there is a "commercial
> communications center" with 47.42 MHz and VHF communications
> facilities, which are used for routine "business" of the Red Cross on
> a day to day basis. And, I suspect that, in the various counties in
> Michigan, some have amateur radio facilities inside their facilities,
> others do not. I personally know that Kalamazoo and Grand Rapids
> chapters have amateur radio facilities which would be used in case of
> a large scale emergency.
>

----- End message from n8xx@... -----

2105. Re: [GRARA] Only Four Weeks until the Michigan QSO Party (April 20)!

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-03-23 14:40:18 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2099 Message: 2105

Jack:

Glad you asked:
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From the rules: http://www.miqp.org/Rules.htm

(d) Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Station - Michigan entries located at an established EOC site, activated by an individual or group. An EOC category entry may utilize permanently installed equipment and antennas, or equipment/antennas temporarily installed at the EOC for the event." EOC entries are not categorized by the number of transmitters, the power used, or the number of operators.
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The rules do NOT say who defines a place as an EOC. But, Joe, WD8USA confirms that Red Cross and W8DC would be used in a large scale emergency. We frequently practice in ARRL's annual Simulated Emergency Test @ W8DC. It seems to me that if a station is in a location which has been, and will be used to communicate and dispatch during natural and civil emergencies, that qualifies it as an EOC.

So, IF affiliation of GRARA with the Red Cross and the location of W8DC within the Red Cross building does not qualify it as an EOC station, then I punt. I shall say nothing more on the subject. I wonder sometimes, why we have such disgustions. (yes, that's not a typo.)

Note, more than once, a SATERN group (SALVATION ARMY TEAM EMERGENCY RADIO NETWORK) activated at or next to a Salvation Army center here locally and participated in the Simulated Emergency test as an EOC. I'm not sure if any SATERN group has operated at one of their EOC's during the MiQP, but I'm >>>99.44% sure that they would qualify. Methinks we picketh @ nits concerning the definition of "Emergency Operations Center."

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On 3/23/2013 9:32 AM, Jack Amelar wrote:

My question is, how do the QSO Party rules define an EOC?

Jack Amelar
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Lowell, MI 49331-8857
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Temporary Florida address @ Labonte's Garden RV Park
2830 Garden Street Lot 46
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2106. ARGYL Hamfest this Saturday

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-03-25 14:26:23 UTC
From: W8DER
Topic: 2106 Message: 2106

Guys and gals, let's not forget the ARGYL Hamfest in Lowell THIS SATURDAY. Details are on the GRARA Website.

http://www.w8dc.org

2107. Webinar about CQ WPX Contest on the web

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-03-26 20:26:02 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2107 Message: 2107

For the contesters, and wanna be contesters in GRARA, The CQ WPX contest is an easy one in which to get one's feet wet.

And, there's a good webinar concerning the CQ WPX by K5ZD, the outgoing CQ WPX manager, now on the web @

http://wwrof.org/category/webinar-archive/

Lots of info, somewhat pedantic, but worthwhile if you plan to be in either the Silly Side Band (this weekend) or the Corn Whiskey version (May 25/26) of this contest.

I'll be operating with my usual "mighty" 5 watts, using WQ8RP, the Michigan QRP Club call, in the CW version on May 25/26. The call WQ8RP is such a tongue twister that, after trying it on one Silly Side Band contest, I took a vow NEVER to try it again on SSB. (but WQ8 has been a "unique" prefix in the past few WPX contests).

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2108. Ham Radio on Isle Royale National Park

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-03-27 05:39:15 UTC
From: unclefesterman
Topic: 2108 Message: 2108

Topic came up at Scouts Tuesday evening; someone told me ham radio wasn't allowed on the island. Well, I looked it up and all I found was an emphasis on Marine band VHF, Weather stations, and thye NPS business repeater on 169.somewhere.

Another website says that two 5W handhelds can reach each other pretty much anywhere on the Island.

Honestly, all I can think it could possibly is a restriction on HF due to the park's proximity to Canada. Anyone know for sure?

Jerry KD8SRH

2109. Re: Thanks to Hank

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-03-27 11:58:04 UTC
From: Quentin Schultze
Topic: 2109 Message: 2109

Hank, thanks for all of your well-written GRARA posts -- informative and nicely composed. With a name like "Greeb," you know it has to be good.

Quin, K8QS

2110. SCouting's 2013 Jamboree on the Air

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-03-27 18:35:37 UTC
From: unclefesterman
Topic: 2110 Message: 2110

Look Here:

[url] http://www.michiganscouting.org/News/2013JOTAJOTI [/url]

Jerry KD8SRH

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2111. Re: [GRARA] Scouting's 2013 Jamboree on the Air

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-03-27 20:12:34 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2111 Message: 2111

Let's be sure to get this weekend on the calendar, and invite one or more Boys Scout troops to joinus at W8DC for a few JOTA contacts. It would be good publicity, a great educational event for the Scouts, and good PR for the club.

From the michiganscouting.org site
2013 JOTA, JOTI Dates Announced

Jamboree-on-the-Air and Jamboree-on-the-Internet will be held Oct. 19 and 20, 2013. JOTA and JOTI are annual World Scouting events that provide an opportunity for Scouts to communicate with other Scouts from around the world!

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On 3/27/2013 2:35 PM, unclefesterman wrote:
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> Jerry KD8SRH
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2112. Cadillac Hamfest, May 4

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-03-27 21:05:34 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2112 Message: 2112

The Wexaukee Amateur Radio Club Presents the 51st Annual Cadillac Amateur Radio and Computer Swap

Saturday May 4 th

Doors Open at 8 AM
Admission $5.00

Talk In on 146.980 K8CAD Cadillac Repeater

Cadillac Junior High School
500 Chestnut Street
Cadillac, Michigan

Brochure and details at
http://www.wexaukeearc.org/documents/swap2013-flyer.pdf

Interactive map: http://goo.gl/maps/dY9cU
Just put your starting address into the "A" box and click on "Get Directions"
Or, put the above address into your GPS.

2113. Re: Thanks to Hank

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-03-27 22:36:18 UTC
From: unclefesterman
Topic: 2109 Message: 2113

I'm impressed with his news too. All we need to do now is to get my friend SMOOT (really!) to join, and GRARA can take over the world.

Jerry
KD8SRH

2114. RE: [GRARA] Ham Radio on Isle Royale National Park

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-03-28 23:40:33 UTC
From: sfkaney@...
Topic: 2108 Message: 2114

Of course you know 440 is limited on this side as you approach the Canadian border - there was a question about that on the test. HF should be no problem unless there is a NPS restriction but I would be surprised by that especially since I have worked from many National Parks. Note that there is a Parks on the Air just as there is an Islands on the Air

Sent from Yahoo! Mail for iPhone

2115. Re: Ham Radio on Isle Royale National Park

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-03-29 00:33:35 UTC
From: n8xxham
Topic: 2108 Message: 2115

I suggested privately that, to be sure, before going to Isle Royal for a Scouting event which is intended to include Ham Radio, the scoutmaster should contact the Isle Royal National Park HQ in Houghton, Michigan. That was the recommendation of Dan Henderson, N1ND of ARRL's Regulatory and Advocacy department.

The local management of Isle Royale has the final say in what is permissible.

As for IOTA, islands on Inland Lakes and Rivers do not qualfy. From the IOTQ Q&A website at http://www.rsgbiota.org/info/directory/faqs-en.pdf < http://www.rsgbiota.org/info/directory/faqs-en.pdf>
WHICH ISLANDS COUNT?
To count for IOTA islands need to meet a few simple rules relating to location. They must not lie in rivers, inland lakes or seas, or largely enclosed bays.

72/73 de n8xx Hg

--- In GRARA@yahoogroups.com, sfkaney@... wrote:
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2116. Re: [GRARA] Scouting's 2013 Jamboree on the Air

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-03-29 12:10:13 UTC
From: John Streyle
Topic: 2111 Message: 2116

Sounds like a very worth-while hamming activity. The local council is

http://www.bsagrfc.org/

We should get in touch with them, and set things up. (Got a few months to work on that.)

W8QZ

Sent from my iPad

On Mar 27, 2013, at 4:12 PM, Hank Greeb <n8xx@...> wrote:

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2117. Re: Scouting's 2013 Jamboree on the Air

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-03-29 15:28:29 UTC
From: unclefesterman
Topic: 2111 Message: 2117

Already on it.

I just completed a year-and-a-half "working my tickets" period for Woodbadge (business-level Scouting management training), and one of my 5 ticket items, International Scouting, had a huge ham component.

I first had to get a license! I've been "into" anything radio waves since I was 6. Ham license was, like so many, "next month", even though all I really had to learn was the ham-specific stuff (I had Commercial 1st-class in high school and later added microwave & radar). I got my Tech in time to help set up a HF station at the Michigan Int'l Camporee last July (my Troop hosted a unit from Budapest). General came later, only 47 years late. Gonna "test the waters" Saturday with the last test in Lowell.

I put a huge chunk of research into JOTA. I was supposed to interview Scouts from at least 25 separate JOTA activities, but had to scrape the barrel to get 10. This is a shame, since JOTA should be a bigger ham recruiting tool than all other public activities combined.

From surveys, I've found the biggest JOTA killers are PROPAGATION and POOR PLANNING-- and the two go hand in hand. The most common complaints were along the lines of, "All we did was watch some old guy fiddle with knobs & buttons" and "All that work studying to get a license, just to talk to Jenison?"

Jumping to "NOW": the link posted the post before is dead; Lowe Peninsula is now "Michigan Crossroads Council", and the 616 & 231 area codes are the "President Ford Field Service Council". Website is [url]www.michiganscouting.org[/url]. It hits all 4 FSC's. Merger's been a PITA, but they're really pushing International Scouting statewide now, and I'm jockeying for a position on their committee.

We can discuss this more at an upcoming meeting, but what I'm looking at and dialogueing with COuncikl is:

For Grand Rapids area, a common location (Council?). The more other Scouts a Scout sees, the more interested he'll be. More radios and operators in one place means less of the dreaded "dead time". Opportunities for demos & presentations-- that QSL from the aircraft carrier Hornet, for example, carries a lot of weight with the Scouts. The new ATCS radio-based railroad signaling system does too, even though it's not ham. VHF/UHF hams should be DELIBERATELY PLACED all over the area who just "happen" to be on, doing something interesting, and/or have a story to tell. In short, everything planned.

Scouting introduced a new International patch; it now involves some work beyond the old one. Cubs need ONE year's JOTA, Scouts and adults need TWO. So, demand for JOTA will go up.

I'm currently discussing options for something at Council; so far there's been SOME interest in considering semi-permanent/permanent power for the parking lot, both 120 & 220. (we wouldn't be the only people using it). taht's wher it stands right now.

Happy Easter!
Jerry
KD8SRH

2118. RE: [GRARA] Re: Ham Radio on Isle Royale National Park

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-03-29 15:47:31 UTC
From: sfkaney@...
Topic: 2108 Message: 2118

I guess I didn't make my points clear. 1) if there is a restriction other than 440 and above which is a Canadian bands restriction and not a parks restriction then it specific to that park because many people including me operate from other parks
2) that park is fairly unique in that it could be activated as both IOTA and POTA at the same time

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2119. RE: [GRARA] Ham Radio on Isle Royale National Park

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-03-29 23:26:59 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 2108 Message: 2119

"Note that there is a Parks on the Air just as there is an Islands on the Air" The North Country Trail Association HQ in Lowell has a staff member, head honcho I believe, who is supplied / staff member of the National Park Service. I wonder if the office location and/or the parking lot associated with it, would qualify for parks on the air? 73 Jack NY8D ----- Message from sfkaney@... --------- Date: Thu, 28 Mar 2013 16:40:33 -0700 (PDT) From: sfkaney@... Reply-To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com Subject: RE: [GRARA] Ham Radio on Isle Royale National Park To: "UncleFester@..." , "grara@yahoogroups.com" > Of course you know 440 is limited on this side as you approach the > Canadian border - there was a question about that on the test. HF > should be no problem unless there is a NPS restriction but I would be > surprised by that especially since I have worked from many National > Parks. Note that there is a Parks on the Air just as there is an > Islands on the Air

Sent from Yahoo! Mail for iPhone ----- End message from sfkaney@... -----

2120. Re: [GRARA] Ham Radio on Isle Royale National Park

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-03-30 00:02:19 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2108 Message: 2120

If anyone is really planning to go to Isle Royale for the purpose of putting a US Island On the Air (see http://www.usislands.org/) or if boy scouts wished to combine a camping trip with Ham radio, it would be very easy to call the Isle Royale Headquarters in Houghton, Michigan, at (906) 482-0984, explain what you plan to do, and get a ruling on whether this would be permitted. It has been activated as a US Island and has a US Island number of MI001L, qualified by K8CJQ, so it appears that at one time, at very least, ham radio was permitted.

See http://www.rsgbiota.org for details on what constitutes an Island under their regulations. Isle Royale does not, I repeat, does not, qualify for RSGB IOTA.

As far as I can see, there is no mention one way or the other about Amateur Radio on the NPS web site for Isle Royale National Park.
See http://www.nps.gov/isro/index.htm

Telephone is cheep these days. If someone cannot afford a phone call to Houghton, please let me know and I'll make the call.

As far as operating from the parking lot next to the NPS HQ in Houghton, you'd need to contact whatever group keeps track of US Parks on the Air. It certainly wouldn't qualify for a US Island.

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On 3/29/2013 7:26 PM, Jack Amelar wrote:

"Note that there is a Parks on the Air just as there is an Islands on the Air"

The North Country Trail Association HQ in Lowell has a staff member, head honcho I believe, who is supplied / staff member of the National Park Service. I wonder if the office location and/or the parking lot associated with it, would qualify for parks on the air?

73 Jack NY8D

2121. Last minute reminder ARGYL Hamfest Tomorrow Sat 30 March

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-03-30 02:53:53 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2121 Message: 2121

ARGYL (Lowell, Michigan) Hamfest

Sat Mar 30, 2013 08:00 ? 12:00 Eastern Time
Lowell High School, 11700 Vergennes St., Lowell, MI 49331
Interactive map at: http://goo.gl/maps/FciG8

Sponsored by the AMATEUR RADIO GROUP of YOUTH in LOWELL
The future of amateur radio is in our 'youth'.
Please support them by attending this hamfest.
Talk-in:
K8LHS: 146.620(-) PL 94.8
W8LRC: 145.270(-) PL 94.8

http://www.argyl.org/hamfest.html

Admission: Adults- $5.00
Elementary, Middle School, and High School Students- Free
Advanced Sale Special: Two 5' tables & Admission- $12.00
One 5' table & Admission- $9.00
At the door: Two 5' tables & Admission- $15.00
One 5' table & Admission- $10.00

V.E. Exams
10:00 AM- Walk-ins welcome
Reservations not necessary

Door Prizes
Refreshments sold on site Sponsored by: A.R.G.Y.L.

2122. Membership meeting Friday Night

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-04-01 22:25:47 UTC
From: W8DER
Topic: 2122 Message: 2122

Once again guys and gals, the GRARA membership meeting is sneaking-up
fast! It's THIS FRIDAY ALREADY!

Check on our special instructional program at the web site:

http://www.w8dc.org

Hope to see you Friday night........

de Webmaster

2123. GRARA Website Welcomes our 20,000th visiter

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-04-01 22:44:29 UTC
From: W8DER
Topic: 2123 Message: 2123

In case you haven't noticed the little counter on the front page of our W8DC.org web site, it passed 20,000 visitors this week. (20032 to be exact). Our last benchmark was when it passed 5,000 visitors on February 2, 2008. This is great news -- it makes all the time spent worthwhile.

Remember:
For daily chatter, questions and information, check-out our Yahoo group, http://groups.yahoo.com/group/GRARA/

For longer term information, check-out our website, http://www.w8dc.org

It's even getting better!

The webteam

2124. RE: [GRARA] GRARA Website Welcomes our 20,000th visitor

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-04-02 02:45:51 UTC
From: Richard MI Ranta
Topic: 2124 Message: 2124

Yes, you guys do a great job.

The most up to date ham web site I know of.

Rich k8jx

"No one heals himself by wounding another".

Saint Ambrose

Richard and Scooter the cat

2125. GRARA meeting tomorrow

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-04-04 15:50:02 UTC
From: w8qz
Topic: 2125 Message: 2125

Reminder:
GRARA meets tomorrow at 7PM. After the business meeting, N8XX will be looking for operators for the Michigan QSO party, and K1FJ will explain some of the *basics* of the Smith chart.
See you there!
W8QZ

2126. Tweeter

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-04-04 21:07:44 UTC
From: Steven Kaney
Topic: 2126 Message: 2126

It has come to my attention that someone is using my callsign on Tweeter. I'm not a twit so I'm not up on such things. I hope someone can tell me why someone would use my callsign to tweet i.e. #n7mut. Is there something else that could be meant by #n7mut? Why would someone else want to use that?

de N7MUT/8

2127. Re: [GRARA] Tweeter

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-04-04 22:16:49 UTC
From: Jason Gillikin
Topic: 2126 Message: 2127

One thought ... it might be a Twitter handle based on someone's network ID. For example, students at Western Michigan University received logins based on first initial, last number of enrollment year, then first five characters of last name. Thus, a hypothetical student named Ned Mut who enrolled in 2007 would have an ID of n7mut. Not saying this other person with your call sign is a WMU student, but there are some odd ways to identify people out there.

Jason/KD8SOI

From: Steven Kaney
Sent: ☐Thursday☐, ☐April☐ ☐4☐, ☐2013 ☐5☐:☐07☐ ☐PM
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com

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2128. RE: [GRARA] Tweeter

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-04-04 23:58:52 UTC
From: Doug Luurs
Topic: 2126 Message: 2128

Greetings

It doesn’t appear that a person is using your call, but it’s being used as a shortlink (example: http://twitition.com/n7mut) to a Petition site

to telecast what I am guessing is a soccer match. I think the fact it’s using your call is just a random chance.

Doug / N8ZUU

From: GRARA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:GRARA@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of Jason Gillikin
Sent: Thursday, April 04, 2013 6:17 PM
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: Re: [GRARA] Tweeter

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2129. Moveing to 4 land

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-04-11 01:48:12 UTC
From: pobox740
Topic: 2129 Message: 2129

As some of you may know, I am moveing to the Tampa, Fl area.
As has been sugested to me, I will see about setting an HF contact schedule.
Just as soon as I set up a station.
I will be leaveing this monday(4-15-13) at about 09:00.
I will be calling on the 145.270 W8LRC system, untill about Portland.
If anyone is in the Tampa, Fl area, please contact me at kb8afs@...
73's
timothy kb8afs

2130. 3 State QSO Parties this weekend

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-04-12 00:48:17 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2130 Message: 2130

If you want to "Warm up" for the Michigan QSO Party, there are State QSO Parties this weekend. Any any one (or all) of the following would be good practice for next weekend

Montana QSO Party: 0000Z, Apr 13 to 2400Z, Apr 14, rules @
http://www.fvarc.org/sites/default/files/library/2013%20MT%20QSO%20Party%20Rules.pdf
or, if that gets truncated in transmission, try
http://goo.gl/W7TLG

New Mexico QSO Party: 1400Z, Apr 13 to 0200Z, Apr 14,rules @
http://pages.swcp.com/~n5zgt/nmqsoparty/documents/NMQP_forms.pdf
Or, if that gets truncated in transmission, try
http://goo.gl/iColy

Georgia QSO Party: 1800Z, Apr 13 to 0359Z, Apr 14 and 1400Z-2359Z, Apr 14 rules @
http://www.georgiaqsoparty.org/
no multiplier for QRP operation

Have fun! Note - for the low power nuts - all these have a QRP category!

There's a Russian contest for the DXers:
Yuri Gagarin International DX Contest: 2100Z, Apr 13 to 2100Z, Apr 14
Rules @
http://gc.qst.ru/en/section/32

Seems like a full weekend of contesting.

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2131. For all the tower climbers out there, safety first

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-04-13 21:06:25 UTC
From: Tom KD8DEG
Topic: 2131 Message: 2131
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2132. Re: [GRARA] Moveing to 4 land

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-04-16 01:33:21 UTC
From: Tom Hansen
Topic: 2129 Message: 2132

Good luck and good hamming, would be fine to set a sked with you.
Perhaps on a Wednesday night.
73 Timothy
tom n8dgd

--- On Wed, 4/10/13, pobox740 <pobox740@...> wrote:

From: pobox740 <pobox740@...>
Subject: [GRARA] Moveing to 4 land
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Date: Wednesday, April 10, 2013, 9:48 PM

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2133. HF Radio

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-04-17 14:35:31 UTC
From: AB8ND
Topic: 2133 Message: 2133

Tom, N8DGD has created a How-to video for the clubs HF radio operation
http://tinyurl.com/cd25dao

Jack, ab8nd

2134. Great Web Page

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-04-18 11:46:26 UTC
From: David
Topic: 2134 Message: 2134

I was reading the ARRL ARES newsletter, and an article about a new digital mode called EasyPal, which allows for transmitting files via radio in a digital format. They had a link to an Illinois ARES group website that was impressive. They had download links to all the group standard documents, forms, and reference guides, as well as the software being used. Check it out:
http://dupageares.org/memberresources.html
I'm going to look at the EasyPal software and see how it works.

73 de Dave DeVos

2135. Any posted Schedule for W8DC during MIQP

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-04-19 23:06:20 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2135 Message: 2135

I've heard some private chatter that W8DC will be activated during part or all of the Michigan QSO Party tomorrow (noon to midnight) but haven't seen anything official on this reflector.

Please provide the info, and, if possible, is there a DVR on the 147.26 repeater which could announce this activity?

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QRP >99.44% of the time
Operating as K6JSS/IONI during MiQP 2013

2136. Re: Any posted Schedule for W8DC during MIQP

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-04-20 11:13:40 UTC
From: <stprovost@...>
Topic: 2135 Message: 2136

Hank: we will have the radio room open around 11:45am today Saturday 4-20-13 for anyone who wants to participate in the Michigan QSO Party.
thanks
stephen

2137. Re: [GRARA] Great Web Page

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-04-20 18:59:37 UTC
From: John Streyle
Topic: 2134 Message: 2137

There's a group that meeting most evenings near the bottom of the phone section of 75M that exchanges pictures using EasyPal. I had installed the sw and listened for awhile (but discontinued it as some of the pictures were a bit risqué, in my opinion). The pictures are relatively high resolution JPEGs (roughly 200k if I remember correctly), and have some sort of error correction. However, it appears to take a very strong signal - as it seemed like the only successfully received pictures were S9+. If you didn't get a complete picture, you got nothing. It also *completely* occupies the full bandwidth of a normal SSB transmitter. A significantly different mode from standard SSTV, etc. Let us know what you find out.
It could be used on VHF FM, perhaps?
W8QZ

Sent from my iPad

On Apr 18, 2013, at 7:46 AM, "David" <kf8ql@...> wrote:

> I was reading the ARRL ARES newsletter, and an article about a new digital mode called EasyPal, which allows for transmitting files via radio in a digital format. They had a link to an Illinois ARES group website that was impressive. They had download links to all the group standard documents, forms, and reference guides, as well as the software being used. Check it out:
> http://dupageares.org/memberresources.html
> I'm going to look at the EasyPal software and see how it works.
>
> 73 de Dave DeVos
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2138. MiQP K6JSS(N8XX) Single Op QRP

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-04-21 07:13:11 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2138 Message: 2138

Michigan QSO Party

Call: K6JSS
Operator(s): N8XX
Station: KD8HNF

Class: Single Op QRP
QTH: IONIa County
Operating Time (hrs): 12

Summary:
Band CW Qs Ph Qs

80: 62 28
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Total: 205 171 CW Mults = 76 Ph Mults = 71 Total Score = 85,554

Club: Mad River Radio Club

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Worked quite a few of the mobiles - tnx for digging down amidst the
pileups to pick out the QRP signal!

Worked W8DC at least once, nice going gang!

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2139. Re: [GRARA] MiQP K6JSS(N8XX) Single Op QRP

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-04-21 21:06:37 UTC
From: Bob Robinson
Topic: 2138 Message: 2139

Hank, could eye get a list of the contacts you made during the qso party.
And the ones that before.

Bob
On Apr 21, 2013 3:13 AM, "Hank Greeb" <n8xx@arrl.org> wrote:

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2140. Any other GRARA Entries?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-04-22 00:08:23 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2140 Message: 2140

If we have 3 entries from a single club, we can enter for the club aggregate category. This would NOT disqualify individual entrants as W8DC, K6JSS, and ??? The scoring team would add up each individual score,and list it as "Grand Rapids ARA" in the final tabulation of the contest. But,we need at least one more entry.

I'm also >99.44% sure we wouldn't have a chance of winning the plaque for the highest club aggregate score, but we could get GRARA's "name in lights." Publicity never hurts.

Just a thought, before I submit my log from K6JSS.

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2141. Club Aggregate Score for MiQP

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-04-22 00:50:38 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2141 Message: 2141

I've been informed that we can enter the club aggregate competition as Grand Rapids ARA with two or more entries. Thus, I request that the log for W8DC list

"Grand Rapids ARA"

as the club, and I'll enter K6JSS the same way.

If there are other members who have entered the contest, please let us know, and please submit your log, no matter how many or how few contacts you made. Any an all scores are valuable.

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2142. Re: [GRARA] MiQP K6JSS(N8XX) Single Op QRP

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-04-22 10:22:20 UTC
From: Jim Leys
Topic: 2138 Message: 2142

Hank You da Man. Great job

From: Hank Greeb <n8xx@...>
To: GRARA Group <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 21, 2013 3:13 AM
Subject: [GRARA] MiQP K6JSS(N8XX) Single Op QRP

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2143. WWV Mystery

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-04-22 15:42:36 UTC
From: sfkaney@...
Topic: 2143 Message: 2143

I woke up way late today because 3 of my 4 atomic clocks are reporting it was 8AM when it was 11AM. So I turned on WWV and by voice it is saying 13:00 when its 15:00 UTC or 9:00 MDT or 8:00 MST. I can't decode the digital part of the WWV so I don't know if that's where the clocks are getting the time but I would expect so. What's up with that?

PS 4th atomic clock is reporting correct time. Three of the clocks including the one that is correct are Oregon Scientific (2 weather stations and a SAME radio), 4th that is also off is a Sony shortwave which says its 13:00. On all cases the minutes agree but the hours are different

Sent from Yahoo! Mail for iPhone

2144. WWV Time

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-04-22 16:13:22 UTC
From: sfkaney@...
Topic: 2144 Message: 2144

By 11:47 local WWV is now reporting 15:47 which is what I expect. I guess it's just a short term glitch and maybe within an hour the atomic clocks will sync back up

Sent from Yahoo! Mail for iPhone

2145. Re: WWV Time

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-04-22 18:59:45 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 2144 Message: 2145

Keep in mind your "atomic clock" is getting it's information from WWVB digital signal at 50KHz. That's 50000Hz or 0.05MHz. The same source as WWV, but no tick tick tick or voice announcement. Jack NY8D ----- Message from sfkaney@... --------- > By 11:47 local WWV is now reporting 15:47 which is what I expect. I > guess it's just a short term glitch and maybe within an hour the > atomic clocks will sync back up

Sent from Yahoo! Mail > for iPhone ----- End message from sfkaney@... -----

2146. Re: [GRARA] WWV Time

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-04-22 21:13:36 UTC
From: <tigerfan158@...>
Topic: 2144 Message: 2146

FYI: I was told if an atomic clock was located on INTERIOR walls, I'm not talking about those located on the inside of exterior walls, they don't always get a good signal.

-Gator
----- Original Message -----
From: sfkaney@...
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Monday, April 22, 2013 12:13 PM
Subject: [GRARA] WWV Time

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2147. Re: [GRARA] WWV Time

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-04-22 22:27:54 UTC
From: Tom KD8DEG
Topic: 2144 Message: 2147

Everthing you want to know about WWV.

KD8DEG Tom

http://www.nist.gov/pml/div688/grp40/wwv.cfm

----- Original Message -----
From: tigerfan158@...
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Monday, April 22, 2013 5:13 PM
Subject: Re: [GRARA] WWV Time

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2148. Re: [GRARA] WWV Time

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-04-23 16:36:55 UTC
From: sfkaney@...
Topic: 2144 Message: 2148

All the atomic clocks are on time today without my intervention - not sure intervention is even possible. In all the years I've had these things I've never seen them do this before

Sent from Yahoo! Mail for iPhone

2149. Re: [GRARA] WWV Time

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-04-23 20:15:31 UTC
From: sfkaney@...
Topic: 2144 Message: 2149

It usually gets a good signal but there was a while yesterday when the antenna icon was off. When it isn't getting a signal it keeps ticking away like a regular clock. For the hours to be off but the minutes to be correct implies they were getting bad info in the signal they were receiving. Allstate is fine today.

Sent from Yahoo! Mail for iPhone

2150. RE: [GRARA] Re: WWV Time

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-04-23 20:59:42 UTC
From: sfkaney@...
Topic: 2144 Message: 2150

Ooo. The website indicates that some devices have just been obsoleted due to a change in the way they modulate. I don't know if that applies to my devices or not. But they're working today.

It surprises me that the signal is MF and not HF as I had thought. I wouldn't think that MF would have propagation to reach the whole country

Sent from Yahoo! Mail for iPhone

2151. Re: WWV Time

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-04-23 22:27:05 UTC
From: unclefesterman
Topic: 2144 Message: 2151

Sometimes the simplest reason is the right one--

Replace the clock battery. Clean the battery contacts while you're at it. Actually, just opening it, saying "What should I do now? Awww, forget it!!" and closing it up is enough (accidental) cleaning to fix the problem. I've seen these clocks wander all over just from someone walking by and shaking the mass-produced floor.

As for 50KHz, just like WWL in Cincinnati (700K), it's a multiple of the Canadian Shield of limestone most of the contiguous USA sits on.

Jerry
KD8SRH

2152. RE: [GRARA] Re: WWV Time

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-04-24 05:55:15 UTC
From: sfkaney@...
Topic: 2144 Message: 2152

So you're saying the signal is not even ground wave but subterranean wave?

Clocks are now fine without my lifting a finger. Seems to me they were broadcasting an erroneous signal for a little while, I.e. either a status bit or the hour field was screwed up.

Sent from Yahoo! Mail for iPhone

2153. RE: [GRARA] Re: WWV Time

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-04-24 06:05:37 UTC
From: sfkaney@...
Topic: 2144 Message: 2153

Oh P.S. In the past when the batteries get low the LCD starts getting pale but even then the clock stays right on. In this case the LCD was still crisp but hour field was off by EXACTLY 3 hours west on the Oregon Scientifics and EXACTLY 2 hours west on the Sony.!?

Sent from Yahoo! Mail for iPhone

2154. Anyone physically able to help Red Cross?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-04-24 10:35:08 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2144 Message: 2154

Are you retired? Or can you leave your work for a day or more to help out? Red Cross needs YOU! Call Red Cross at 616-456-8661 - ext 3521 and volunteer. This won't involve ham radio, and probably won't involve communications, but help is needed. The cleanup is expected to last well into next week - and Red Cross will be involved in various relief efforts.

As Jim said in an earlier message, there's no communications emergency. But, Red Cross can use several (probably many) more volunteers to help with various tasks. Nothing glamorous, but surely necessary.

For example, Steve Provost, KC8WQL, has been helping with various things, including his specialty, technical support of the computer system at 1050 Fuller.

Jim, KD8CAN, was spotted @ Red Cross HQ on Monday. Didn't have time for a chat, so ask him what he's been doing if you get a chance.

There are probably other GRARA members who have been helping - but I haven't run across them.

I've been helping fill "clean up kits" for distribution by ERV's and at shelters for the past two days, but can't be full time. Americorps volunteers are doing much of this work, but welcome help.

I'm only a "grunt" so don't know any details of needs, except the people at 1050 Fuller seem to need considerably more help. So if you can help, call Red Cross at 616-456-8661 - ext 3521 and volunteer. Don't be afraid to get your hands dirty. It won't be pushing a mike button and handling communications traffic, but you can be sure it will be needed.

And, don't be surprised at periods of "hurry up and wait" - scheduling of supplies, etc., from outside (and even within the area) can be difficult - so if you get assigned to go somewhere, and supplies, or other personnel, etc., aren't immediately available, it won't be the first time. I was asked to be @ Red Cross Monday for assignment to "clean up kit duty" but the warehouse and supplies weren't available when expected. Instead, I did a few "gopher" jobs and came back yesterday after things got set up.

As one staff person said, this is the largest flood in recent history - so things are a bit chaotic, and they're all learning.

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2155. WWV, batteries and stuck bits

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-04-24 12:53:50 UTC
From: Jerry L. Elya
Topic: 2144 Message: 2155

A fascinating problem. That's why I love troubleshooting.

Can't be a stuck bit in the signal; you're the only one with the problem.

Most clock batteries fade due to age and not due to current draw. See, household batteries aren't "charged", they have a set amount of energy AVAILABLE from chemicals; when used, they don't "discharge", but their internal resistance increases as by-products are created via use. There's actually a LOT of untapped power available that's blocked by these byproducts-- solving this issue is the Holy Grail of battery engineers. When the internal resistance drops most of the created voltage, you have a dead battery. That's also why a dead battery shows a substantial voltage even though it's dead.

Could it be a stuck bit at YOUR end? YES. Iffy solder joints, defective printed circuit board traces, undocumented/untested revisions, even bad programming-- all contribute to mass-produced equipment being far less identical to one another than what you'd expect. Michael Collins (Apollo 11) pointed out that x-raying every single wire, part and even bolt accomplished nothing other than a dozen highly-individual spaceships.

Supply voltages and available current vary wildly throughout the circuitry. Don't forget, batteries have impedence too, and it's connected to every component on the board (think about it: V+ and ground). Impedance affects radio. I used to DX LW, MW & SW, and always used the "Radio Shack Reds"-- shorter life but allowed far better sensitivity, which I proved many times by swapping them for Alkalines and the whole band drying up. A sad day for me when they stopped making them (mercury content).

SO, back to your problem:

Off by exact hours/minutes/seconds means it's screwed up in the BCD section. Slowly changing error means the free-running clock is fast/slow AND the BCD isn't getting used.

happening at the hours stage? Well, that's when the processor is checking your preferences and changing UCT to local time zone. This takes extra processor steps. Extra steps take extra current. EXtra current increases voltage drop across stray resistances. Extra drop leaves less voltage to run things. Bits drop out, or too low to be read correctly.

And here's the fun part: It happened over and over too fast for the display to dim.

NOW, WHY INTERMITTENT? Well, batteries do that. Quite a few op-amp circuits gave a battery bypass cap. I've had three radios over the years where I had to put the radio on battery power and tap every cap with a screwdriver handle until the shop fills with static. Ever swap batteries around in a TV remote and it works? In theory it shouldn't work, but don't tell that to an 8-year-old. If you can fix intermittents, you can fix anything.

SO, I'll stick with the replace-battery diagnosis. Although you won't have that grand "AHA!! IT WORKS!!" moment, the problem will go away--until the next time the battery gets low. Give it a try withya NEW battery and let me know. I'm accidentally right far more often than I'm stubbornly wrong.

Jerry
KD8SRH

2156. RE: [GRARA] WWV, batteries and stuck bits

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-04-24 13:24:30 UTC
From: sfkaney@...
Topic: 2144 Message: 2156

Like I said, batteries are fine, and clock is now fine so I guess it was bad solder so the gnomes came and resoldered it

Sent from Yahoo! Mail for iPhone

2157. RE: [GRARA] Re: WWV Time

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-04-24 20:49:07 UTC
From: R. Mark Barnett
Topic: 2144 Message: 2157

I've been reading this thread... I have a Sharp and an Oregon Scientific... I didn't notice anything out of the ordinary... The Sharp is on my TV stand and I use it quite a bit... The Oregon Scientific is my alarm clock.... I only look at it twice a day, so it "could" have been off at some point, but it has been waking me at the right time.
I have never had a problem with them even when the battery is low... the displays just loose contrast... It took almost an hour for the Oregon Scientific to change to daylight savings time, the Sharp made the change immediately...

Mark B. N8PGV

2158. RE: [GRARA] Re: WWV Time

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-04-24 22:47:58 UTC
From: sfkaney@...
Topic: 2144 Message: 2158

I've never had a problem with mine either except the one morning. I also use one of mine for an alarm clock.

I emailed NIST using the link someone provided and they said it was most likely caused by local RF interference.

Sent from Yahoo! Mail for iPhone

2159. Field Day T-Shirts, etc.

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-04-25 13:44:49 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2159 Message: 2159

I'll be collecting orders for Field Day T-Shirts at the May meeting (May 3)

T-Shirts are available in sizes Small thru 4XL. Cost is $12.95 each, so I'll be collecting $13 each, payable by ca$h or Check (payable to GRARA). There's a special 15% off, and $10.50 shipping, so we should at least "break even" on the order. If any $$'s are left over, it will go toward the club's treasury.

There are also several other items associated with Field Day offered on the web site, which may be of interest. I can combine the order and get the favorable discount and shipping charges. If you're interested, in anything else, please look at the ARRL web site at

http://www.arrl.org/shop/Field-Day-Supplies-2013

I'll get the order in promptly. A few years ago we waited until a couple weeks before Field Day and many of the sizes were sold out. So, if you're interested in this offer, please don't dally, because the order will go in a few days after May 5. We should have the completed order for the June 7 meeting.

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2160. Kalamazoo S.M.A.R.T. Club Dayton Bus Trip Update

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-04-25 19:17:36 UTC
From: chip_wb8alw
Topic: 2160 Message: 2160

The Dayton Bus Trip is now a little less than a month away, and we only have 20 or fewer seats available. If you'd like to take the bus (The SMART way to get to Dayton! 8>)) and haven't made a reservation, now's the time.! Go to http://www.k8kzo.com/Dayton/ and click on the info link to download a reservation form with the information you need to secure a spot!! If you still owe a balance, it's due by the end of the month.

Additional questions?? Email me and I'll try my best to answer. Departure on May 18th from Portage Meijer on Westnedge just North of I-94 at around 3:45 AM, stop at Lakeview Square Mall in Battle Creek at approximately 4:05, and another quick stop at Coldwater at I-69 and US12.
Return at around 11:30 PM.

Thanks es 73

Chip

2161. QRP to the field 27 April http://www.zianet.com/qrp/qrpttf/2013.htm

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-04-26 18:30:23 UTC
From: ka5s
Topic: 2161 Message: 2161

excerpt:
QRPTTF is an annual event to encourage QRPers to get out of the house and operate portable "from the field," and of course, have fun. You can find a nice operating location for yourself, or combine it with some buddies for a day-long or evening campout. QRPTTF encourages participation by hams of all skill levels. CW speeds are usually in the 13-18 wpm range. QRPTTF is administered solely through the QRP-L reflector (with announcements on the SOTA reflector).

Cortland
KA5S

2162. Re: [GRARA] QRP to the field 27 April

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-04-26 19:35:37 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2161 Message: 2162

Cortland:

Well? R U proposing we go out to some trail and operate? I might be called by Red Cross, but if not, I might, just might, be encouraged to go out somewhere. I'm thinking of a place along the Fredrick Meijer White Pine Trail, which would qualify as a "hysterical (historical???) trail." I'm trying to find out the location of the rather new "picnic table" along the White Pine Trail between Rockford and Cedar Springs. If I can't find the location, I'll probably drift up the Sand Lake where there's a very nice staging area and picnic shelter.

Anyone else wishes to join the effort? Please lettuce no - Cortland is the likely sucker, errr, person to whom to volunteer - his e-mail address is ka5s at earthlink dot net. I leave it to the reader to figure out how to transcribe that to a "real" e-mail address.

I can't guarantee my presents (presence?) because I told the folks @ Red Cross that I'd be available to help if needed - but, then, I'm hoping and preying (praying?) that Saturday and Sunday will bring out some of the working stiffs who would otherwise be occupied during the weak (week?).

I won't devote a great amount of time to the effort, because I've devoted several hours this week to Red Cross, and neglected a few items @home which I "should" get done.

So Cortland, please tell me what you're planning - and if you wish some other place at which to set up, please tell me where to go and @ what time.

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On 4/26/2013 2:30 PM, ka5s wrote:

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http://www.zianet.com/qrp/qrpttf/2013.htm

Cortland
KA5S

2163. Fw: River Bank Run 2013 - Please if you haven't signed up and can help WE NEED YOU!!!

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-04-27 00:38:35 UTC
From: William Hayes
Topic: 2163 Message: 2163
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

----- Forwarded Message -----
From: "email_list_owner@..." <email_list_owner@...>
To: Wbchayes@...
Sent: Friday, April 26, 2013 8:26 PM
Subject: River Bank Run 2013 - Please if you haven't signed up and can help WE NEED YOU!!!

We
are off to a great start for signups. Please pass this
infomration on to anyone who may wish to
help.
The sooner we get people
signed up the sooner we can stop sending you emails and get
to work on assigning people to possitions.

River
Bank Run 2013 Communications Volunteer Sign up If you cannot
read this email please go to: http://www.kcest.org/rbr

CALLING ALL HAMS!!!

Several things to keep in mind. We have 2
Events.

#1)
The JR Event which we will need about 15-20 People to help
with.
May
8th 2013 From Approx 4PM - 9PM

#2)
The Main Event Which is on May 11th 2013 from 6AM - 1PM with
varying end times.

We will also have a RBR Pre-Meeting on
Friday May 10th 2013 at KCSD
701
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For
those who have never worked the River Bank Run.

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is the PREMIER Communications event in Kent County. This
event is one that you'll enjoy and come back every year for

more! The RBR event is HUGE and keeps growing!

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questions please email: rbrsafety@...

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2164. Re: [GRARA] Fw: River Bank Run 2013 - Please if you haven't signed up and can help WE NEED YOU!!!

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-04-27 01:09:50 UTC
From: timothy courtier
Topic: 2163 Message: 2164
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Now liveing in Tampa, this will be the first RBR that I will not be at in about 9 years.

I wish all to have fun, and be safe.
I will be thinking about it.
Maybe I will see about finding an internet link for the race.
73's Timothy kb8afs

From: William Hayes <wbchayes@...>
To: "GRARA@yahoogroups.com" <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Friday, April 26, 2013 8:38 PM
Subject: [GRARA] Fw: River Bank Run 2013 - Please if you haven't signed up and can help WE NEED YOU!!!

----- Forwarded Message -----
From: "email_list_owner@..." <email_list_owner@kcest.org>
To: Wbchayes@...
Sent: Friday, April 26, 2013 8:26 PM
Subject: River Bank Run 2013 - Please if you haven't signed up and can help WE NEED YOU!!!

We are off to a great start for signups. Please pass this infomration on to anyone who may wish to help.
The sooner we get people signed up the sooner we can stop sending you emails and get to work on assigning people to possitions.

River Bank Run 2013 Communications Volunteer Sign up If you cannot read this email please go to: http://www.kcest.org/rbr

CALLING ALL HAMS!!!

Several things to keep in mind. We have 2 Events.

#1) The JR Event which we will need about 15-20 People to help with.
May 8th 2013 From Approx 4PM - 9PM

#2) The Main Event Which is on May 11th 2013 from 6AM - 1PM with varying end times.

We will also have a RBR Pre-Meeting on Friday May 10th 2013 at KCSD
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2165. GRARA meeting this Friday, May 3rd

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-05-01 01:27:13 UTC
From: streyle.j@...
Topic: 2165 Message: 2165

QST QST QST

GRARA meets this Friday at 7 PM.
After recess, the ARRL winning videos will be presented. The videos cover:

A high-altitude balloon launch with amateur radio telemetry
Ham radio activation of an island
VHF rover contesting

Those with related experience are invited to attend and comment. See you there!

W8QZ Off-air director

2166. Cadillac Swap

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-05-03 00:01:44 UTC
From: streyle.j@...
Topic: 2166 Message: 2166

The Cadillac swap is this Saturday -

http://www.wexaukeearc.org/

Anyone interested in carpooling there?

W8QZ

2167. Field Day T-Shirts

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-05-04 07:05:40 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2167 Message: 2167

Thanks for all the support for Field Day which we received last night. As I said then, ARRL has given us a "deal" for Field Day T-Shirts, where we'll receive a 15% discount on any order greater than $50. We already received orders for five T-Shirts, which will be more than enough for this discount, but we might as well order as many as want them.

So, if you received an "order blank" at the meeting last night, please fill it out and send it along with a check made out to GRARA for $13.00 each. The discount will cover the shipping charges, and, if there's any excess, we'll donate the money to the GRARA treasury.

If you weren't at the meeting, the particulars are

Field Day T-Shirts, sizes S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL for $13 each. Please send your name, call, number of shirts and size(s) desired, plus a check for $13 made out to Grand Rapids ARA by US Mail to me:

Hank Greeb, N8XX
5727 11 Mile Rd NE
Rockford, MI 49341-9502

Please don't dally. Deadline for receipt here is this coming Friday, May 10, so mail by May 8 to be sure. I'd like to get the order in promptly.

Why such a rush? Well, several years ago we waited till near Field Day, and many sizes were out of stock.

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2168. GAP Eagle 6-band Vertical Antenna -- first $100 takes it

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-05-04 19:39:13 UTC
From: qschultze
Topic: 2168 Message: 2168

Gang:

Two GRARA friends just helped me take down this antenna from a friend's roof. It's in good condition. I have an optional roof tripod mount, too, if interested. I've taken it apart just enough for transportation and easy reassembly. No radials required for this puppy.

Price new is $399. First $100 takes it. Have original manual, too.

Here are the specs from the GAP website:

EAGLE DX

6 Band Multiband DX Antenna

SPECIFICATIONS
Bands
40m 20m 17m 15m 12m 10m
With supplied extender, this can be customized to your favorite part of the band
Bandwidth -- Under 2:1
Entire band on 40m 20m 17m 15m 12m
10m over 500 KHz
Height -- 21 ft.
Weight -- 19 lbs.
Mount : Virtually anywhere. Supplied pole mount fits your 1.25 in antenna mast
Counterpoise : 3 rigid counterpoises 80" long
Ground Area Required : None
Power-- Full Legal Limit on 20 Meters - 10 Meters, 300 Watts on 40 Meters
THE EAGLE DX

The Eagle is the smallest antenna in the GAP product line. Its development was the result of your requests for a low profile, high efficiency GAP antenna. The Eagle DX-VI weighs just 11 pounds and can be installed almost anywhere -- at ground level, on a pole, on your roof or atop a tower. It is essentially a set of vertical dipoles -- the optimum singular DX antenna. No traps, coils or transformers are used to achieve multiband operation in this antenna either. Why is that significant? Traps are the "weak link in the chain" of a multiband antenna.

Critical to the design of the GAP Eagle was the requirement to permit operation anywhere on all of its designed frequencies. The Eagle provides full coverage with a VSWR less than 2:1 on 40m, 20m, 17m, 15m, and 12m and approximately 500 KHz on 10m without readjusting. 10m operation is further optimized with a supplied extender. Compare that performance to any other low profile vertical. With the Eagle, as with all GAP antennas, you will not need to buy a tuner. If a rare DX station appears on 7.050, but, you normally work the SSB nets around 7.250, just slide the VFO and key the rig!

If the band is wide open, you might work a LU6 with a coat hanger, but when conditions are less than perfect you want the highest S meter reading an antenna can provide. Efficiency

is critical. The efficiency of the GAP Eagle is without equal. It has no traps, transformers or matching coils to rob transmitted or received power. For the highest S meter, choose a GAP Eagle.

Quin, K8QS
qschultze@...

2169. iHAB-10 Balloon Launch Announcement

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-05-06 21:21:02 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2169 Message: 2169

Courtesy WA0ITP - note "local times" quoted are Central Time. It should be relatively easy to find the balloon on 20 meters but there is no info on frequency nor how to report reception. I only received a message in plain text, so there are no "live" links.

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An Iowa High Altitude Balloon launch will take place this Friday in Iowa City, IA. Details below.

----- Original Message -----
From: W0OTM
To: W0OTM
Sent: Monday, May 06, 2013 1:34 PM
Subject: iHAB-10 Launch Announcement

iHAB-10 Launch Announcement

The iHAB Team is excited to announce the next launch of the iHAB Project! iHAB-10 is scheduled to launch Friday May 10, 2013 at 14:00Z (9AM Local). iHAB-10 is titled, "Lemme" for Lemme Elementary School, where the kindergarden class has designed and decorated 19 CanisterLabs. This launch will be a demonstration for the student, teachers, and parents.

Launch Date/Time
May 10th, 2013
Webcast: 13:ØØZ - 8AM Local Time
Launch: 14:ØØZ - 9AM Local Time

Launch Location
Lemme Elementary School
3100 E. Washington St.
Iowa City, IA 52236
N 41.6626, W -91.4875

Payload includes 19 CanisterLabs from the kindergarden students at Lemme Elementary School, a UHF/VHF CrossBand Repeater. Uplink: 446.000 PL:100 & Downlink 147.500. Everyone is invited to work contacts via the balloon while it is aloft. Expected range will be about 250 miles, so monitoring the downlink frequency will be easy with a modest antenna.

Visit http://www.ihabproject.com/iHAB-10/ for updated Flight News, and Launch Information.

=== The launch of iHAB-10 will be webcast LIVE starting at/around 8:00AM, so please plan to visit Mission Control. ===

http://www.ihabproject.com/iHAB-10/MissionControl/

20M CW Beacon Signal Reports - Spot Here
PLEASE SPOT ON CLUSTER

FlightComm:

a.. WØJV - Iowa City, IA
146.850 MHz -, No Tone
Echolink Node : NONE

a.. KCØTIK - Iowa City, IA
147.420 MHz -, PL: 192.8
IRLP Node : 3191

Telemetry & Tracking:

a.. APRS (legacy)
Balloon Telemetry-> HERE
Chase Vehicle Telemetry-> HERE
Both Telemetry-> HERE

Propulsion

600g He

Payload #1:

APRS - WØOTM-11
144.39Mhz
OpenTracker+
Alinco DJ-C7 - VHF/UHF 3ØØ/5ØØmw

UHF/VHF CrossBand Repeater

Uplink: 446.000Mhz PL:100

Downlink: 147.500Mhz
Signal Reports - Spot Here
PLEASE SPOT ON CLUSTER

GoPro® HD HERO 3
1080p HD video

Keep Looking Up!
Marshall Dias - W0OTM

2170. Meeting Site June 7 and Field Day Site, 2013

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-05-06 21:56:52 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2170 Message: 2170

QST QST calling all GRARA members and other interested hams.

The June 7 meeting of the GRARA will be held at the Field Day site, which is the Calvin College Ball fields and outdoor recreation facility. Access to this site is from East Paris Avenue SE, at East Campus Drive (Turn east off of East Paris), about 1 block north of Burton Avenue.

A map of the site may be found at http://goo.gl/maps/8YrBx

If you need directions, click on the line "directions" on the above map and enter your starting address.

Please bring a lawn chair or other seating. We will have a limited number of extra chairs, but not enough for the entire group.

Note that there is a large covered area near the concession and restroom facility, so we'll hold the meeting at the site, rain or shine. We plan to start at the usual time 6:30 for gathering, 7 p.m. for the business meeting. The "program" will be a discussion of the location of the rigs and antennas, and other details of field day.

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(Except we'll be running "low power" - or 100 watts or less during field day.)

2171. Re: Contact with KE7ABX

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-05-08 22:40:22 UTC
From: John Streyle
Topic: 2171 Message: 2171

Brad:
We'd be glad to qsl. GRARA has club qsl cards on hand.
John W8QZ

Sent from my iPad

On May 8, 2013, at 8:03 AM, Brad <dtwflyer15@...> wrote:

> Sir,
>
> Would it be ok for me to qsl our contact(W8DC) on Apr. 21st 2013? I will of course send with SASE.
> Thanks again for the contact sir. Your my first Kent Co. contact! 73
>
>
>
> Brad
> KE7ABX

2172. Hello.

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-05-11 03:46:18 UTC
From: pobox740
Topic: 2172 Message: 2172

Hello to all my friends back up north.
I have been down here in Tampa, fl for about 3 weeks, and no job yet.
I was promised one down here, but the powers that be decited not to higher me. Oh well....
I have made some contacts on the local 2-m repeters, and a few simplex nets, also.
I have herd from some down here, that if you go to Key west you can get in to a 2-m repeter in Cuba.
And all it takes, is a 25W rig, with a 5/8 wave ant.
May drivedown there after I get a job, and get some time off.
To all that will be in the 5/3 RBR, have fun.
73's
Timothy kb8afs

2173. Michigan Amateur Radio Week June 17 to 23 2013

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-05-16 15:28:44 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2173 Message: 2173

-------- Original Message --------
Subject: Michigan Section News May, 2013
Date: Thu, 16 May 2013 09:16:44 -0400 (EDT)
From: ARRL Members Only Web site <memberlist@...>
To: hgreeb@...

Greetings to the hams of Michigan,

Amateur Radio Week June 17 – 23, 2013

At the beginning of the month, I received word from our Public Information Officer Pat Mullet, KC8RTW that the Michigan Senate had adopted SR0039 which declares that the week of June 17 – 23 will be Amateur Radio Week in Michigan.

You can find the text of the resolution here:
http://www.legislature.mi.gov/(S(jw5rqkaldtxe2p45x1wuuk45))/mileg.aspx?page=getObject&objectName=2013-SR-0039doing

Thanks to Pat for doing a great job!

<snip>

2174. Eq for sale

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-05-17 20:04:39 UTC
From: k9hxo
Topic: 2174 Message: 2174

For sale:

ROHN H50 Telescopic Antenna Mast - this is a 43 ft. max pole which can be used for much greater strength at shorter height. I paid $140.00 plus shipping. Never been used.

Mast Section Dimensions are:
(1) 10'0" length x 1.25" O.D. (16 AWG)
(2) 9'10" length x 1.50" O.D. (18 AWG)
(3) 9'04" length x 1.75" O.D. (18 AWG)
(4) 8'10" length x 2.00" O.D. (18 AWG)
(5) 8'04" length x 2.25" O.D. (18 AWG)

The nested length is less than 12 ft. Pictures at 3starinc.com

Also,
6 50 ft. coils of 18ga. 6 strand guy wire - never used.

I'll consider reasonable offers.

73,
Bill K9HXO

2175. Museum Ships 2013

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-05-19 17:58:35 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2175 Message: 2175

Please post this notice on your club reflector or web site.

The Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club, KK5W is participating in this year's Museum Ships Weekend. June 1-2, 2013. Our call sign, KK5W will be credited as a contact with both WW II Submarine USS Cavalla and Destroyer Escort USS Stewart. Visit our web page for more information, www.bvarcmswe.org (http://www.bvarcmswe.org). We
will be operating from Seawolf Park in Galveston, Texas, NA-143.

Frequencies as follows:
SSB
7.260 MKHz
14.260 MHz
21.360 MHz
28.360 MHz

CW
7.039 Mhz
14,039 MHz
21.039 KHz
28,039 KHz

Amateur radio operators in the Galveston - Houston area are cordially invited to participate. You can sign up on the web page if you would like to operate KK5W during the event at Seawolf Park.

KK5W will also host two VHF Nets for Houston-Galveston amateurs to contact the local museum ships using the WA5CYI repeater 146.94 (-) PL 167.9 on Saturday and Sunday from 11AM - 1 PM Local time. We are anticipating the USS Texas (NA5DV), Elissa (N5E), and the Grandcamp/High Flyer Memorial (AC0TX) will be on the net.

Operation on OSCAR satellites is planned for daytime passes on Saturday, June 1.
A balloon launch is scheduled for Saturday morning,

For the second year, KK5W is sponsoring the Texas Navy Award.
This year's Texas Navy Fleet is expanded to include:
USS Cavalla and USS Stewart – KK5W
USS Texas – NA5DV
Tall Ship Elissa – N5E
USS Lexington – W5LEX
SS High Flyer and SS Grandcamp Memorial – AC0TX
National Museum of the Pacific War – N5P
For KK5W and AC0TX, one contact counts for both ships.

Provide evidence of two way communication (log extract) with at least four of the call signs during MSWE 2013 to earn the 2013 Texas Navy Certificate. Work all six to earn the coveted “Clean Sweep” endorsement. Visit our web page, www.bvarcmswe.org (http://www.bvarcmswe.org) for information on how to claim the certificate.

73,
Ron, K5HM
Event Coordinator
k5hm.ron@...
www.qrz.com/db/k5hm (http://www.qrz.com/db/k5hm)

2176. N24HC call for amateur radio, Saturday, June 15

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-05-23 01:04:54 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 2176 Message: 2176

To all Amateur Radio Operators

The National 24 Hour Challenge (N24HC) http://www.n24hc.org is a 126 1/2 mile bicycle route through Barry County that takes place on the day / Saturday before Fathers Day that attracts about 400 riders plus their support crews. Amateur Radio communications is an important part of the logistics of this annual event taking place this year on June 15. Communications positions are in need of volunteers for 4 check points and 3 vehicles (supplied with driver).

CHECK POINT 1, Lakewood Middle School, 8699 Brown Rd, west of Velte Rd., 9:15AM to 10:40AM - Reports to net control passing traffic from the check point to ground zero.
CHECK POINT 2, Baseline UM Church, south end of Barry County, 10:45 AM to 1:45PM - Reports to net control passing traffic from the check point to ground zero.
CHECK POINT 3, Delton Library, Delton, 11:00 AM to 3:35 PM - Reports to net control passing traffic from the check point to ground zero.
CHECK POINT 5, near Yankee Springs State Park (NOT in the park, no permit required), 1:30 PM to 4:45 PM first shift, 4:45 PM to 8 PM second shift - Reports to net control passing traffic from the check point to ground zero.
LEAD CAR, 7:30 AM to 12:45 PM. Vehicle and driver supplied.
SAG 1, 9AM to 2PM, vehicle and driver supplied.
SAG 2, 11AM to 6PM, vehicle and driver supplied.

The event coordinators provide shirts, limited refreshments, and Friday evening spaghetti dinner. Please contact the Ham Radio Communications Director if you are willing to help.
Jack Amelar NY8D
mailto:jamelar@...?subject=N24HC
Phone home (616)438-5412, cell (616)438-1464
Thanks

73 Jack NY8D

2177. WPX CW WQ8RP(N8XX) SOAB QRP

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-05-27 02:16:10 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2177 Message: 2177

CQWW WPX Contest, CW

Call: WQ8RP
Operator(s): N8XX
Station: KD8HNF

Class: SOAB QRP
QTH: MI
Operating Time (hrs): 22.5

Summary:
Band QSOs

160: 0
80: 0
40: 97
20: 214
15: 88
10: 16

Total: 415 Prefixes = 266 Total Score = 203,756

Club: Mad River Radio Club

Comments:

A learning experience, combined with lousy conditions, especially on 20, 15, 10 meters. Bob, KD8HNF had set up a remote operation on one of the higher hills in Ionia County (if you count anything in that county as "high") He has a spider beam and a G5RV antenna, and the place is generally quite quiet for RFI.

To improve the station, Bob bought a couple of "dedicated computer controlled boxes" one which plugs into the control head, and the other into the rig at the remote site. This effort didn't come to fruition until a day before the contest, so we both decided that physical QSY to the remote site was the best, since learning how the station under remote control works plus trying to compete in a could be disastrous.

In retrospect, it wouldn't have mattered much, because bands were very noisy, even on 20, 15, and 10 meters and propagation was "interesting" to say the very least. At first I thought something noisy was at the site, but in a few contacts with locals, they were having the same problem. And, the gods which control the ionosphere, (maybe the Egyptian Sun God Aten?) weren't smiling on us, and these bands were "rotten, miserable, to almost tolerable" in phases. All of them were

noisy on Saturday! The maximum length of a "run" after calling CQ for as long as 10 minutes might be 3 or 4 Q's. After the fact, it appears that very few of my signals made it above the noise level at the skimmers on the Reverse Beacon Network, because 2 dB above the noise level was typical, and 10 dB or higher was very seldom when looking at the history after the fact.

One other complication was that I saw a nice Compaq computer at the site, It has 2.6 GHz Pentium and 1 gig memory, more computing power than my Dell Laptop, and was right at the operating position. So, we loaded N1MM on it, hooked the TS-480-SAT to it and tested it. Initial testing was satisfactory, so it was "all go." Yup, "all go" until about 2 hours into the contest when it slooowwwweeeddd down to a crawl. Sending CW was very marginal, commands between the rig and the computer and vice versa took seconds. Rebooting the computer was the only thing which resolved the slowness. After a couple of these events, I looked a the Windows Task Manager and noted that much of the time 100% of the CPU capacity was being used. At that point I decided to take a break, brought out my trusty laptop, connected it to the TS-480 and never looked back.

So, even with a hex beam, which should have provided something like 6 dBd on 20/15/10, and a G5RV, similar to my inverted V at home, this year was less productive than last year. After the first evening, I decided that there was no way I was going to beat any records, So, plan "B"; went into effect. I used the motto my pappy told me, when I wasn't even knee high to a grasshopper, who always said, "Do the best you can with whatever you got."

High points was working Europe on 40 meters with a cloud warmer G5RV antenna, working several fellow club members who were various places in the Caribbean and having quite a few ops who know me asked "QRP? Hank" The final high point was when I worked a fellow QRP op Dale, WC7S out in Wyoming on 20 meters who was in a midst of what appeared to be a great run on the low end of the band. The camaraderie of these events makes up for the sometimes monotony of an hour of 10 contacts during lull in propagation.

Thanks to the organizers of CQ WPX. Thanks to all the folks who took time to pull my signal out of the noisy bands. (Of course, for most, if not all these contacts it gave a new multiplier, at least during the first contact on the first band!) Thanks to KD8HNF for the use of his remote site. And thanks to the Michigan QRP Club for the use of WQ8RP, the club call! Folks tell me that a "unique prefix" adds 10 dB to a signal, and, during this event, I needed every dB possible!

2178. Best place to buy a button silver oxide cell.

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-05-30 01:23:59 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2178 Message: 2178

I found an old calculator which had been given to me while I was consulting as Hg Consulting, Inc. The AG10 1.55 volt cell had been depleted, since it was last used well over 8 years ago.

I looked around places like Walmart,com, Meijer.com, etc. ratshack.com, etc., and find that they want what I consider an arm and a leg for a replacement. Any idea of an inexpensive local source for such an item? I generally could get an Eveready 357 (similar diameter but about twice as fat) for <$2.00 @ Wally world locally.

Yes, I know I "probably" could buy a 4 function calculator for <$5.00 but this one has sedimental value, so I'd like to revive it.

Thanks for the bandwidth.

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2179. Re: [GRARA] Best place to buy a button silver oxide cell.

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-05-30 03:12:14 UTC
From: R. Mark Barnett
Topic: 2178 Message: 2179

The Dollar Stretcher near 54th and Clyde Park (NE) has lots of button cells for $1.25... Most are Interstate brand and seem to work well for me... AG10 crosses to LR55 and LR1130... I can't say if they have them or not, but if you are near there it's a good place to get cheap button cells...
Mark B. N8PGV

--- On Wed, 5/29/13, Hank Greeb <n8xx@...> wrote:

From: Hank Greeb <n8xx@...>
Subject: [GRARA] Best place to buy a button silver oxide cell.
To: "GRARA Group" <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Date: Wednesday, May 29, 2013, 9:23 PM

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2180. Fwd: ARLB013 FCC Seeks Small Vanity Call Sign Fee Increase

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-05-30 16:30:23 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2180 Message: 2180

Dratz! Such outrageously large increases by FCC! :)

We need to complain to anyone willing to listen! :)

-------- Original Message --------
Subject: ARLB013 FCC Seeks Small Vanity Call Sign Fee Increase
Date: Thu, 30 May 2013 11:09:44 -0400 (EDT)
From: ARRL Web site <memberlist@...>
To: hgreeb@...

SB QST @ ARL $ARLB013
ARLB013 FCC Seeks Small Vanity Call Sign Fee Increase

ZCZC AG13
QST de W1AW
ARRL Bulletin 13 ARLB013
>From ARRL Headquarters
Newington CT May 30, 2013
To all radio amateurs

SB QST ARL ARLB013
ARLB013 FCC Seeks Small Vanity Call Sign Fee Increase

The FCC released a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) on May 23,
seeking to raise the fee for Amateur Radio vanity call signs by 20
cents. Currently, a vanity call sign costs $15 and is good for 10
years. The new fee, if approved, will go up to $15.20 for 10 years.
The FCC is authorized by the Communications Act of 1934, as amended
to collect vanity call sign fees to recover the costs associated
with that program. The NPRM can be found in PDF format at,
http://transition.fcc.gov/Daily_Releases/Daily_Business/2013/db0523/FCC-13-74A1.pdf

The vanity call sign fee has fluctuated over the 15 years of the
current program -- from a low of $11.70 in 2007 to a high of $70 (as
first proposed in the FCC's 1994 Report and Order). The FCC said it
anticipates some 14,300 Amateur Radio vanity call sign "payment
units," or applications, during the next fiscal year, collecting
$217,360 in fees from the program.

The vanity call sign regulatory fee is payable not only when
applying for a new vanity call sign, but also upon renewing a vanity
call sign. Those holding vanity call signs issued prior to 1993 are
exempt from having to pay the vanity call sign regulatory fee at
renewal, as Congress did not authorize the FCC to collect regulatory
fees until 1996. Such "heritage" vanity call sign holders do not
appear as vanity licensees in the FCC Amateur Radio database.

Amateur Radio licensees may file for renewal only within 90 days of their license expiration date. All radio amateurs must have an FCC Registration Number (FRN) before filing any application with the Commission. Applicants can obtain an FRN by going to the Universal Licensing System (ULS) and clicking on the "New Users: Register" link. You must supply your Social Security Number to obtain an FRN.

The ARRL VEC will process license renewals for vanity call sign holders for a modest fee. The service is available to ARRL members and nonmembers, although League members pay less. Routine, non-vanity renewals continue to be free of charge for ARRL members. Trustees of club stations with vanity call signs may renew either via the ULS or through a Club Station Call Sign Administrator, such as the ARRL VEC.

Visit the "Call Sign Renewals or Changes" web page at http://www.arrl.org/call-sign-renewals-or-changes for complete instructions on how to have the ARRL renew your license for you or for how to do it yourself.

License application and renewal information and links to the required forms are available on the FCC License Renewals web page at http://www.arrl.org/renewals. The FCC's forms page at http://www.fcc.gov/forms also offers the required forms.
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2181. IRA Hamfest Saturday June 1

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-05-30 17:14:33 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 2181 Message: 2181

The IRA Hamfest is this Saturday, June 1, at the Hudsonville
Fairgrounds, starting at 8AM. Friday and early Saturday vendor setup.
The Friday evening prior, 6:30, is "Ray's Road Kill Chili and Potluck Dinner"

Details / flyer at http://www.w8hvg.org/2013%20Hamfest.pdf

AS ALWAYS, GRARA members are encouraged to bring some items to sell at
the outside setup. Look for the Georgie Boy motorhome with grey cargo
trailer attached between the inside vendor buildings.

73 Jack NY8D

2182. NOAA Flood Advisory

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-05-30 18:06:59 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2182 Message: 2182

We should all hope that this is much less water than we had earlier in the month.

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Flood advisory

National weather service grand rapids mi

1129 am EDT THU MAY 30 2013

...the flood advisory is cancelled for the following river in Southwest lower Michigan...

Looking glass River near Eagle affecting Clinton county

...the flood advisory continues for the following rivers in southwest Lower Michigan...

Grand River at Ionia affecting Ionia county

Grand River at Lowell affecting Kent county

Maple River at Maple Rapids affecting Clinton county

Chippewa River below Mt Pleasant affecting Isabella county

...the National Weather Service in Grand Rapids has issued a flood advisory for the following rivers in southwest lower Michigan...

THORNAPPLE River above Hastings affecting Barry county

.The current weather is dominated by an approaching deep trough to the west. A round of showers and thunderstorms will come through this afternoon through tonight. This weather system will produce rainfall amounts ranging from a quarter to half an inch. The extended outlook is for more showers and storms on Friday and Saturday, some of which could be severe. The following forecast is based on observed and forecast 24 hour precipitation.

Precautionary/preparedness actions... Safety message... caution is urged when walking near riverbanks.

A flood advisory means minor flooding is possible and rivers are forecast to exceed bankfull.If you are in the advisory area remain alert to possible flooding or the possibility of the advisory being upgraded to a warning. Report observed flooding to local emergency services or law enforcement and request they pass this information on to the National Weather Service.

Stay tuned to further developments by listening to your local Radio,
Television or NOAA weather radio for further information.

2183. Callsign Equivalent(s) of "555" Telephone Numbers

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-06-01 01:30:41 UTC
From: unclefesterman
Topic: 2183 Message: 2183

Need this for my writing. Hollywood uses "555" numbers, and "Klondike" prefixes (for pre-1962-set films) to keep movie & TV watchers from calling the numbers. Is there an equivalent for amateur radio call signs? I can see someone looking up a call sign after watching a movie and calling them. . .

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Jerry
KD8SRH

2184. RE: [GRARA] Callsign Equivalent(s) of "555" Telephone Numbers

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-06-01 02:11:41 UTC
From: tomKD8DEG
Topic: 2183 Message: 2184

Hi Jerry,

Here is what you can not have for a call sign.

de KD8DEG Tom

"The following call signs are not available for assignment:

1.KA2AA-KA9ZZ, KC4AAA-KC4AAF, KC4USA-KC4USZ, KG4AA-KG4ZZ, KC6AA-KC6ZZ, KL9KAA- KL9KHZ, KX6AA-KX6ZZ;

2.Any call sign having the letters SOS or QRA-QUZ as the suffix;

3.Any call sign having the letters AM-AZ as the prefix (these prefixes are assigned to other countries by the ITU);

4.Any 2-by-3 format call sign having the letter X as the first letter of the suffix;

5.Any 2-by-3 format call sign having the letters AF, KF, NF, or WF as the prefix and the letters EMA as the suffix (U.S Government FEMA stations);

6.Any 2-by-3 format call sign having the letters AA-AL as the prefix;

7.Any 2-by-3 format call sign having the letters NA-NZ as the prefix;

8.Any 2-by-3 format call sign having the letters WC, WK, WM, WR, or WT as the prefix (Group X call signs);

9.Any 2-by-3 format call sign having the letters KP, NP or WP as the prefix and the numeral 0, 6, 7, 8 or 9;

10.Any 2-by-2 format call sign having the letters KP, NP or WP as the prefix and the numeral 0, 6, 7, 8 or 9;

11.Any 2-by-1 format call sign having the letters KP, NP or WP as the prefix and the numeral 0, 6, 7, 8 or 9;

12.Call signs having the single letter prefix (K, N or W), a single digit numeral 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and a single letter suffix are reserved

From: GRARA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:GRARA@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of unclefesterman
Sent: Friday, May 31, 2013 9:31 PM
To: grara@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [GRARA] Callsign Equivalent(s) of "555" Telephone Numbers

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2185. RE: [GRARA] Callsign Equivalent(s) of "555" Telephone Numbers

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-06-01 02:13:03 UTC
From: tomKD8DEG
Topic: 2183 Message: 2185

Hi Again Jerry,

Here is the whole thing regarding call signs.

de KD8DEG Tom

http://www.radioqth.net/howtofile.aspx

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2186. Fwd: [CQCLIST] Hear our CQC Field Day announcement over KGNU radio Boulder/Denver

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-06-01 08:57:38 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2186 Message: 2186

Anyone with contacts at WGVU radio or Michigan Radio (WVGR, and others)? Perhaps we could get a public service announcement about our Field Day on one or both of these radio stations similar to what the Colorado QRP Club recently had on their KGNU public radio station?

Just an idea - maybe we don't need much of an "inside contact," but I've not had any contact with either of these public broadcast stations except for occasional donations of $$'s.

Advice, Please

72/73 de n8xx Hg
QRP >99.44% of the time

-------- Original Message --------
Subject: [CQCLIST] Hear our CQC Field Day announcement over KGNU radio Boulder/Denver
Date: Fri, 31 May 2013 21:40:29 -0600
From: Roger J. Wendell <rogerwendell@...>
To: cqclist@yahoogroups.com

CQC Will receive Field Day bonus points for appearing in the media - this was broadcast on 88.5 FM and 1390 AM this morning (Friday, May 31st):

http://cqc.org/audio/field_day/kgnu_roger_wendell_cqc_arrl_field_day_05-31-2013.mp3

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Roger J. Wendell - WB?JNR

2187. Field Day Details!

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-06-01 22:32:09 UTC
From: sprovost
Topic: 2187 Message: 2187

Hello, I am setting up the wireless network so we can have all contest activity recorded automatically.
I believe we used N1MM last year?
Are we using the same software this year?
How many stations are we going to have this year?
I will not be able to be at the meeting next Friday, but will check out the area earlier in the day.

thanks
Stephen KC8WQL

2188. W8DC.org has a trojan script on most of the pages

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-06-01 22:34:49 UTC
From: sprovost
Topic: 2188 Message: 2188

Hello, today when I tried accessing the pages on the w8dc.org website, my Kaspersky 2013 AV showed the following information and refused to let me access the web page:

access denied

http://www.w8dc.org/grr_tech_corner/tech_corner.htm
http://www.w8dc.org/grr_events/events.htm
http://www.w8dc.org/grr_photo_gallery/photo_gallery.htm
http://www.w8dc.org/grr_links/information_links.htm
http://www.w8dc.org/grr_license_testing/license_testing.htm
http://www.w8dc.org/grr_faq/faq.htm
http://www.w8dc.org/grr_contesting/contesting.htm
http://www.w8dc.org/grr_about_us/about_us.htm

all pages listed above are
infected by HEUR:Trojan.Script.Generic

I noted that the home page and the articles page did not have a trojan link

Can someone let our webmaster know this?

Thanks
Stephen KC8WQL

2189. Re: [GRARA] Field Day Details!

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-06-02 02:08:04 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2187 Message: 2189

Hi Stephen:

We are working to have 2 SSB stations, 1 VHF station, 1 CW station and a GOTA station. The GOTA station will have its own call, so it won't be networked. We will be using N1MM software.

If you'd like, I could join you earlier Friday at the site or some day earlier during the day and give you an idea of the general layout. We won't know exact details until we finish the meeting, but the general layout should be enough for you to work on. We should plan to get together at least one evening before field day to get all the computers working on the network.

Since you're the computer expert, please advise you schedule so we can work with you on an evening to get the network set up and going.

72/73 de n8xx Hg
QRP >99.44% of the time
Except for Field day!

On 6/1/2013 6:32 PM, sprovost wrote:
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> Stephen KC8WQL

2190. Re: W8DC.org has a trojan script on most of the pages

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-06-02 17:01:33 UTC
From: ka5s
Topic: 2188 Message: 2190

Vipre does not see these. False alarms are, alas, not uncommon. Check out
http://media.kaspersky.com/documents/business/misc/Kaspersky_Internet_Security_2013_AV-Test_Report.pdf

Cortland
KA5S

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> http://www.w8dc.org/grr_photo_gallery/photo_gallery.htm
> http://www.w8dc.org/grr_links/information_links.htm
> http://www.w8dc.org/grr_license_testing/license_testing.htm
> http://www.w8dc.org/grr_faq/faq.htm
> http://www.w8dc.org/grr_contesting/contesting.htm
> http://www.w8dc.org/grr_about_us/about_us.htm
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> Thanks
> Stephen KC8WQL
>

2192. Re:W8DC.org has been taken down, rebuilt and restored.

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-06-02 18:03:05 UTC
From: Mike W8DER
Topic: 2188 Message: 2192

Thanks Cortand,

We don't take these things lightly. When we got the concern last night,
we took the site off-line, rebuilt it from the appropriate backup and
put it back on-line. Retest shows no problems at all.

There is too much going on in June to have any concerns about the website.

See you at field day.... Life is good!

Mike@...
Webmaster

On 6/2/2013 1:01 PM, ka5s wrote:
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> Vipre does not see these. False alarms are, alas, not uncommon. Check out
> http://media.kaspersky.com/documents/business/misc/Kaspersky_Internet_Security_2013_AV-Test_Report.pdf
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> Cortland
> KA5S
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2193. 1st Annual LARC Fox Hunt - Saturday, June 8th, 2013 - 12:00pm-2:00pm

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-06-03 14:59:56 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 2193 Message: 2193

From: Michael Wolthuis KB8ZGL
Subject: 1st Annual LARC Fox Hunt - June 8th, 2013 - 12:00pm-2:00pm

The 1st Annual Lowell Amateur Radio Club Fox hunt will be held this Saturday from 12:00pm-2:00pm. All are welcome.

The initial hunt will be a short drive and then on foot in Lowell, MI (within 1 mile of the starting location). Then a second frequency will be given to those as they arrive for the intermediate hunt which is within 3 miles of the location.

We will be using Automated tracker boxes for the hunt, but also providing voice and clues along the way as time goes on.

The starting point is the FROM (Flat River Outreach Ministry) building located at:
11535 Fulton St. E.
Lowell, MI 49331

The hunt will start following the LARC monthly meeting, which should be 12pm. Anyone who wishes may show up at 10AM to join in the LARC monthly meeting, but this is not required.

We are very excited about the hunt. Frequency information will be provided to all who arrive at FROM when their mileage is given. Hunt will be based on mileage, not time to complete.

Questions?

Sincerely,
Mike Wolthuis - KB8ZGL - The Intermediate Fox - LARC Treasurer
kb8zgl at kb8zgl dot net

2194. VHF on a Hill Saturday

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-06-05 20:17:37 UTC
From: Bryan Leenheer
Topic: 2194 Message: 2194

It's the June VHF Contest this weekend. The rules are here:
http://www.arrl.org/june-vhf

This year the ARRL has made it even better to play radio in the Very High Frequencies and up; they added a new category for 3-band operation on 6, 2, and 70cm, just like the popular FT817, 857, 897, TS-2000, and IC-7000 radios have built in! This is on top of the FM only category, for our Technicians and other operators who don't have all-mode capability. Just remember to keep it on Simplex!

I will be (if the weather stays nice) climbing to the top of Mt. Baldhead in Saugatuck (Grid Square EN62vp) with my HT and a 6 meter antenna, operating in the Single Operator Portable category, for as long as my batteries last. I welcome anybody who feels like braving the 308 steps to the top to stop by and visit; and really welcome contacts from all amateur operators in the area.

My HT is only capable of 2 watts out, but it does handle 144, 222, and 440 bands I'll be scanning the simplex frequencies, listening for anyone calling. The TS-2000 will be limited to 10 watts out, and most likely just being used for 6 meters SSB, but if I finish my antenna project will also have 2 meters SSB.

Thanks, and I hope to hear from you this weekend!

Bryan Leenheer, KD8LDX

2195. The ARRL VHF Contest this weekend.

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-06-06 01:36:00 UTC
From: K8TB
Topic: 2195 Message: 2195

From Bryan, KD8LDX:

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Bryan will be operating portable from the 300+ step climb at Mt. Baldhead in saugatuck.

Meanwhile up north, Jim, K8JH, Bob, WB8CCV and Tom, K8TB will be in the far eastern edge of the UP by this time tomorrow night, in the rare grid of EN86. We will be on the air as soon as possible, and certainly for the VHF contest. SSB should be 50.186.

More information:

http://www.k8tb.org/en86/EN86.htm

73 de tom K8TB

2196. Remember, meeting tonight @ Calvin College ball fields

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-06-06 16:39:39 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2196 Message: 2196

Yep, the regular meeting of the Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association will be held @ a different location. The meeting location is at the ball fields owned by Calvin College, just north of Burton Street off Paris Avenue, SE.

The meeting will start at 7 p.m. After the business part, the "program" will be a discussion of Field Day, 2013.

Please bring a lawn chair or similar if possible. We will have a few extras, but cannot provide chairs for all. Note, there is cover in case of rain, so don't be afraid of a little precipitation!

72/73 de n8xx Hg
QRP >99.44% of the time

2197. Re: [GRARA] Remember, meeting tonight @ Calvin College ball fields

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-06-06 17:31:40 UTC
From: Jack Kunnen
Topic: 2196 Message: 2197

Meeting is tomorrow - Friday, 7 June

Jack, AB8ND

On Jun 6, 2013, at 12:39 PM, Hank Greeb wrote:

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2198. Re: [GRARA] Remember, meeting TOMORROW NIGHT (FRIDAY) @ Calvin College ball fields

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-06-06 18:45:33 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2196 Message: 2198

Thanks, Jack, I must be anticipating a great event tomorrow!

On 6/6/2013 1:31 PM, Jack Kunnen wrote:
> Meeting is _tomorrow_ - Friday, 7 June
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> Jack, AB8ND
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2199. I survied ANDREA.

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-06-06 21:58:46 UTC
From: pobox740
Topic: 2199 Message: 2199

Greetings from Tampa, FL.
It is 21:50 UTC/17:50 EST in Tampa, FL, and the worst of ANDREA is over.
I checked into the local ARES/RACES net on the 147.105+ system. (146.2 PLL)
Did have a Tornado in my area, but nothing much to report.
In my area, there is some minor damage and street flooding, but not much beyond that.
Hope to have a place to set up radios soon.
73's Timothy Courtier
kb8afs/4

2200. Re: [GRARA] I survied ANDREA.

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-06-07 02:25:35 UTC
From: Bob Robinson
Topic: 2199 Message: 2200

Hello Tim, any luck finding a job.

Hot is the normal weather.

Bo
On Jun 6, 2013 5:58 PM, "pobox740" <pobox740@...> wrote:

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2201. First Field Day For Me

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-06-07 04:30:34 UTC
From: unclefesterman
Topic: 2201 Message: 2201

Title says it all. I have no HF equipment, just my Chinese 2m/440 handheld. What should I expect, what do I bring, what's there to do, how can I be useful, do I bring food FRI/SAT, etc.

Jerry KD8SRH

"Got a Chinese radio and can't understand a word that comes out of it"

2202. Re: [GRARA] First Field Day For Me

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-06-07 04:52:29 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2201 Message: 2202

Jerry:

Welcome to Field day! You are a prime candidate to be helper to set up and operate the GOTA station, which means G)et O)n T)he A)ir Station. We will have an "Elmer" in charge, to show you the ropes, how the station is set up, how it works, how a typical contact or two goes, and then you can operate. If you get the hang of operating the GOTA station, you can advance to one of the two SSB stations and make even more contacts. (There's a limit of 50 or 100 Q's, I do believe, for one operator on the GOTA station - I'll have a copy of the rules at tomorrow's meeting.)

You can be useful in helping to set up the GOTA station, so, if you can be at the site sometime between 9 and 10 a.m. on Saturday the 22 June, there will be plenty to do. You aren't obliged to be present when we start setting up, but the more the merrier. As someone said, "Many hands makes for light work!" Bring yourself, any soft drinks or juice you care to have. We'll have water, and probably some snacks. There are quite a few restaurants close to Calvin college on East Beltline near 28th Street for lunch, or you might bring a sandwich or something. Evening meal is some sort of Box lunch or maybe pizza, or other food courtesy of the local chapter of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineering (IEEE).

Please, do NOT be shy. Come as early as you can, stay as long as you wish, operate by all means. I remember the very first Field Day I attended. My buddy and I, budding novices at the time, had a ball. You only learn by doing, so jump in with all four feet flailing, and make a splash!

CU tomorrow evening and on Field Day Weekend.

72/73 de n8xx Hg
QRP >99.44% of the time
(Except for Field day, when, because I'm outvoted, we'll be running 100 watts out)

On 6/7/2013 12:30 AM, unclefesterman wrote:
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2203. RE: [GRARA] First Field Day For Me

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-06-07 06:05:54 UTC
From: tomKD8DEG
Topic: 2201 Message: 2203

Jerry,

As long as there is a General or higher grade licensed ham on site as the main control operator of the station, you can operate on the HF bands.

KD8DEG Tom

From: GRARA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:GRARA@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of unclefesterman
Sent: Friday, June 07, 2013 12:31 AM
To: grara@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [GRARA] First Field Day For Me

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Jerry KD8SRH

"Got a Chinese radio and can't understand a word that comes out of it"

2204. Re:Field Day meeting tonight

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-06-07 13:06:41 UTC
From: David DeVos
Topic: 2204 Message: 2204

Will not be able to make the meeting tonight. Playing bass at festival. But still planning on being the VHF station captain - Do we need my 5KW generator?
 Dave
http://www.davedevos.com

2205. Re: First Field Day For Me

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-06-07 16:13:57 UTC
From: unclefesterman
Topic: 2201 Message: 2205

I've been General Class since November; I just don't have any HF equipment besides general-coverage receivers. SO, this should be fun!

Jerry KD8SRH

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> Subject: [GRARA] First Field Day For Me
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> Title says it all. I have no HF equipment, just my Chinese 2m/440 handheld.
> What should I expect, what do I bring, what's there to do, how can I be
> useful, do I bring food FRI/SAT, etc.
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> Jerry KD8SRH
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> "Got a Chinese radio and can't understand a word that comes out of it"
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2206. GACW WWSA N8XX SOAB QRP

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-06-09 21:29:07 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2206 Message: 2206

GACW WWSA CW DX Contest

Call: N8XX
Operator(s): N8XX
Station: N8XX

Class: SOAB QRP
QTH: MICHIGAN
Operating Time (hrs): 4

Summary:
Band QSOs Zones Countries

80: 0
40: 1
20: 15
15: 6
10: 0

Total: 22 12 15 Total Score = 1,647

Club: Mad River Radio Club

Comments:

Got in late, 20 was marginal, 40 never "came up" worked a couple W's for
Zones 4 and 5. 15 started coming up but had to leave. Nice contest,
light version of CQWW! Thanks to the organizers.

2207. Internet Radio Protocols

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-06-10 10:24:49 UTC
From: Doug Luurs
Topic: 2207 Message: 2207

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what is the differences/advantages each of them?

Is there a popular one in the West Michigan area?

Thanks all ..

'73 N8ZUU

Doug

2208. Re: [GRARA] Internet Radio Protocols

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-06-13 02:07:46 UTC
From: streyle.j@...
Topic: 2207 Message: 2208

Doug:

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W8QZ

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To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Monday, June 10, 2013 5:24:49 AM
Subject: [GRARA] Internet Radio Protocols

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2210. Re: [GRARA] Internet Radio Protocols

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-06-13 15:08:13 UTC
From: Michael Wolthuis
Topic: 2207 Message: 2210

One additional thought:
Note that MotoTrbo radios are single band only (UHF, VHF or 900mhz). A D-star radio you can get in dual band. So, if you are after analog dual band and digital dual band I would checkout the D-STAR Icom products.

http://www.icomamerica.com/en/products/amateur/dstar/dstar/default.aspx

The 80-AD and 92-AD are great radios!

Mike
kb8zgl

From: <streyle.j@...>
Reply-To: "GRARA@yahoogroups.com" <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Date: Wednesday, June 12, 2013 10:07 PM
To: "GRARA@yahoogroups.com" <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Subject: Re: [GRARA] Internet Radio Protocols

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2211. Re: [GRARA] Internet Radio Protocols

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-06-15 13:53:51 UTC
From: sfkaney@...
Topic: 2207 Message: 2211

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Sent from Yahoo! Mail for iPhone

2212. Re: [GRARA] Internet Radio Protocols

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-06-15 18:22:51 UTC
From: Michael Wolthuis
Topic: 2207 Message: 2212

Have you used any of the reflectors??? Lots of people on the reflectors for D-Star. West Michigan is maybe a bit quiet locally, but lots of people on the REF and XRF reflectors!

There is a great book out there I will have to find the title of on D-Star.

Maybe we should do a presentation on D-Star reflectors and call sign routing and stuff.
Mike
kb8zgl

From: <sfkaney@...>
Reply-To: "GRARA@yahoogroups.com" <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Date: Saturday, June 15, 2013 9:53 AM
To: "streyle.j@..." <streyle.j@comcast.net>,
"GRARA@yahoogroups.com" <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Subject: Re: [GRARA] Internet Radio Protocols

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Sent from Yahoo! Mail for iPhone

From: streyle.j@comcast.net <streyle.j@...>;
To: <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>;
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Sent: Thu, Jun 13, 2013 2:07:46 AM

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2213. field day points for having emcom people visit

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-06-16 02:04:47 UTC
From: sprovost
Topic: 2213 Message: 2213

Came across this information that some may already know about:

Stephen

Field Day for ARES Readiness:
The purpose of Field day is to prove that Amateur Radio can work in less than optimal conditions - and using emergency power.
These conditions might very well be present in a real emergency.

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We have a check list for Volunteers that do agency visits and a form: "Red Cross Served Agency" visit. Drop me an email if you want a copy. You will have to tailor to your chapter or region
Kevin
American Red Cross of Central Texas

2214. Re: [GRARA] field day points for having emcom people visit

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-06-16 02:20:52 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2213 Message: 2214

Would a "visit" by Joe, WD8USA, or Jim, KD8CAN qualify as a "representative" of Red Cross?

On 6/15/2013 10:04 PM, sprovost wrote:

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Yahoo! Groups Links

<*> To visit your group on the web, go to:
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/GRARA/

<*> Your email settings:
Individual Email | Traditional

<*> To change settings online go to:
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/GRARA/join
(Yahoo! ID required)

<*> To change settings via email:
GRARA-digest@yahoogroups.com
GRARA-fullfeatured@yahoogroups.com

<*> To unsubscribe from this group, send an email to:
GRARA-unsubscribe@yahoogroups.com

<*> Your use of Yahoo! Groups is subject to:
http://docs.yahoo.com/info/terms/

2215. Field Day Network status

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-06-17 01:01:49 UTC
From: sprovost
Topic: 2215 Message: 2215

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I will post more details monday night June 17th via this yahoo group.
thanks
stephen

2216. Re: field day points for having emcom people visit

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-06-17 01:05:14 UTC
From: sprovost
Topic: 2213 Message: 2216

Hank: thanks, I am not sure on what qualifies who from Red Cross counts.
I have asked Chip from the Red cross if he could stop by for a quick visit saturday or sunday.
I will post his answer to this group.
stephen

2217. Ham in the news.

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-06-17 02:31:52 UTC
From: pobox740
Topic: 2217 Message: 2217

Here is something that I found.
http://www.sun-sentinel.com/news/broward/fl-hurricane-ham-radio-operators-20130615,0,2956074.story
Timothy kb8afs.

2218. Anyone on Speaking terms with a Government Official?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-06-17 02:40:48 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2218 Message: 2218

Such as a Grand Rapids Councilman, or a Kent County Trustee, or other elected offical? We can get 100 added points if we get an elected official to visit our site.

From the rules:

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Please let us know.

Thanks es 73 de n8xx Hg

2219. RE: [GRARA] Field Day Network status

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-06-17 22:50:13 UTC
From: sfkaney@...
Topic: 2215 Message: 2219

Which version are you running now? I updated to theatest just before June VHF. It might be a week old by now

Sent from Yahoo! Mail for iPhone

2220. RE: [GRARA] Anyone on Speaking terms with a Government Official?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-06-17 22:56:48 UTC
From: sfkaney@...
Topic: 2218 Message: 2220

County ARES EC should still count but I know this is more of a RACES area. I used to be an AEC and they would count me

Sent from Yahoo! Mail for iPhone

2221. Field Day

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-06-18 01:36:10 UTC
From: pobox740
Topic: 999 Message: 2221

Hello to all my ham friends in West Michigan.
I will be joining the Tampa ARC for field day this weekend.
The Tampa club call is N4TB.
I will be SSB op from 23:00-01:00 (7:00 P.M.-9:00 P.M.)Saturday night.
If interested in trying for a contact, please email me.
kb8afs@...
73's and good luck in the contest.
Timothy kb8afs

2222. Re: [GRARA] Anyone on Speaking terms with a Government Official?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-06-18 02:30:12 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2218 Message: 2222

We are looking for a local, state, or congressional elected (NOT volunteer) official. We used to have a great "in" with our former Congressional Rep who was a former professor at Calvin College and had a PhD in Physics. He came over the first year we were @ Calvin.

72/73 de n8xx Hg

On 6/17/2013 6:56 PM, sfkaney@... wrote:

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From: Hank Greeb ;
To: GRARA Group ;
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Sent: Mon, Jun 17, 2013 2:40:48 AM

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2223. From the Memorandum of Understanding between Red Cross and ARRL

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-06-18 03:11:03 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2223 Message: 2223

Page 4 of 11 available at http://www.arrl.org/files/media/News/ARRL-ARC_MoU.pdf

ARRL Field Day: The Red Cross will encourage all chapters to participate in ARRL Field Day, the Simulated Emergency Test (SET) and other emergency exercises. Participation may take many forms, including Red Cross officials visiting and touring sites to better understand the capabilities of local ARRL volunteers and ARES® units, or the joint use of Red Cross equipment such as vehicles or trailers.

Perhaps one or more of the paid staff and the volunteer leaders of the Disaster Relief @ 1050 Fuller might be appraised of the fact the Red Cross National encourages the chapters to Participate in Field day, and at very least, have one of them show up @ our Field Day site?

Would this be too much to ask?

72/73 de n8xx Hg
QRP >99.44% of the time

2224. Re: [GRARA] Field Day Network status

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-06-18 03:14:44 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2215 Message: 2224

Typically the "latest" version of N1MM comes out a day or two prior to
the next big contest. I'd expect to see a new version sometime between
Wednesday and Friday of this week. Keep your eyes and ears open.

Stephen should have the latest info - and if there's a newer version
after Wednesday evening, he'll probably have the latest update on a
flash drive so ensure that the same version is used by everyone.

72/73 de n8xx Hg
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On 6/17/2013 6:50 PM, sfkaney@... wrote:
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2225. Re: Anyone on Speaking terms with a Government Official?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-06-18 12:23:31 UTC
From: ka5s
Topic: 2218 Message: 2225

mayor@...
Phone: 616.456.3168

Carl Levin
110 Michigan Street NW, Suite 720
Grand Rapids, MI 49503 | 616.456.2531

Debbie Stabenow
3280 E. Beltline Court NE, Suite 400
Grand Rapids, MI 49525 | 616.975.0052

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Grand Rapids, MI 49503 | 616.451.8383

for more see http://www.grandrapids.org/wm-elected

Ron Fredericks KD8DMR posted the following on the IEEE mailing list:

Grand Rapids Area Radio “Hams” to Hold Annual Field Day June 23 and 24th and the West Michigan Section is Invited for a Saturday Evening Picnic and Demo

The West Michigan Section IEEE will be joining the Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association for a Saturday Evening Picnic during the latter’s annual Field Day which takes place Saturday and Sunday June 22 and 23. See the attached public announcement. The location is the Gainey Athletic Field on the east side of Calvin College campus in Grand Rapids. The general public is invited to drop by anytime from 2 P.M. Saturday the 22nd to noon Sunday the 23rd for a very educational demo of how hams conduct emergency communications using generators or alternate energy and makeshift (and not-so makeshift) antennas. However all WMS-IEEE members and their guests are specially invited to a 5:30 P.M. Saturday picnic with the GRARA operators at the athletic complex east of the Prince Conference Center. At that time the Section will serve a picnic dinner consisting of pizza (both regular and deep-dish), appetizers, salad, and pop and fruit dessert.

The Section will supply everything for this combination technical and social event. All you have to do is let WMS IEEE Secretary Ron Fredricks (and radio amateur operator extra class operator K8DMR) know you are coming. If you are bringing a non-IEEE guest there will be a charge of $5 otherwise there is no cost for this last event before the Section goes dormant for the summer. Please call or E-mail Ron with you RSVP by Tuesday June 18th at 616-608-5992 (home office) or ron_fredricks@... (underscore between the first and last name).

Visitors should access the complex via the Calvin east gate off of East Paris and north of Burton Street between Burton and Lake Drive (the west gate adjacent to the Prince

Conference Center will probably be closed). Look for us by the Field House building. A map of the campus is available at www.calvin.edu/map . The exact address for the Gainey Athletic complex is 1661 East Paris Ave SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546.

Looking forward to seeing many of you at 5:30 (or before) on the 22nd. Come early and stay late as we will have 5 HF and VHF/UHF stations running for the contest. One of them will be a special "Get on the Air" station for non-licensed or new hams which will allow you to make some actual contest contacts under the supervision of a licensed amateur.

2226. Re: Field Day Network status

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-06-19 05:48:49 UTC
From: sprovost
Topic: 2215 Message: 2226

Hello, sorry for the delay in reply.
I finally got seven nodes working for hsmm-mesh.
I will be at the red cross on fuller around 7pm still working on the nodes.
Please bring the computer or laptop you want to use so we can test the configuration.
thanks
Stephen

ps-I have the latest N1MM updates as well.

--- In GRARA@yahoogroups.com, "sprovost" <stprovost@...> wrote:
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2227. Field Day, Saturdy, June 24

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-06-20 03:59:35 UTC
From: n8xxham
Topic: 2227 Message: 2227

Please don't forget field day is this weekend. Come out and operate or just to visit. We will have 2 voice stations on HF, 1 CW station on HF, one VHF stations on multiple bands, 6 meters to Daylight, (If I remember the list of bands upon which KF8QL can operate) and a 'Get on the Air' voice/CW station under the tutelage of K8DMR..

Location: Calvin College Ball Fields - official address is 1631 (?) Paris Avenue SE, Grand Rapids, which is on the west side of Paris avenue about 1 city block north of Burton St SE. The gate @ Paris avenue will be open during our event, BUT the gate near the Prince Conference Center will more than likely be closed.

We will begin setup as soon as possible after 9 a.m. Saturday, June 24. Bring a lunche (or there are plenty of restaurants at which to eat within a mile or so of the site).

Saturday 2 pm: Start operating all stations.

Saturday around 6 p.m. - The IEEE will be providing a dinner (pizza and trimmings, if memory serves correctly). We will be joined by some 20, 30, or more IEEE members, so be on your best behaviour! :) Thanks to Ron, K8DMR,and the local IEEE chapter for this kind gesture!

Sunday morning - anyone who has stayed overnight is welcome to breakfast @ the Prince Conference Center. If like last year, it will be a great breakfast!

Sunday around Noonish - Start tearing down any stations which are not being used.

Sunday 2pm: On the air OPERATION ENDS. Tear down everything. We will need plenty of help!!!!

NOTE: As many have said, this is NOT a contest, but should be, could be a great Training Operation. If you haven't operated Field Day for several years, The GOTA (Get on the Air) station is just for you. If you're familiar with operating - but not in a contest - and prefer SSB, check with the chief op of either of the SSB Stations. If you like CW, we'll have a setup just for you! Remember, you do NOT have to be a contest Wizard to participate in Field Day - just come out AND actually make a few contacts!

Let's plan to have a great time - work some stations, and hope we don't have to dodge too many raindrops and/or lightning bolts! As with most Field Day's in the past, we have ~50% probability of thunderstorms, high in the mid to high 80's, and high humidity for Saturday and Sunday. But, there's lots of fun and camaraderie to be had with this

event.

So, come one, come all!

72/73 de n8xx Hg
QRP >99.44% of the time
Except for Field Day, 2013

2228. Field Day VHF Contacts Wanted! 146.55 FM /144.200 USB / 50.125 USB

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-06-21 16:24:01 UTC
From: David
Topic: 2228 Message: 2228

Hello Fellow Amateurs!

At the 2013 GRARA Field Day event, I will be leading the efforts on VHF/UHF. I would love to have a contact from everyone from their home stations to test our readiness to communicate.

On VHF, we will be monitoring 146.55 and calling "CQ" on that frequency on the top and bottom of each hour. Please get on FM to give us a contact!

We will also be operating on VHF SSB, and calling CQ on the calling frequency 144.200 USB. Please give me a call there if you can as well.

On 6 meters, I will be operating on the call frequency of 50.125 USB.

We startup operations at 2:00 on Saturday so grab that handheld, or base station or mobile radio, and get on the air!!!

73 de Dave - KF8QL

2229. Solar Bonus

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-06-21 18:44:38 UTC
From: sfkaney@...
Topic: 2229 Message: 2229

I am unable to charge up the battery using the solar panel due to the overcast and it looks like I won't be able to do so tomorrow. I am only getting about 10V out of the panel which isn't enough to drive the charger

Sent from Yahoo! Mail for iPhone

2230. Re: [GRARA] Solar Bonus

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-06-21 20:33:32 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2229 Message: 2230

We only need to make 5 Q's to get the solar bonus. Never fear, Old Sol will reappear, at least give enough light to charge a battery for 5 Q's. Otherwise, shine a flood light on it to charge ::)

72/73 de n8xx Hg
QRP >99.44% of the time
Sent from My Cray computer

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2231. Re: Solar Bonus

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-06-24 09:23:30 UTC
From: ka5s
Topic: 2229 Message: 2231

I didn't do much operating at this FD, but I did charge a SLA battery and managed seven "natural power" CW contacts, so we have that bonus.

That battery came in handy once we learned that the high noise level at the CW position was coming via (but not necessarily FROM) the wireless router connection. Going to battery power for the router cut it from S9 to S3.

Cortland

2232. Critique Please for FD 2013

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-06-24 21:36:59 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2232 Message: 2232

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Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-06-24 23:34:38 UTC
From: RMoe@...
Topic: 2232 Message: 2233

Hank,
I had a great time, Enjoyed meeting new people and talking and working with friends. There were a few bumps but they become learning events. One thing I learned that at my age it is easy to get heat stroke, should not to get over heated and drink lots of water. O`well can`t wait till next year.
Thanks Hank for your leadership.
73 Bob AC8ZX

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Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-06-24 23:42:51 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2232 Message: 2234

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From: streyle.j@...
Topic: 2232 Message: 2235

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From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2232 Message: 2236

Thanks John, for the comments:

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You may have noticed that there were an abundance of "naturally occurring antenna supports surrounding the area where we were permitted to operate.

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Thanks everyone - looking forward to next year. KF8QL

2241. Re: [GRARA] Re: Critique Please for FD 2013

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-06-26 04:55:44 UTC
From: Steven Kaney
Topic: 2232 Message: 2241

Spending $8.95 for a USB to CIV/CAT/... cable makes a world of difference with N1MM.
KD8HNF turned me on to a place to buy both CIV and CAT cables for cheap but now rig runner cables have dropped in price to compete. Then the program knows what the radio is doing and visa versa. Change one and the other follows. You can even work 'assisted' through the net - click on a spot and its tuned on the radio, band, mode, freq and all and all the spots show on one of the aux windows. Even without 'assisted' it marks all the freqs where you found a station and colors it differently depending on whether you logged it or not so you can come back and work them later. Thats way better than MPW/MPR. Pretty #@^% cool.
If we got really sophisticated we could have a SWL station on our net making spots that a hunt and peck station can quickly grab. (I tried to work the VHF but couldn't figure out your paper logs and didn't know what had been worked and
what hadn't so I didn't contribute much).

There are cables for pretty much all the modern radios including your IC-706, your Yeasu 817 and even the Ten Tecs and Elecrafts. Dont know if the older Kenwood 440, etc, can be interfaced or not. I think there is even a work around for using transverters using the multi-radio feature but I haven't had a need to figure that out.

I agree the location was better than the other calvin site or the site by GVSU in that we werent blasting our signal into the side of a building, but we had better antennas last year.

de N7MUT/8

From: David <kf8ql@...>
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:52 PM
Subject: [GRARA] Re: Critique Please for FD 2013

--- In GRARA@yahoogroups.com, Hank Greeb <n8xx@...> wrote:
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2242. Field Day

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-06-26 11:27:38 UTC
From: KD8CAN
Topic: 999 Message: 2242

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2243. Re: [GRARA] Field Day

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-06-26 15:14:23 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 999 Message: 2243

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73 Jack NY8D

----- Message from jm_leys@... ---------
Date: Wed, 26 Jun 2013 11:27:38 -0000
From: KD8CAN <jm_leys@...>
Reply-To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [GRARA] Field Day
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----- End message from jm_leys@... -----

2244. Morley site grounds maintenance, Friday, July 5

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-06-26 16:24:05 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 2244 Message: 2244

The following is a LOWELL ARC event and responsibility, but GRARA members are certainly welcome.

Morley receive site grounds maintenance.

It's time once again for grounds maintenance at the 250ft commercial tower NE of Morley owned by T&W Electronics which, among other radio services, hosts the Lowell 145.27- (94.8Hz) Morley remote receiver 144.67 MHz. And now includes the K8SN 442.075 (103.5Hz) repeater! I am informed a new building is in placing hosting the commercial services. The pre-existing □shed□ is now ours where the amateur radio equipment remains.

Part of OUR arrangement with T&W is upkeep of the grounds.

Being the site is a mix of field and woods located in a rural area near Amish families, this can also double as camping trip.

The main cleanup day will be Friday, July 5, day after Independence Day. Rain day is Saturday, July 6. Figure start around 10AM. Rolls and coffee will be provided in the morning, Burgers and beverages for lunch. The "better half" and kids are certainly welcome.

There are no toilet facilities here, but I will have the rest room in my motorhome available. **It's not a problem, really!**

I plan to arrive Thursday and not leave "until I'm ready to".
Anyone else interested in a cheap non-crowded campsite is welcome.
Electricity is available. Questions? E-mail jamelar@... or phone home: (616)438-5412 or cell: (616)438-1464. It□s best to call the □home□ phone as it will be ported to Morley and connected to an outside roof antenna.

On the cleanup agenda.
LET□S REALLY GET TOGETHER THIS TIME AND FINISH THE CLEARING JOB!
It is my understanding the East guy wire area has been plowed clear, but brush and logs need to be gathered and burned, then the area mowed.
Then the future should be mowing and light trimming to keep it all clean.
Mowing. The north an south guy wire areas are pretty well cleaned up and should just need mowing, maybe some trimming. Driveway and frontage need mowing.
What to bring? If available, an extra mower (in case the one I bring breaks down, been there, done that) as well Extra chain saw a BIG plus.
BUT MOST IMPORTANT, YOURSELF!

HOW TO GET THERE?

Use your preferred mapping program and input: 3800 155th Ave, Morley, MI 49336 Or follow the Google Maps with the links below.

Directions from Grand Rapids via US-131 Expressway are simple. If you are arriving from Lowell, the "from Lowell" direction use paved county roads and is really the shortest, quickest way.

FROM GRAND RAPIDS to Morley receive site.
http://goo.gl/maps/acPpw
Head north on US-131 expressway to Morley exit 125, Jefferson Rd.

Turn right / east for 1 1/2 miles to Northland Dr. in the center of Morley.
Just before passing thru Morley, give a shout on the Lowell repeater to see if we need Ice or anything from a gas station / convenience store.

Jog left / north then right / east. Continue on Jefferson Rd for another 1 3/4 miles.

Turn left / north on 155th Ave for 2 1/2 miles.

Turn right in the drive and park. You will have spotted the tower well before you arrived.

FROM LOWELL to Morley receive site
http://goo.gl/maps/0BBL0

Head north on Lincoln Lake Ave, for 20 miles, crossing Hwy M-44 and M-57 along the way.

Turn left / west on 18 Mile Rd., toward Cedar Springs, for 1 mile.

Turn right / north on Meddler Ave for 4 miles. Meddler ends at 22 Mile Rd.

Turn left / west on 22 Mile Rd for 1/2 mile. 22 Mile Rd borders Kent and Montcalm Counties.

Turn right / north on Amble Rd, entering Montcalm County, for 2 miles.

Turn left / west on Briggs Rd for 1 mile.

Turn right / north on Bailey Rd for 4 1/2 miles, passing through the village of Coral.
Just before passing thru Coral, give a shout on the Lowell repeater to see if we need Ice or anything from the gas station / convenience store.

Turn right / east on Church Rd for 1 mile.

Turn left / north on Amble Rd for 7 1/2 miles. **If Amble Rd were a thru street, I would not have routed you thru Coral!** You will cross Hwy M-46 along the way. Past M-46, you will enter Mecosta County where Amble Rd becomes 150th Ave.

Turn left / west on Jefferson Rd for 1/2 mile.

Turn right / north on 155th Ave for 2 1/2 miles.

Turn right in the drive and park. You will have spotted the tower well before you arrived.

2245. Commentary on Field Day by N8XX

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-06-26 17:00:50 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 999 Message: 2245

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from the rules available @ http://www.arrl.org/fieldday :

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A premium**is placed on developing skills to meet the challenges of emergency preparedness as well as to acquaint the general **public with the capabilities of Amateur Radio. (emphasis added by N8XX)
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We pay scan attention to the part about developing skills, and could to better at acquainting the general public with Amateur Radio.

There were only 10 operators who signed in to the three HF stations. I don't have a list of operators of the VHF station, but it's encouraging that Dave, KF8QL, reports that several operators "took the dive" and made contacts for the very first time in a contest setting, and one may have made his very first ham radio contact. We will have a full report at our next meeting in August.

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We are affiliated with Red Cross, they host our Club Station, they provide us with a meeting room. Two Red Cross officials came out to visit us and support us, even did some of the "light lifting" during the setup part of our field day. They allowed us to use one of their Emergency Response Vehicles and two additional generators.

Proficiency in making contact, operating under adverse conditions of climate, propagation, atmospherics (QR), interference from adjacent stations (QR), etc. is one of the skills highly valued by Red Cross and other organizations dedicated to ameliorating the ravages of natural or man made disasters. And, the first premise of Ham Radio, as defined in the preface to Part 97 Section 1A of the FCC regulations is

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2246. Re: [GRARA] Field Day

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-06-26 18:16:18 UTC
From: Steven Kaney
Topic: 999 Message: 2246

First of all, criticism was requested and I gave an honest answer as did several others before
I even saw the request.

What is demonstrated here is:
1) We cant take honest criticism
2) by and large we cant demonstrate core ham radio competencies as evidenced by the inability to put up effective antennas, the inability to keep RF out of the shack, the inability to use proper ham jargon instead of CB jargon, the inability to properly setup our logging software, etc.
3) the inability to learn as evidenced by not being able to apply lessons to next years effort or even being able to reproduce one years successes the next year. (And what can we be teaching with antennas and stations that couldn't possibly perform?)

We did well with picking a nice location with clean restrooms and with consuming pizza (provided by others). So lets just go have a picnic and socialize and not waste time setting
up radio stations that can't perform and cant teach anyone anything, or are we such social misfits that we can't interact without being surrounded with toys to take the pressure off ?

Note that there is a wide spectrum between what we are doing and being a completely gung ho and intolerant full contest station. I am suggesting that a 'Radio' club should be able to
demonstrate some core competencies in radio. And by the way, the person that seemed to be running the CW ops WAS one of those intolerant people you are railing against (Hank wasn't running it from what I could see).

de N7MUT/8

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From: Jack Amelar <jamelar@...>
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Wednesday, June 26, 2013 11:14 AM
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----- End message from jm_leys@... -----

2247. Re: [GRARA] Commentary on Field Day by N8XX

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-06-27 02:30:58 UTC
From: RMoe@...
Topic: 999 Message: 2247

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2248. Thanks for the field day pictures.

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-06-27 02:44:44 UTC
From: W8DER
Topic: 2248 Message: 2248

Thanks to Jack Kunnen, AB8ND, for the field day pictures. They are on the GRARA Website:

http://www.W8DC.org

Anyone who has more pictures please send them in, we will include them to record the event.

Mike@...

2249. Re: [GRARA] Commentary on Field Day by N8XX

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-06-27 10:21:06 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 999 Message: 2249

Yeah, Bob:

I know, but I trust the fact that the crew @ Mike's rig thought about all your effort before, during, and after our Field Day and chose your call by design, not by default. Without members like you, and all those who devoted time and effort in organizing, setting up, operating, and tearing down, field day would be a bust! Those who came out for "moral support" and "show of force" are to be commended!

I won't mention any other names or calls, because I'm sure I'd miss participants. I only wish we had a complete roster of attendees, helpers, and operators, for duly deserved recognition!

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On 6/26/2013 10:30 PM, RMoe@... wrote:

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2250. Re: Fwd: Re: [MWA] Kenwood TS-440

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-06-27 15:35:59 UTC
From: Steven Kaney
Topic: 2250 Message: 2250

I wasn't complaining about lack of Radio control, I was trying to counter Dave's argument that N1MM is inadequate for VHF which I think is a bit unfair to N1MM. Personally, I have no trouble typing a frequency into the call sign box and hitting return but I fear some of the operators might have been unaware of the need to tell the program what band you are on and that might have resulted in some logs being incorrectly attributed to the wrong band. For contest purposes, you don't have to enter the exact freq, just any freq in the band - the cabrillo file will only specify the band anyway.

With an interface cable, which his IC-706 supports, he can QSY to his hearts content and never have to do anything. I think he can even use a transverter with the N1MM multi-radio feature and just tell N1MM he is using the 'other' radio. I haven't had the need to figure that out since I don't have any transverters.

P.S. I did see that someone on the internet claimed to be able to interface the 440 to N1MM using a homebuilt interface but the article was 10 years old. It doesn't say whether he told N1MM it was a 450 or what. I don't have a 440 so I don't feel a burning need to figure that out.

PPS. You change ops with control-O. I couldn't remember that until about midnight and logged most of my meager contributions to someone else's call sign. I didn't know we were having (that kind of) contest.

de N7MUT/8

From: Hank Greeb <n8xx@...>
To: Steven Kaney <sfkaney@...>
Sent: Wednesday, June 26, 2013 10:05 PM
Subject: Fwd: Re: [MWA] Kenwood TS-440

Steven:

FYI. You may wish to check the innards of the club's TS440 to see if it has the IC-10 and IF-232 modules needed for computer control. If not, you might find a defunct TS-440 for sale on e-bay or e-ham, etc., for peanuts, which has thesemodules, But,if so, perhaps you might wish to determine which, if any, of the suggestions Mr. Chudek has made concerning computer control forit.

Since you're the complaintant about the lack of computer control, Ileave this exercise to you.

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-------- Original Message --------
Subject: Re: [MWA] Kenwood TS-440
Date: Wed, 26 Jun 2013 20:47:10 -0500

From: Robert Chudek - K0RC <k0rc@citlink.net>
Reply-To: k0rc@...
To: Hank Greeb <n8xx@...>
CC: mwa@...

The Kenwood TS-440 is about the same vintage as the TS-940. I would try that first. I believe these older Kenwoods were hard coded to 4800,8,N,1 (or maybe 4800,8,N,2).

If that doesn't work, try "Kenwood Slow". And finally plain old "Kenwood" as the third choice.

I had my TS-940S/AT computer controlled, but that was back in the CT and RTTY by WF1B days.

73 de Bob - KØRC in MN

On 6/26/2013 7:52 PM, Hank Greeb wrote:

Our club has a Kenwood TS 440, still perking along, and which was put to use during FD 2013 @ W8DC. One of our members noted that, if it's fitted with a couple Interface modules, it can interface with a computer.
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>We used N1MM networked software this year, but couldn't find the TS-440 (1986 vintage) inthe list of rigs which it supports.
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>Does anyone in this august group know whether this ancient rig can be used with N1MM? The ARRLwriteup in 1986 describes one of the labtechs writing a program in BASIC for his Rat Shack TRS-80 computer and having some functionality. So, it "might" be possible to find a compatible rig which would allow computer control of the TS-440 with N1MM software.
>
>Private responses seem most appropriate.
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>Thanks for the bandwidth.
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2251. Re: Fwd: Re: [MWA] Kenwood TS-440

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-06-27 17:30:16 UTC
From: Steven Kaney
Topic: 2250 Message: 2251

Damn it Hank! I'm done with this. You asked for my critique and I gave it honestly but then you keep arguing points many of which I had no problem with. It is apparent at this point you are not READING or UNDERSTANDING anything I am writing and are just shooting out flame messages.

I have no problem with N1MM, in fact I like it.

I have no problem with the lack of an interface to the TS-440, I can use N1MM w/o an interface.

I dont have a problem with my ZS(6BKW). It was adequate for a GOTA station and it was up almost 3 times the height of the other SSB antennas. I could have gotten it higher if I could have driven stakes into the ground for guying.

I wasn't ranting about the 440 except for pointing out that it didnt have the chops for 40m and 80m. READ the damn messages.

etc, etc, etc.

I do have a problem with a Radio Club putting up worm burner antennas that cant get out. In case you have forgotten, a dipole needs to be close to 1/2 wave above the ground. When substantially lower, the lobes rise towards the vertical and the antenna becomes a dummy load as stated by other before I got involved in this discussion. It is also counterproductive to raise a dipole higher than that since the lobes droop below the horizon and then bounce back up to interfere with the desirable lobes. 7' off the ground is ridiculous.

I am done. Take me off the reflector. I can get my interaction with other groups that are more socially adept. I was looking for a group that can put up antennas and run a field day operation.

de N7MUT/8

From: Hank Greeb <n8xx@...>
To: Steven Kaney <sfkaney@...>
Sent: Thursday, June 27, 2013 12:53 PM
Subject: Re: Fwd: Re: [MWA] Kenwood TS-440

You've managed to p.o. quite a few people with your recent ranting and raving in the GRARA reflector. If you don't understand why, then I suggest you take a course on "How to Win Friends and Influence People."

I understood exactly what you said to Mr. Devos in the reflector,
and it appears that you felt superior to him and was trying to
give him a lecture. That is definitely NOT the way to accomplish
change in a volunteer organization.

If you have no burning need to interface the TS-440, why were you ranting and raving about the low quality of the equipment being used for the sideband stations? Why did you complain that there may be contacts in the log attributed to incorrect bands/modes? As Tonto said to the Lone Ranger "White man speaks with forked tongue."

Unless I hear or see something constructive from you, (which is not very likely, considering the interchanges so far) this will be the last communication from me on any subject relating to Field Day 2013.

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QRP >99.44% of the time

On 6/27/2013 12:34 PM, Steven Kaney wrote:

Enough already. I have NO burning need to interface the TS-440. I don't have one and I am OK with telling the program what frequency I am on.
>
>I sent that to the reflector because it was obvious that you had not understood a word of what I said and I was concerned that others might have misunderstood me as well.
>
>
>Why don't you actually READ what I said before you go off?
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>
>de N7MUT/8
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>_____
> From: Hank Greeb <n8xx@...>
>To: Steven Kaney <sfkaney@...>
>Sent: Thursday, June 27, 2013 12:07 PM
>Subject: Re: Fwd: Re: [MWA] Kenwood TS-440
>
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>
>Thank you very much for putting myPRIVATE message to you on the GRARA reflector. That is very kind, very considerate of you, and something I REALLY appreciate. If you note, the "standard reply" to a message on the GRARA reflector is back to the reflector, so I had to take that address off and replace it with yours, so you MUST have been able to note that your response of my PRIVATE message was meant to be private.
>
>Your consideration is very much appreciated. It'sa showing of your attention to normal courtesies and practices of e-mail communication.
>
>Note - Mr. Devos shared his reasons for not using N1MM with me. They did NOT involve entering frequencies manually. I will say no more, lest you go off on another tantrum in the GRARA reflector.
>

>IF it is was a "burning problem" for you NOT to have the TS-440 interfaced with N1MM (as it appears from your ranting and raving in earlier messages in the GRARA reflector), then you just copped out when you declined to help determine what is needed to make the TS-440 we have work with the software. That's a great show of following through. Or are you one who subscribes to "Do as I say, NOT as I do?"
>
>So, please spread this message all over GRARA if that's what you think private messages are for, and this will be the very last private message I send to you.
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>On 6/27/2013 11:35 AM, Steven Kaney wrote:
>
>I wasn't complaining about lack of Radio control, I was trying to counter Dave's argument that N1MM is inadequate for VHF which I think is a bit unfair to N1MM. Personally, I have no trouble typing a frequency into the call sign box and hitting return but I fear some of the operators might have been unaware of the need to tell the program what band you are on and that might have resulted in some logs being incorrectly attributed to the wrong band. For contest purposes, you don't have to enter the exact freq, just any freq in the band - the cabrillo file will only specify the band anyway.
>>
>>With an interface cable, which his IC-706 supports, he can QSY to his hearts content and never have to do anything. I think he can even use a transverter with the N1MM multi-radio feature and just tell N1MM he is using the 'other' radio. I haven't had the need to figure that out since I don't have any transverters.
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>>
>>P.S. I did see that someone on the internet claimed to be able to interface the 440 to N1MM using a homebuilt interface but the article was 10 years old. It doesn't say whether he told N1MM it was a 450 or what. I don't have a 440 so I don't feel a burning need to figure that out.
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>>
>>PPS. You change ops with control-O. I couldn't remember that until about midnight and logged most of my meager contributions to someone else's call sign. I didn't know we were having (that kind of) contest.
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>>_____
>> From: Hank Greeb <n8xx@...>
>>To: Steven Kaney <sfkaney@...>
>>Sent: Wednesday, June 26, 2013 10:05 PM
>>Subject: Fwd: Re: [MWA] Kenwood TS-440
>>

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>>Steven:
>>
>>FYI. You may wish to check the innards of the club's TS440 to see if it has the IC-10 and IF-232 modules needed for computer control. If not, you might find a defunct TS-440 for sale on e-bay or e-ham, etc., for peanuts, which has thesemodules, But,if so, perhaps you might wish to determine which, if any, of the suggestions Mr. Chudek has made concerning computer control forit.
>>
>>Since you're the complaintant about the lack of computer control, Ileave this exercise to you.
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Message

>>Subject: Re: [MWA] Kenwood TS-440
>>Date: Wed, 26 Jun 2013 20:47:10 -0500
>>From: Robert Chudek - K0RC <k0rc@...>
>>Reply-To: k0rc@citlink.net
>>To: Hank Greeb <n8xx@...>
>>CC: mwa@...
>>
>>The Kenwood TS-440 is about the same vintage as the TS-940. I would try that first. I believe these older Kenwoods were hard coded to 4800,8,N,1 (or maybe 4800,8,N,2).
>>
>>If that
doesn't work,
try "Kenwood
Slow". And
finally plain
old "Kenwood"
as the third
choice.
>>
>>I had my
TS-940S/AT
computer
controlled,
but that was
back in the CT
and RTTY by
WF1B days.
>>
>>73 de Bob -

KØRC in MN
>>
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>>_____
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>>On 6/26/2013 7:52 PM, Hank Greeb wrote:
>>
>>Our club has a Kenwood TS 440, still perking along, and which was put to use during FD 2013 @ W8DC. One of our members noted that, if it's fitted with a couple Interface modules, it can interface with a computer.
>>>
>>>We used N1MM networked software this year, but couldn't find the TS-440 (1986 vintage) inthe list of rigs which it supports.
>>>
>>>Does anyone in this august group know whether this ancient rig can be used with N1MM? The ARRLwriteup in 1986 describes one of the labtechs writing a program in BASIC for his Rat Shack TRS-80 computer and having some functionality. So, it "might" be possible to find a compatible rig which would allow computer control of the TS-440 with

N1MM software.
>>>
>>>Private
responses seem
most
appropriate.
>>>
>>>Thanks for the
bandwidth.
>>>
>>>72/73 de n8xx
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>

2252. Re: [GRARA] Field Day

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-06-27 16:01:28 UTC
From: Steven Kaney
Topic: 999 Message: 2252

Criticism was requested and I gave an honest answer as did several others before I even saw the request. As stated by others, the antennas on two of the radios were in fact dummy
loads. At 7' above ground, the lobes were nearly vertical and the ERP at the horizontal was
probably milliwatts).

What is demonstrated here is:
1) We cant take honest criticism
2) by and large we cant demonstrate core ham radio competencies as evidenced by the inability to put up effective antennas, the inability to keep RF out of the shack, using CB jargon on the air instead of proper ham jargon, the inability to properly setup our logging software, etc.
3) the inability to learn as evidenced by not being able to apply lessons to next years effort or even being able to reproduce one years successes the next year.

We did well with picking a nice location with clean restrooms and with consuming pizza (provided by others). So lets just go have a picnic and socialize and not waste time setting
up impotent radio stations, or are we such social misfits that we can't interact without being
surrounded with toys to take the pressure off?

Note that there is a wide spectrum between incompetence and being a completely gung ho and intollerant full contest station. A 'Radio Club' is supposed to know something about
radio and be able to demonstrate some core competencies.

de N7MUT/8

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From: Jack Amelar <jamelar@...>
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Wednesday, June 26, 2013 11:14 AM
Subject: Re: [GRARA] Field Day

I couldn't make it this year, but I wanted to comment on Jim's statement. "Great friends and food, don't get no better. Life is good. I think our Club is more about having fun then wining contests."

About 30 years I and another ham friend stopped at a GRARA FD operation being held behind the Red Cross building, a grass field back then. The operators involved were there to win and didn't tolerate well visitor distractions. Short story, we just plain left.
It would be some years before I ever attended another GRARA function or came to a meeting. By then the people involved in the FD apparently had decided GRARA wasn't serious enough for them as I never saw any of them

again.

I'm just reiterating Jim's point is to enjoy ourselves. If the GRARA membership ever decides to become a hard core serious club, it will gain some folks, and loose others. Myself, I prefer Jim's way.

73 Jack NY8D

----- Message from jm_leys@... ---------
Date: Wed, 26 Jun 2013 11:27:38 -0000
From: KD8CAN <jm_leys@...>
Reply-To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [GRARA] Field Day
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com

> Every FD is a learning experience, that is not a bad thing. If
> everything was perfect, what fun we would miss.
> We had a great site and the weather was good. There was lots of
> visitors asking about what was going on.
> Great friends and food, don't get no better. Life is good. I think
> our Club is more about having fun then wining contests. Hank did a
> fine job getting things set up, getting cars moved, etc. Many thanks
> to Bob Moe for having the do-dads that the rest of us always seem to
> forget.
> Myself, I had a positive good time.
> Jim Leys
> KD8CAN
>
>

----- End message from jm_leys@... -----

2253. Fw: [GRARA] Critique Please for FD 2013

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-06-27 18:54:09 UTC
From: Steven Kaney
Topic: 2253 Message: 2253

de N7MUT/8

----- Forwarded Message -----
From: Hank Greeb <n8xx@arrl.org>
To: Steven Kaney <sfkaney@...>
Sent: Wednesday, June 26, 2013 4:20 PM
Subject: Re: [GRARA] Critique Please for FD 2013

Could that be why the CW shack was such a pleasantplace during most of the Field Day period, even though we had all sorts of technical and operational trouble?

On 6/26/2013 2:25 PM, Steven Kaney wrote:

and from then on I didn't want to get near the CW ops.

2254. Re: Field Day

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-06-27 20:09:33 UTC
From: Steve
Topic: 999 Message: 2254

I love Field Day.
Sorry I missed this years effort.

Steve .. k8pz

2255. Still More Field Day Pictures on the website.

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-06-28 18:07:20 UTC
From: Mike W8DER
Topic: 2255 Message: 2255

Once again, thanks to Jack Kunnen AB8ND, Bob Moe, AC8ZX, and Hank Greeb, N8XX for the great field day pictures. There were so many that we had to move them to the "Events" page. Use the menu or click the link from the home page, they are really neat.

Thanks again Jack, Bob and Hank.

Mike Hill

2256. Re: Still More Field Day Pictures on the website.

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-06-29 15:37:09 UTC
From: ka5s
Topic: 2255 Message: 2256

Mike, I have some 3 GB of pictures and video on a DVD; where and when can I get them to you? A couple of shots -- the CW position and beam/tower against the moonlit clouds -- and perhaps they and some others might be sent to QST. The videos may be in a proprietary Olympus format but with some editing we could come up with a show from all our pictures. Some short video sequences might even be aired by a local TV station.

Cortland
KA5S

--- In GRARA@yahoogroups.com, Mike W8DER <mike@...> wrote:
>
> Once again, thanks to Jack Kunnen AB8ND, Bob Moe, AC8ZX, and Hank Greeb,
> N8XX for

2257. QST QST QST - WQ8RP to be activated for Flight of the Bumblebees, July 28

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-07-02 17:50:39 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2257 Message: 2257

Yep, the Flight of the Bumblebees, sponsored by the Adventure Radio Society is being held on Sunday, July 28, from 1700 to 2100 UTC (1 p.m. to 5 p.m. EDT). Rules are at http://www.arsqrp.blogspot.com/
Note this is an event dedicated to "Corn Whiskey" only - so polish up your left foot sending.

I've reserved the use of the Michigan QRP Club's call, WQ8RP, and have requested a Bumblebee number, "88."

The place we've used for the past few years seems a reasonable spot - it's Fisk Knob Park, 17533 Algoma Avenue, Cedar Springs, MI 49319.
http://www.accesskent.com/Parks/Directory/fiskknob.htm
Note the web site says the park is not open - but that means it is not open to vehicular traffic except by special permission. Since FOBB requires that Bumblebee operators in the field "get to their operating site principally under their own power by walking, biking, boating, and so on. The distance traveled to the site is at the Bumblebee's discretion." The 200 or so feet from the parking lot to the big shade tree has satisfied the "walking" requirement in the past. I'll be there, probably by 1630Z or so, and set up under the tree near the bend in the walkway/driveway.

If you get lost, call my cell phone (616) 828-9663.

I invite anyone interested in QRP operation to join in this event. The rules state we may operate multi-op, but only one transmitter at a time. But, if you wish bring your rig, and hook it to the antenna when it's your turn at left foot sending. (Note, sending with left foot is optional - but CW is the only mode permitted by the rules.)

Please let me know by return e-mail, private responses preferred.

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2258. Thanks to Cortland Richmond, KA5S for more FD pictures

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-07-04 02:16:36 UTC
From: W8DER
Topic: 2258 Message: 2258

This has to be the best documented GRARA Field Day in a long time. Out of over 70 pictures, we have selected our favorites for you to enjoy.

Pictures start on the home page our the club website at:

http://www.w8dc.org

And continue on the Events page at:

http://www.w8dc.org/grr_events/events.htm

Looks like a lot of guys having a great time!

GOOD JOB FIELD DAY TEAM......

2259. 286 or 386 laptop needed

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-07-07 03:33:11 UTC
From: tomKD8DEG
Topic: 2259 Message: 2259

Hi All!!!

I am looking for a working 286 or 386 laptop, "nothing newer". If anyone has one that they would like to part with, please contact me off the lists at: kd8deg@...

73

Tom KD8DEG

2260. GRARA August meeting - program

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-07-09 22:45:05 UTC
From: streyle.j@...
Topic: 2260 Message: 2260

At the upcoming GRARA meeting, August 2nd, a presentation will be given on the 'Poor Man's SDR' as described in January 2013 QST. I'll be showing the pieces I've put together, talk briefly about the basic principles, and will attempt a live demonstration. Come and learn a bit about one of the latest trends in radio!

Hope to see you there -

John W8QZ

2261. GRAHamfest - how are things?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-07-09 22:47:22 UTC
From: streyle.j@...
Topic: 2261 Message: 2261

All - how do we stand, as far as the September GRAHamfest? It's been pretty quiet at my QTH - so far, I've received (1) table reservation request. What all needs to be done?

John W8QZ

2262. K4N

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-07-12 23:10:52 UTC
From: K8TB
Topic: 2262 Message: 2262

K4N in the rare EL84 grid is banging in on 50.165 for anyone who would like to work EL84 in their lifetime!

K8TB

2263. does any one have a

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-07-15 03:49:08 UTC
From: Richard
Topic: 2263 Message: 2263

reel to reel tape recorder i could listen to a tape on..My Mom recently died house got sold..this tape was sent to my parnewts during nam era when i was inturkey..like to listen to it once:)
73"3
Dick KC8FMT

2264. Re: does any one have a

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-07-15 15:51:14 UTC
From: sprovost
Topic: 2263 Message: 2264

Dick: where do you live?
If you are in the grand rapids area, I can bring a reel to reel player to the open radio room we have every wed night at the grand rapids red cross on fuller street.
Let us know if you can go to the open radio room.
thanks
stephen

--- In GRARA@yahoogroups.com, "Richard" <resat44@...> wrote:
>
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> 73"3
> Dick KC8FMT
>

2265. Fox Hunt this Saturday in Hudsonville. (Sent on behalf of Sheila, K8

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-07-15 21:29:09 UTC
From: W8DER
Topic: 2265 Message: 2265

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2266. Fox Hunt this Saturday in Hudsonville. (Sent on behalf of Sheila, K8AJ)

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-07-15 21:34:42 UTC
From: W8DER
Topic: 2266 Message: 2266

Don't miss the Fox Hunt Saturday!
Saturday, July 20th at 9:00 AM

Announcing the come one, come all, "It's About Freaking Time" fox vixen hunt. Okay, if nobody else is going to step up and kick off hunting season, I guess I'll have to do it. So, on Saturday morning, July 20, have your antennas polished, your batteries charged and your tanks filled ☐ and those are not euphemisms. Starting place will be the Family Fare parking lot (6480 28th Street in Hudsonville, crossroads of Port Sheldon & 28th). Be there, get your odometer reading recorded, and be ready to take off at 9:00am. You'll spend the next two hours wandering haplessly across the countryside, twirling around with your antennas, logging readings, checking maps, and playing with your protractors, trying to track me down.

The boring details are that transmissions will be on 145.530 Mhz, with the backup frequency of 145.580 Mhz. The vixen will be hiding within ten crow flying miles of the starting point and will be using a foxbox, transmitting one minute on and two minutes off. I might even throw in some micro foxes and/or a geocache just to make things interesting. That info will be published later this week.

If you have fox hunting equipment, bring a friend. If you don't have fox hunting gear, just show up and ride along with one of the so-called experts. Bring the family! (Families ☐ bring something to occupy yourselves during the two hour car ride.) After the hunt, we'll meet up at a location to be divulged later for the post hunt brag and gag session.

88,

K8AJ

2267. Re: does any one have a

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-07-17 14:19:28 UTC
From: Richard
Topic: 2263 Message: 2267

i live at 68th and 131..dont get downtown much and am busy this wednesday...but will try and make it to the following wednesday
thx 73's
Dick

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>

2268. FT-857 For Sale (Accessories include a 2010 Toyota Prius!)

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-07-18 00:15:20 UTC
From: chip_wb8alw
Topic: 2268 Message: 2268

Mel Jaquays, N8MJ (our (Kalamazoo ARC) club's only nonagenarian) has decided to sell his FT-857. It is presently attached to his car!

He would like to sell his 2010 Toyota Prius, along with the installed Yaesu FT-857 with autotuner. He also has a back-up camera on the vehicle as well as a GPS. He purchased the vehicle new and has most/all of the maintenance records, as well as what sounds like a meticulous accounting of the MPG. The last tank he used drove 49.1 MPG, and he maintains an overall average of 40 MPG. Vehicle has been driven approximately 13-14,000 miles.

He is very attached to his car, but doesn't believe he will be driving again, or at least not for another year or so. He's 93 years young!!

If you are interested, or know someone who might be interested, please let them know and call Mel at:

269.649.1863 (Home)(Best number)
or
269.779.5045 (Cell)

for further details.

He is located in the Vicksburg, MI area SE of Kalamazoo.

He wanted to offer it to the area Ham community first, so don't wait!!

73

Chip Locke - WB8ALW (At N8MJ's request!)

(PS - He has difficulty retrieving voice messages from his phone device, so if you leave a message, make a mental note to call him back in a day or so to try and catch him!!)

2269. Emergency Antenna Platform System

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-07-18 13:17:51 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2269 Message: 2269

From a friend in SW Ohio - might work for our next field day? The kidz say it is inexpensive.

When one looks at this one says, "Duh! Why didn't we think of that years ago?" Looks to me plain old Mechanical/Electrical Engineering project. But it took a few High School folks who didn't know any better than to tackle the problem to make it work!

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http://wc2fd.com/index.php?title=Emergency_Antenna_Platform_System -73-

2270. RE: [GRARA] Emergency Antenna Platform System

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-07-19 13:09:56 UTC
From: Doug Luurs
Topic: 2269 Message: 2270

Interesting idea .. I'll have to research it a little.

Doug / N8ZUU

From: GRARA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:GRARA@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of Hank Greeb
Sent: Thursday, July 18, 2013 9:18 AM
To: GRARA Group
Subject: [GRARA] Emergency Antenna Platform System

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2271. Reminder: West Michigan Fox Hunt tomorrow in Hudsonville.

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-07-19 15:22:04 UTC
From: K8TB
Topic: 2271 Message: 2271

Don't miss the Fox Hunt Tomorrow!
Saturday, July 20th at 9:00 AM

Announcing the come one, come all, "It's About Freaking Time" foxvixen hunt. Okay, if nobody else is going to step up and kick off hunting season, I guess I'll have to do it. So, on Saturday morning, July 20, have your antennas polished, your batteries charged and your tanks filled -- and those are not euphemisms. Starting place will be the Family Fare parking lot (6480 28th Street in Hudsonville, crossroads of Port Sheldon & 28th). Be there, get your odometer reading recorded, and be ready to take off at 9:00am. You'll spend the next two hours wandering haplessly across the countryside, twirling around with your antennas, logging readings, checking maps, and playing with your protractors, trying to track me down.

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K8AJ

2272. August GRARA meeting

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-07-21 02:03:44 UTC
From: streyle.j@...
Topic: 2272 Message: 2272

By request of the on-air director, the 'after recess' meeting program for our August GRARA meeting will be a celebration of this year's Field-day operation. See you there - August 2nd.

[The presentation on the 'Low Cost SDR' will be postponed until the October meeting.]

W8QZ, Off-air director.

2273. Fox Hunt, July 20, 2013.

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-07-21 13:47:19 UTC
From: K8TB
Topic: 2273 Message: 2273

There are those who are really good at Fox Hunting, and then there are those who are fun to watch Fox Hunting.

And so it was, starting at 9 am. The Vixen went on the air from an undisclosed location. Thirty minutes later, and in a direct road drive to the transmitter, Laryn, K8TVZ once again exhibited his RF nose.

The Vixen was located at the Chick'n Lick'n Restaurant, on the SW corner of 64th St. and Byron Road smack dab in the heart of downtown Vriesland. She was inside an air conditioned building, with her car with the Fox Box transmitter parked just outside her window. There was a sign on her driver door window, "Winner, winner, Chicken Dinner!'. Indeed, Laryn received a free breakfast. A note. Where else does a fox belong, but in a hen house named Chick'n Lick'n?

Ten minutes behind Laryn, but with a few more miles, was Tom, K8TB.

A while later, Mike, W8DER showed up, pulling up right alongside the Vixen's car.

Mike came inside and joined Sheila, Laryn and Tom in watching a show that should have been televised. There were two fox hunters, who were parked across the street, and for 30 very amusing moments, could not locate anything. Their names will not be released.

But, with 15 seconds to spare on the 2 hour time limit, Chuck, AJ8W James, K8JHR walked into the restaurant. Was it mentioned that the restaurant was air conditioned, has great food and bathrooms?

A good time was had by all. OK, a good time was had by most.

Next Hunt? It's up to Laryn.

2274. RE: [GRARA] Fox Hunt, July 20, 2013.

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-07-21 14:42:26 UTC
From: Doug Luurs
Topic: 2273 Message: 2274

LOL .. You really need to keep the fox(Vixen) out of the hen house ..

I love the location .. Grats all

'73 Doug

From: GRARA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:GRARA@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of K8TB
Sent: Sunday, July 21, 2013 9:47 AM
To: k8daa@yahoogroups.com; MichiganFoxHunter@yahoogroups.com; GRARA@yahoogroups.com; westMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [GRARA] Fox Hunt, July 20, 2013.

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A while later, Mike, W8DER showed up, pulling up right alongside the Vixen's car.

Mike came inside and joined Sheila, Laryn and Tom in watching a show that should have been televised. There were two fox hunters, who were parked across the street, and for 30 very amusing moments, could not locate anything. Their names will not be released.

But, with 15 seconds to spare on the 2 hour time limit, Chuck, AJ8W James, K8JHR walked into the restaurant. Was it mentioned that the restaurant was air conditioned, has great food and bathrooms?

A good time was had by all. OK, a good time was had by most.

Next Hunt? It's up to Laryn.

2275. Re: [HQRP] NEXT SUNDAY - JULY 28 - Flight of the Bumble Bees!

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-07-21 19:12:28 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2275 Message: 2275

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Sunday, July 28
1700 to 2100 UTC

CONTEST PERIOD BY TIMEZONE (Local Time)
1 p.m. to 5 p.m. ? Eastern

Details at: http://www.arsqrp.blogspot.com (http://www.arsqrp.blogspot.com/)

2276. Re: [HQRP] NEXT SUNDAY - JULY 28 - Flight of the Bumble Bees!

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-07-21 20:58:54 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2275 Message: 2276

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2277. FIELD DAY W8DC @ Calvin College

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-07-22 01:44:37 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2277 Message: 2277

Thanks to all - we now have complete data for a Field Day submission

Contacts per bands

band

CW

PH

80

31

55

40

172

104

20

126

60

15

0

31

10

2

13

6

0

46

2

0

25

0.7

0

16

331

350

I'll be adding bonus points, etc. and give a complete report at the August meeting.

72/73 de n8xx Hg

2278. Re: [GRARA] FIELD DAY W8DC @ Calvin College

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-07-24 05:06:52 UTC
From: Steven Kaney
Topic: 2277 Message: 2278

Thats pretty pitiful. Heres what another club that I was with a couple of years ago did. Its a club that wasn't any bigger than W8DC, but they've been doing better each year than the year before by around 10%.

CW
Digital
Phone
Totals

80/75M
69
23
204
296

40M
340
65
603
1008

20M
414
112
1183
1709

15M
94
0
294
388

10M
0
0
0
0

6M
2
0
76
78

2M
0

0
0
0

SAT
2
0
16
18

GOTA
0
0
264
264

Totals
921
200
2640 3761
Mult: x2 x2 x1

Points
1842
400
2640
4882

Emergency Power 2x Bonus:
9764

Bonus Points:
1810

Total Claimed Score:
11574

Note that phone beat CW. That isnt because of a lack of good CW operators, its due to a fact of life - there are far more phone operators than CW operators.

de N7MUT/8

From: Hank Greeb <n8xx@...>
To: GRARA Group <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 21, 2013 9:44 PM
Subject: [GRARA] FIELD DAY W8DC @ Calvin College

Thanks to all - we now have complete data for a Field Day submission

Contacts per bands

band CW PH
80 31 55
40 172 104
20 126 60
15 0 31
10 2 13
6 0 46
2 0 25
0.7 0 16

331 350
I'll be adding bonus points, etc. and give a complete report at the
August meeting.

72/73 de n8xx Hg

2279. Field day History tour

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-07-24 22:46:28 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2279 Message: 2279

A member piqued my interest in past efforts by GRARA and other local clubs in which I've specific interest, so I looked up results from 2006, when I first joined the fray. I participated in the W8DC effort in 2006,and 2008 thru 2010, plus 2011 thru present. I partook of the W8LRC effort in 2007, and decided NOT to join any FD effort in 2010 because it coincided with our 50th Wedding Anniversary.

The "Ranking" are the rank amongst all entries,regardless of class, in Michigan. These results ain't nuttin' about which to write home, but of probable interest to local ham radiohistorians.

Year Call Score Category QSOs Power Mult GOTA Call Section Participants Rank Club
2006 W8DC 3,978 2A 1,036 2 N8DGD MI 40 15 of 73 Grand Rapids ARA
2007 W8DC 2,918 2A 1,192 2 MI 15 21 of 85 Grand Rapids ARA
2007 W8LRC 4,336 4A 1,196 2 MI 51 11 of 85 Lowell ARC
2008 W8DC 2,798 3A 784 2 W8GVU MI 50 27 of 92 Grand Rapids ARA
2008 W8LRC 2,766 2A 1,044 2 KC8REH MI 17 28 of 92 Lowell ARC
2009 W8DC 2,190 2A 529 2 MI 25 29 of 88 Grand Rapids ARA
2010 W8DC 2,978 3A 680 2 MI 25 21 of 88 Grand Rapids ARA
2010 K8LHS 2,132 2A 741 2 MI 9 Lowell AR Youth Club
2011 W8M 2,486 3A 772 2 MI 16 27 of 92
2012 W8M 3,634 3A 1,167 2
MI 20 13 of 85
2013 W8DC 2,976 3A 682 2
mi 25 ???? Grand Rapids ARA

Score for years 2006 thru 2012 are actual, for 2013 is claimed.

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2280. Reminder: 2013 ARS Flight of the Bumblebees is Tomorrow (Sunday)

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-07-27 14:45:34 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2280 Message: 2280

Yep, I know, I know, this is getting redundant, and possibly boring to folks who don't operate CW QRP, but, the internet is abuzz (pun intended, with news of the "2013 Flight of the Bumblebees."

At least three of us nuts.... errr, hardy souls, will be going out to either Fisk Knob Park or to the Fred Meijer White Pine Trail (depending on probability of precipitation at 11 a.m. tomorrow) and set up for this event. If you plan to come out, and have NOT provided contact information, please do so, because the last weather forecast was for 70% probability of rain tomorrow.

Note, if the weather forecast is wrong, we WILL be at the highest point in Kent County, Michigan - namely Fisk Knob Park, 17533 Algoma Avenue, Cedar Springs, MI 49319. Be aware - there are NO facilities, except a shade tree and a parking lot on site. Nearest restroom facilities are about 1.5 miles away, either north or south. And, it could be windy, because of he high location, so you may wish to bring a windbreaker and/or light jacket.

But, if it rains, or if the probability of rain remains high, we WILL transfer to the rest stop/picnic shelter along the White Pine Trail near 4th and Lake Streets in Sand Lake. I'll call everyone who has provided contact info (cell phone or home phone) - sorry, my 2 meter FM rig is not functional right now).

We encourage visitors, and/or ops who can operate ANY speed of CW. This is far from a "speed demon" contest. The average speed is probably between 10 and 15 WPM, and people WILL slow down to whatever speed in comfortable for you! So, come one, come all, and join the fray!

Latest "blog" by the organizers of the FOBB follows:

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Hooray! It's 2013 Flight of the Bumblebees Eve!

The four-hour contest will kick off tomorrow (SUNDAY) at 1700 UTC. That is 1 p.m. Eastern; Noon Central; 11 a.m. Mountain; 10 a.m. Pacific; and 7 a.m. Hawaii.

The buzzing will be around the standard, non-WARC HF QRP calling frequencies.

(These are 7030-7040 KHz, 7100-7125 KHz, 14060, 21060, 28060 KHz. - Ed)

We're up to 160+ bumblebees and still taking requests for BB numbers from stations planning to operate FOBB from the field. Visit the ARS

website for details:

http://www.ARSqrp.blogspot.com

As with all ARS events, please keep safety in front of mind when conducting operations in the field. Such things as weather, power lines, terrain, dehydration and fatigue can be lethal. Above all, we want all participants to have a fabulous and safe experience.

Thanx!

Richard Fisher, KI6SN
The Adventure Radio Society

2281. SS Badger Special Event Station

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-07-29 22:54:14 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2281 Message: 2281

I'd bet that one could get a ticket on the same Badger sailing.
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From: John Wendt
To:
Sent: Sun, Jul 28, 2013 6:24 pm
Subject: HAM MARINE EVENT SS BADGER

HAM MARINE EVENT S S BADGER

Come and be part of history as it is being made!

Come and operate Great Lakes Marine Mobile.

Ham Radio Special Event sailing of September 14 & 15, 2013.

Aboard the Steam Ship Badger the ONLY coal fired steam ship (on Lake Michigan, at least), as it celebrates 60 years of continuous service

Confirm your QSOs with a unique photo QSL card W8S the SS Badger, special event sailing.

Contact Pete, K9OWQ with any questions:
bill-pete@... or 708/532-0131

Regards, John Wendt
Tel. 847 698 0590
w9hna@...
or
johnwendt@...

2282. Computer Projector, Please?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-08-01 23:19:07 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2282 Message: 2282

I forgot to check whether the Projector which is supposed to be in the
W8DC radio room was actually there.

Would someone bring a 'backup" projector to be absitively sure we have one.

I'm putting together a slide show of picture which were taken by several
people @ Field day, so a projector is highly desirable.

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2283. Re: 286 or 386 laptop needed

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-08-07 19:44:00 UTC
From: Robert S
Topic: 2259 Message: 2283

Tom,

Did you ever locate a laptop?

Rob - KD8VHV

--- In GRARA@yahoogroups.com, "tomKD8DEG" <kd8deg@...> wrote:
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> Hi All!!!
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> I am looking for a working 286 or 386 laptop, "nothing newer". If anyone has
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> 73
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> Tom KD8DEG
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2284. RE: [GRARA] Re: 286 or 386 laptop needed

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-08-07 21:56:41 UTC
From: tomKD8DEG
Topic: 2259 Message: 2284

Hi Rob!!

I apologize, I thought I got back with you about it. I still need one. I have found some but they do not work all that well. Most had a bad floppy drive, and that was one thing it had to have was a working floppy drive.

If yours is still available I can meet with you and pick it up. How much do you want for it.

My Home/Cell # 616-292-3335

Tom KD8DEG

From: GRARA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:GRARA@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of Robert S
Sent: Wednesday, August 07, 2013 3:44 PM
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [GRARA] Re: 286 or 386 laptop needed

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2285. Radio Room

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-08-08 11:55:49 UTC
From: Robert
Topic: 2285 Message: 2285

Need link to u-tube video about using radios.

2286. Re: [GRARA] Radio Room

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-08-08 14:29:12 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2285 Message: 2286

Robert:

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On 8/8/2013 7:55 AM, Robert wrote:

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2287. Re: [GRARA] Radio Room

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-08-08 18:27:05 UTC
From: Jack Kunnen
Topic: 2285 Message: 2287

Hank,

This was a link to a video Tom, N8DGD, made on operation of the HF with the external tuner and amp. He asked me to post it here at the meeting Friday.

Jack, ab8nd

On Aug 8, 2013, at 10:29 AM, Hank Greeb wrote:

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2288. Re: [GRARA] Radio Room

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-08-08 19:32:15 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2285 Message: 2288

Jack:

Thanks for the clarification.

There are many other things which are not obvious, even to an olde f**t fogey like me, who has been around ham radio for >60 years.? To me, there didn't seem any way to "turn on" the 2 meter rig which also had the the new d-star mode in it.? I didn't try anything in the room, but I thought I might be competent enough to push a "push to talk" button on a microphone and announce my presence had I been able to figure out where the "on-off" switch is on the new 2 meter rig.

I thought we had some sort of ossifer who is charged with education and training.? If we don't we certainly could use one, because there's at least one person (me) who doesn't have the foggiest idea of how things work @ W8DC.? Perhaps all others in the club know how everything works, so I may be the dunce of the crowd.

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2289. Re: [GRARA] Radio Room

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-08-08 19:34:05 UTC
From: wd8usa@...
Topic: 2285 Message: 2289

Good Lord Hank- METHINKS ya got a way with words!

-----Original Message-----
From: Jack Kunnen <ab8nd@...>
To: GRARA <GRARA@...m>
Sent: Thu, Aug 8, 2013 2:27 pm
Subject: Re: [GRARA] Radio Room

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2290. Re: [GRARA] Radio Room

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-08-08 20:28:04 UTC
From: Dave Ed
Topic: 2285 Message: 2290

Wednesday night radio room could be used for a lot of good radio training.
Dave
AC8AB

From: "wd8usa@..." <wd8usa@...>
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Thursday, August 8, 2013 3:34 PM
Subject: Re: [GRARA] Radio Room

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From: Jack Kunnen <ab8nd@sbcglobal.net>
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2291. Re: [GRARA] Radio Room

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-08-08 20:31:38 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2285 Message: 2291

Thanks Joe:

You hit the bell right on the head.

Lessee, we claim (Or at least, at one time we claimed) we are (were) a "Special Service Club" yet we fail miserably on training.

The listing on ARRL web site says that Jack, AB8ND is president, and Richard Douglas, KC8NKA is newsletter editor,
and that we have

Club Newsletter (I ain't seen one in the 6 years I've been a member),
Entry-Level License Classes (occasionally),
Hamfest,
License Test Sessions,
On-The-Air Bulletins (on what bands/modes, schedule? - beats me)
Packet Radio BBS,
Repeater

Is anything in the above out of date?

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Yahoo! Groups Links

<*> To visit your group on the web, go to:
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/GRARA/

<*> Your email settings:
Individual Email | Traditional

<*> To change settings online go to:
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/GRARA/join
(Yahoo! ID required)

<*> To change settings via email:
GRARA-digest@yahoogroups.com
GRARA-fullfeatured@yahoogroups.com

<*> To unsubscribe from this group, send an email to:
GRARA-unsubscribe@yahoogroups.com

<*> Your use of Yahoo! Groups is subject to:
http://docs.yahoo.com/info/terms/

2292. Re: [GRARA] Radio Room

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-08-08 21:58:36 UTC
From: RMoe@...
Topic: 2285 Message: 2292

All these messages and still no link????? I have a radio that is very similar to the FT-920, but would like to know about the antennas and switches and other things that go along with the radio. And besides I like watching video's.
73, Bob AC8ZX

In a message dated 8/8/2013 4:28:11 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time, edwallace38@... writes:

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2293. Re: [GRARA] Radio Room

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-08-08 22:07:09 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2285 Message: 2293

The operative words are "could be."

The actual words are "haven't been" and "probably won't ever be" (knowing past history - mine is recent, only goes back 6 years or so)

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On 8/8/2013 4:28 PM, Dave Ed wrote:

Wednesday night radio room could be used for a lot of good radio training.

Dave

AC8AB

2294. Re: [GRARA] Radio Room

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-08-08 22:41:56 UTC
From: Jim Leys
Topic: 2285 Message: 2294

Here is to link to Tom Hanson's video on the 920

http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_detailpage&v=LT7rchTi9W4

DE: KD8CAN

From: "RMoe@..." <RMoe@...>
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Thursday, August 8, 2013 5:58 PM
Subject: Re: [GRARA] Radio Room

All these messages and still no link????? I have a radio that is very similar to the FT-920, but would like to know about the antennas and switches and other things that go along with the radio. And besides I like watching video's.73, Bob AC8ZX

In a message dated 8/8/2013 4:28:11 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time, edwallace38@yahoo.com writes:

>Wednesday night radio room could be used for a lot of good radio training.
>Dave
>AC8AB
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> From: "wd8usa@..." <wd8usa@...>
>To: GRARA@yaho ogroups.com
>Sent: Thursday, August 8, 2013 3:34 PM
>Subject: Re: [GRARA] Radio Room
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>
>Good Lord Hank- METHINKS ya got a way with words!
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>-----Original Message-----
>From: Jack Kunnen <ab8nd@...>
>To: GRARA <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
>Sent: Thu, Aug 8, 2013 2:27 pm
>Subject: Re: [GRARA] Radio Room

>
>Hank,
>
>This was a link to a video Tom, N8DGD, made on
operation of the HF with
>the external tuner and amp. He asked me to post
it here at the meeting
>Friday.
>
>Jack, ab8nd
>
>On Aug 8, 2013,
at 10:29 AM, Hank Greeb wrote:
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>Robert:
>
>Oh, you think
the club needs to teach us lids like me,
>who couldn't even figger out how
to turn on the VHF rig when I was
>down at W8DC the other day. Sou,
you think
>we need to know how to operate the rigs @ the club
>Radio
Room? Amazing, I always thought we were
>expected to learn by ESP or
somesuch. The
>subject has only been mentioned at club meetings
>several (numerous) times during the
>5 or 6 years that I've been a
>member. I thought at one time I'd hold my
>breath waiting for
training sessions to be
>instituted, but I found it impossible to do
>that.
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>72/73 de n8xx Hg
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>On
8/8/2013 7:55 AM, Robert wrote:
>
>Need link to u-tube video about using
radios.
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2296. Thanks, Hank.... for the suggested updates

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-08-09 15:14:31 UTC
From: W8DER
Topic: 2296 Message: 2296

Thank you Hank, I had forgotten to update our club information on the ARRL website. I submitted the changes today, so Tom is officially the president. (I'm sure he is glad to hear that!) They provide a little spot for general information, so I used the opportunity to brag about our great VE testing sessions also.

It takes a few days for the information to get updated online at ARRL.

Looks like officer information is ok on http://www.W8DC.org.

I also checked our information on QRZ.com. I DID remember that one. Life is good!

Mike@...

2297. Tom's HF video

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-08-09 18:38:20 UTC
From: Jack Kunnen
Topic: 2297 Message: 2297

The link to the HF station operation video is at
http://youtu.be/LT7rchTi9W4

Jack, ab8nd

2298. Re: 286 or 386 laptop needed

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-08-13 13:59:58 UTC
From: Robert S
Topic: 2259 Message: 2298

Tom,

Does the laptop need to be a 286/386 or can you use newer technology?

Sorry for the late response to your email.

Rob (KD8VHV)

--- In GRARA@yahoogroups.com, "tomKD8DEG" <kd8deg@...> wrote:
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> Hi Rob!!
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> I apologize, I thought I got back with you about it. I still need one. I
> have found some but they do not work all that well. Most had a bad floppy
> drive, and that was one thing it had to have was a working floppy drive.
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> If yours is still available I can meet with you and pick it up. How much do
> you want for it.
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> My Home/Cell # 616-292-3335
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> Tom KD8DEG
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> From: GRARA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:GRARA@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of
> Robert S
> Sent: Wednesday, August 07, 2013 3:44 PM
> To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
> Subject: [GRARA] Re: 286 or 386 laptop needed
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> Tom,
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> Did you ever locate a laptop?

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> Rob - KD8VHV
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> > I am looking for a working 286 or 386 laptop, "nothing newer". If anyone
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> > Tom KD8DEG
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2299. Field Day Video

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-08-13 20:10:17 UTC
From: Jack Kunnen
Topic: 2299 Message: 2299

A video from Field Day is at YouTube, photography by Courtland.

http://youtu.be/YglgfD22qFY

Jack, AB8ND

2300. RE: [GRARA] Re: 286 or 386 laptop needed

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-08-13 21:20:20 UTC
From: tomKD8DEG
Topic: 2259 Message: 2300

Hi Rob!!

No it can not be newer. If the processor speed is above 166mhz I can not do any programing. I could turn the radio into a BIG brick. 166mhz processor and slower is what I am looking for.

Thanks

Tom KD8DEG

From: GRARA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:GRARA@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of Robert S
Sent: Tuesday, August 13, 2013 10:00 AM
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [GRARA] Re: 286 or 386 laptop needed

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2301. Re: Field Day Video

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-08-14 12:43:42 UTC
From: ka5s
Topic: 2299 Message: 2301

Nice work, Jack!

Cortland

2302. Re: 286 or 386 laptop needed

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-08-14 20:53:49 UTC
From: Robert S
Topic: 2259 Message: 2302

Tom,

Ok, I do not have a laptop that old in technology. You may want to try Brim Computers on Lenard and Fuller. He did have older systems the last I checked.

Rob

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> Tom KD8DEG
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> From: GRARA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:GRARA@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of
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> To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
> Subject: [GRARA] Re: 286 or 386 laptop needed
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2303. RE: [GRARA] Re: 286 or 386 laptop needed

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-08-14 21:10:31 UTC
From: tomKD8DEG
Topic: 2259 Message: 2303

Thanks Rob. I will stop in there and see what they have.

Tom

From: GRARA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:GRARA@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of Robert S
Sent: Wednesday, August 14, 2013 4:54 PM
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [GRARA] Re: 286 or 386 laptop needed

Tom,

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2304. Re: 286 or 386 laptop needed

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-08-14 23:59:41 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 2259 Message: 2304

Brim is no longer there.

But you could try Valley City Environmental Services retail store
http://www.valleycityes.com/electronics

or Comprenew's stores
http://comprenew.org

Jack NY8D

----- Message from roberts358@... ---------
Date: Wed, 14 Aug 2013 20:53:49 -0000
From: Robert S <roberts358@...>
Reply-To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [GRARA] Re: 286 or 386 laptop needed
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com

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> Rob

----- End message from roberts358@... -----

2305. RE: [GRARA] Re: 286 or 386 laptop needed

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-08-15 00:08:13 UTC
From: tomKD8DEG
Topic: 2259 Message: 2305

Thanks Jack.

Tom KD8DEG

From: GRARA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:GRARA@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of Jack Amelar
Sent: Wednesday, August 14, 2013 8:00 PM
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [GRARA] Re: 286 or 386 laptop needed

Brim is no longer there.

But you could try Valley City Environmental Services retail store
http://www.valleycityes.com/electronics

or Comprenew's stores
http://comprenew.org

Jack NY8D

----- Message from roberts358@... <mailto:roberts358%40yahoo.com>

Date: Wed, 14 Aug 2013 20:53:49 -0000
From: Robert S <roberts358@... <mailto:roberts358%40yahoo.com> >
Reply-To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com <mailto:GRARA%40yahoogroups.com>
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----- End message from roberts358@... <mailto:roberts358%40yahoo.com>

2306. RE: [GRARA] Re: 286 or 386 laptop needed

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-08-15 12:23:25 UTC
From: Bob Hardin
Topic: 2259 Message: 2306

You can always use the stress test software from Microsoft which allows you to simulate any processor at any speed you want.

-----Original Message-----
From: GRARA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:GRARA@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of Robert S
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Yahoo! Groups Links

2307. Re: [GRARA] Re: 286 or 386 laptop needed

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-08-15 15:40:56 UTC
From: Rich Douglas
Topic: 2259 Message: 2307
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Brim is gone.

Rich Douglas, KC8NKA
On 8/14/2013 5:10 PM, tomKD8DEG wrote:
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2308. VIdeo Replaced

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-08-15 17:12:28 UTC
From: Jack Kunnen
Topic: 2308 Message: 2308

The Field Day video has been edited, stood Bob up, and replaced. Sorry for any inconvenience.

http://youtu.be/OocMYfZRYEQ

Jack, AB8ND

2309. Re: 286 or 386 laptop needed

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-08-19 15:55:53 UTC
From: Robert S
Topic: 2259 Message: 2309

Really, I am sorry to hear that. I always went to him for older equipment. If in my travels I find some older equipment I will let you know.

Sorry I could not help more.

Rob - KD8VHV

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2310. Repeater Information Clarification

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-08-19 16:06:02 UTC
From: Robert S
Topic: 2310 Message: 2310

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2. 147.760 PL 94.8 Offset +

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Thanks everyone!

73's

Rob - KD8VHV

2311. Re: [GRARA] Repeater Information Clarification

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-08-19 17:54:19 UTC
From: K8TB
Topic: 2310 Message: 2311

Rob,

Minor correction. The second repeater would be 146.76, minus offset (-600) and a 94.8 Hz tone. Try that and see if it works.

Me? I'm so old I remember the 76 repeater on 92nd St hill using Moseley DI-2 antennas and a tube type GE Progress line transmitter and receiver. Yup, that's old.

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2312. RE: [GRARA] Repeater Information Clarification

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-08-19 21:45:40 UTC
From: tomKD8DEG
Topic: 2310 Message: 2312

LOL!!! WOW You are old Tom. I know I have no room to talk. One more for us old timers. You could whistle it up if you did not have tone capability. I think the tone was 1600 c/ hertz.

KD8DEG Tom

From: GRARA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:GRARA@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of K8TB
Sent: Monday, August 19, 2013 1:54 PM
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Cc: Robert S
Subject: Re: [GRARA] Repeater Information Clarification

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Thanks everyone!

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Rob - KD8VHV

2313. Re: [GRARA] Re: 286 or 386 laptop needed

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-08-20 05:50:59 UTC
From: R. Mark Barnett
Topic: 2259 Message: 2313

You might try putting a wanted message on Craigslist. I did it for a part I needed and it worked for me... SOMEONE must have one sitting in a closet somewhere...

Mark B. N8PGV

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2314. Re: Repeater Information Clarification

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-08-20 12:04:45 UTC
From: Robert S
Topic: 2310 Message: 2314

Tom,

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The repeater directories have a +600 KHz listed for that repeater. It would appear that I had two things going on.

I am such a new ham!

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2315. Re: Repeater Information Clarification

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-08-20 12:23:21 UTC
From: Robert S
Topic: 2310 Message: 2315

Tom,

Is there a reason that the both repeaters are not listed on the GRARA website?

I submitted an edit request on the Artsci Repeater Directory asking them to change the offset information on the repeater listing for 146.760.

I do not know if they will submit an email to the GRARA requesting verification or not. Hope that request is Ok with the club.

http://www.artscipub.com/repeaters/local/index.asp?state=Michigan&city=GRAND RAPIDS

Rob Schroeder - KD8VHV

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2316. Re: [GRARA] Re: Repeater Information Clarification

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-08-20 14:17:12 UTC
From: Charles Rich
Topic: 2310 Message: 2316

You're not old, Tom----You are ancient....almost like me!!
Of course, that young "teen ager+ you run arount with keeps you young!!
 CER / GCW
CHECK MY PROFILE AT WWW.QRZ.COM
Licensed by the FCC since 1950

From: Robert S <roberts358@...>
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2317. RE: [GRARA] Re: 286 or 386 laptop needed

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-08-20 21:19:17 UTC
From: tomKD8DEG
Topic: 2259 Message: 2317

Hi Mark,

That is one thing I did not think of.

Thanks

Tom KD8DEG

From: GRARA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:GRARA@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of R. Mark Barnett
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To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
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> > > Does the laptop need to be a 286/386 or can you use newer technology?
> > >
> > > Sorry for the late response to your email.
> > >
> > > Rob (KD8VHV)
> > >
> > > --- In GRARA@yahoogroups.com <mailto:GRARA%40yahoogroups.com>
<mailto:GRARA%40yahoogroups.com>
> > <mailto:GRARA%40yahoogroups.com> , "tomKD8DEG"
> > > <kd8deg@> wrote:
> > > >
> > > > Hi Rob!!
> > > >
> > > >
> > > >
> > > > I apologize, I thought I got back with you about it. I still need
> > one. I
> > > > have found some but they do not work all that well. Most had a bad
> > floppy
> > > > drive, and that was one thing it had to have was a working floppy
> > drive.
> > > >
> > > >
> > > >
> > > > If yours is still available I can meet with you and pick it up.
> > How much
> > > > do
> > > > you want for it.
> > > >
> > > >
> > > >
> > > > My Home/Cell # 616-292-3335
> > > >
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> > > >
> > > > Tom KD8DEG
> > > >
> > > >
> > > >
> > > > From: GRARA@yahoogroups.com <mailto:GRARA%40yahoogroups.com>
<mailto:GRARA%40yahoogroups.com>
> > <mailto:GRARA%40yahoogroups.com>
> > > [mailto:GRARA@yahoogroups.com <mailto:GRARA%40yahoogroups.com>
<mailto:GRARA%40yahoogroups.com>
> > <mailto:GRARA%40yahoogroups.com>] On Behalf
> > > Of
> > > > Robert S
> > > > Sent: Wednesday, August 07, 2013 3:44 PM

> > > > To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com <mailto:GRARA%40yahoogroups.com>
<mailto:GRARA%40yahoogroups.com>
> > <mailto:GRARA%40yahoogroups.com>
> > > > Subject: [GRARA] Re: 286 or 386 laptop needed
> > > >
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> > > > Tom,
> > > >
> > > > Did you ever locate a laptop?
> > > >
> > > > Rob - KD8VHV
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> > > > <kd8deg@> wrote:
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> > > > >
> > > > > I am looking for a working 286 or 386 laptop, "nothing newer".
> > If anyone
> > > > has
> > > > > one that they would like to part with, please contact me off the
> > lists
> > > at:
> > > > > kd8deg@
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> > > > > 73
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> > > > > Tom KD8DEG
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2318. FREE magazines

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-08-21 00:32:57 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 2318 Message: 2318

FREE magazines - Basement cleanout

Ham Radio magazine - 9 bundles of misc issues in no particular order,
post 1976 size

QEX magazine - 3 bundles of misc issues in no particular order

Communications Quarterly - 1 bundle of misc issues in no particular order

73 Magazine - 8 bundles of misc issues in no particular order, most pre
1976 size

QST magazine - 2003, 2004, 2005

Monitoring Times - 1998 - 2004

Popular Communications - 1995 - 2005

Nuts & Volts - 1999 - 2002

GROUND RULES:
Pick up at my place or
I'll bring them to GRAHamfest http://www.w8dc.org Saturday, September
7, ONLY IF SOMEONE HAS COMMITTED TO TAKING THEM

Requests are for ALL of a type of magazines. In other words ALL QSTs,
or ALL 73s, etc.

I will not separate out individual months. Take all or not.

Any not claimed after the hamfest go to county paper recycle.

73 Jack NY8D

Jack Amelar
13110 Victory Woods Dr NE
Lowell, MI 49331-8857
Home Phone #: (616)438-5412
Cell Phone #: (616)438-1464
E-mail: jamelar@...

2319. Re: [GRARA] FREE magazines

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-08-21 02:50:41 UTC
From: Douglas Luurs
Topic: 2318 Message: 2319

Greetings .. I would be interested in all of the Nuts & Volts and the QSTs if there are no other takers ..
I will be at the Fest for sure. I am going to do my 1st attempt at my Extra this year.

Thank you

Doug .. N8ZUU

From: Jack Amelar <jamelar@...>
To: w8lrc@...; grara@yahoogroups.com; westmichiganhams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Tuesday, August 20, 2013 8:32 PM
Subject: [GRARA] FREE magazines

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E-mail: mailto:jamelar%40localnet.com

2320. W8UTE Tom Mix, Silent Key

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-08-21 21:37:09 UTC
From: K8TB
Topic: 2320 Message: 2320

I received word that Tom Mix, W8UTE (formally WJ8R/AB8ZU), of Ada, passed away this morning at the age of 74. Tom was a rather active ham radio operator over the years. Please remember his wife, Gisele, WM8Q in your thoughts.

Tom Bosscher K8TB

2321. RE: [GRARA] W8UTE Tom Mix, Silent Key

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-08-21 23:33:45 UTC
From: Richard Ranta
Topic: 2320 Message: 2321

Thanks Tom. Lee W8ZP (formerly WB8HRT, WC8O, W8LMB) and I were talking about the old Hams we've known and seen become S.K.

Gosh, I really didn't think he was that old.

R.I.P. Tom.

Rich K8JX & Scooter the cat

Do not resent growing old.

Many are denied the privilege.

Irish proverb

2322. [kalamazoohamradio] 10 Best apps for emergency preparedness.

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-08-22 02:25:39 UTC
From: tomKD8DEG
Topic: 2322 Message: 2322

10 Best apps for emergency preparedness.

http://www.croplife.com/article/34563/10-best-apps-for-emergency-preparednes
s?utm_source=August+2013+EMTrends%21+%28NEW+TEMPLATE%29
<http://www.croplife.com/article/34563/10-best-apps-for-emergency-preparedne
ss?utm_source=August+2013+EMTrends%21+%28NEW+TEMPLATE%29&utm_campaign=August
+2013+EMtrends%21&utm_medium=email>
&utm_campaign=August+2013+EMtrends%21&utm_medium=email

2323. Re: [GRARA] W8UTE Tom Mix, Silent Key

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-08-22 16:54:04 UTC
From: streyle.j@...
Topic: 2320 Message: 2323

I remember working with Tom and Gisele at several VE sessions.

That was a number of years ago. Didn't realize Tom's age. Time passes quickly!

I hope Gisele is doing OK. Wonder if she will need any help with the ham station?

John W8QZ
----- Original Message -----

From: "K8TB" <k8tb@bosscher.org>
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com, westMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Wednesday, August 21, 2013 4:37:09 PM
Subject: [GRARA] W8UTE Tom Mix, Silent Key

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passed away this morning at the age of 74. Tom was a rather active ham
radio operator over the years. Please remember his wife, Gisele, WM8Q in
your thoughts.

Tom Bosscher K8TB

2324. GRARA Hamfest, Sept 7th

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-08-23 02:27:31 UTC
From: W8DER
Topic: 2324 Message: 2324

The Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Assoc. Hamfest is coming up fast! It's on Saturday, September 7th. Check out full information on the http://www.w8dc.org web site.

Also we have recently added information on the site about the October Hamfests in Muskegon and Kalamazoo.

Check it out!

2325. Voice of Russia Radio Stops Shortwave Service

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-08-23 23:42:39 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 2325 Message: 2325

Voice of Russia will end shortwave service January 1, 2014
Those of us who tune outside the HF ham bands. should know what I'm
referring to.
Definitely a long ways from the Radio Moscow (VO Russia's predecessor)
in the cold war days when turning on a shortwave radio all you had to
do is spin the tuning dial about half a turn to find them. Anyone on 40
meter phone in the evening couldn't avoid them. Today's Voice of Russia
can be a challenge to find / receive, unless, of course, you audio
stream from their website http://www.voiceofrussia.ru/
There will still be domestic shortwave stations in Russia in Russian language.

To get an idea of how many frequencies Radio Moscow would simulcast on,
listen to this sign on from 1981
http://www.intervalsignals.net/files/rus-z-radio_moscow_000181.m3u
or this sign on from the first day of attempted coup in 1991
http://www.intervalsignals.net/files/rus-z-rmws_coup_190891.m3u

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Report:
http://en.rian.ru/russia/20130821/182889844/Voice-of-Russia-Radio-Stops-Shortwave-Service.html

MOSCOW, August 21 (RIA Novosti) ☐ The Russian government☐s
international radio broadcasting service Golos Rossii (Voice of Russia)
will stop its shortwave broadcasts from January 1 next year, the
Digit.ru online journal reported Wednesday.

The shortwave service is closing ☐due to funding cuts,☐ Voice of Russia
deputy director Natalya Zhmai said in a letter dated August 15 to
Andrei Romanchenko, head of the Russian Television and Radio
Broadcasting Network (RTRBN), the journal said.

Voice of Russia, established in 1929, currently uses RTRBN transmitters
to broadcast to foreign countries using short and medium waves. After
the shortwave service goes off the air, only three low-power medium
wave transmitters will be used to broadcast to other countries, an
industry source told Digit.ru.

The radio will mostly use FM band transmitters based abroad, the source said.

At the beginning of the year, Voice of Russia cut the total volume of
shortwave broadcasts to 26 hours a day from more than 50 hours in 2012.

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73 Jack NY8D

2326. W8LTE, Tom Mix Silent Key, Obituary

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-08-24 02:04:43 UTC
From: K8TB
Topic: 2326 Message: 2326

Tom's obituary is on M-Live at:

"http://obits.mlive.com/obituaries/grandrapids/obituary.aspx?n=thomas-mix&pid=166576547&fhid=15995#fbLoggedOut"

M-Live has an online comment area. I would encourage those who cannot make the visitation to leave a comment there.

Tom Bosscher K8TB

2327. Grara google password and email change request

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-08-26 03:55:05 UTC
From: sprovost
Topic: 2327 Message: 2327

Hello, today I received two emails from Google stating that someone has requested recovery of our google email address password and phone number.

Should i be concerned?

thanks
stephen

2328. Re: [GRARA] Grara google password and email change request

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-08-26 12:15:00 UTC
From: Mike W8DER
Topic: 2327 Message: 2328

Steve,

To my knowledge, GRARA has two Google Accounts that are used for web functionality purposes. Both have usernames and passwords and mobile phone numbers that can _not _be linked back to GRARA or to any GRARA Member, especially to you as Technical Director.

Both of them contain non-sensitive data. _Information_ on the accounts could contain GRARA public information only to the extent that it is displayed on the website. (Like a GRARA meeting date.)

I checked them this morning and they are still active under our passwords and running.

I think that somebody is trying to give you gray hair.

Mike, W8DER
Webmaster

On 8/25/2013 11:55 PM, sprovost wrote:
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> Hello, today I received two emails from Google stating that someone
> has requested recovery of our google email address password and phone
> number.
>
> Should i be concerned?
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> thanks
> stephen
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>

2329. Re: [GRARA] Grara google password and email change request

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-08-26 14:53:16 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 2327 Message: 2329

> Hello, today I received two emails from Google stating that someone
> has requested recovery of our google email address password and phone
> number.
>
> Should i be concerned?
>
> thanks
> stephen
>
NO

This was a Gmail account set up for the hamfest. It hasn't been used
for the past 3 years.

Jack NY8D

2330. Re: [GRARA] Grara google password and email change request

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-08-26 17:48:54 UTC
From: Rich Douglas
Topic: 2327 Message: 2330
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Spam. Ignore it.
Rich Douglas, KC8NKA
On 8/25/2013 11:55 PM, sprovost wrote:
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> Hello, today I received two emails from Google stating that someone
> has requested recovery of our google email address password and phone
> number.
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> Should i be concerned?
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> thanks
> stephen
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2331. Re: [GRARA] Grara google password and email change request

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-08-26 18:55:23 UTC
From: R. Mark Barnett
Topic: 2327 Message: 2331

Might be a phishing attempt... IE.. if you use the links in the email to access your account, they have your password... If you have a strong password I wouldn't worry too much even if it WAS real... You got the email, not them.. If your password is PASSWORD, I'd change it anyway.... I will NEVER use a link in my email to access ANY account.

Mark B. N8PGV

>_____
> From: Rich Douglas <rich@...>
>To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
>Sent: Monday, August 26, 2013 1:48 PM
>Subject: Re: [GRARA] Grara google password and email change request
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>Spam. Ignore it.
>
>Rich Douglas, KC8NKA
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2332. RE: [GRARA] Grara google password and email change request

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-08-26 21:23:20 UTC
From: tomKD8DEG
Topic: 2327 Message: 2332

I agree with Mark. Sounds like a phishing scheme. Contact Google direct. Like Mark said, do not use any links, in an email with that kind of content in it. That is how so many people are having there email hijacked and then using all your contacts to send out all the bogus stuff now a days.

Tom KD8DEG

From: GRARA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:GRARA@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of R. Mark Barnett
Sent: Monday, August 26, 2013 2:55 PM
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: Re: [GRARA] Grara google password and email change request

Might be a phishing attempt... IE.. if you use the links in the email to access your account, they have your password... If you have a strong password I wouldn't worry too much even if it WAS real... You got the email, not them.. If your password is PASSWORD, I'd change it anyway.... I will NEVER use a link in my email to access ANY account.

Mark B. N8PGV

From: Rich Douglas <rich@...>
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Monday, August 26, 2013 1:48 PM
Subject: Re: [GRARA] Grara google password and email change request

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Rich Douglas, KC8NKA

On 8/25/2013 11:55 PM, sprovost wrote:

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Should i be concerned?

thanks
stephen

2333. Re: [GRARA] Grara google password and email change request

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-08-26 21:28:27 UTC
From: Dan KD8KXI
Topic: 2327 Message: 2333

I'm more inclined to suspect it was a typo on the username, and the person unwittingly tried to recover the password before realizing the error. I've encountered this before, and it's common especially if the username utilizes acronyms. There's simply not much gained by phishing an amateur radio association's Google account.

If two-factor authentication is enabled on the account(s), there's little need to worry, even with a successful phishing attempt that recovers the login password. If it's not enabled, do so (Google search two-factor authentication).

Dan T (KD8KXI)

On 08/26/2013 02:55 PM, R. Mark Barnett wrote:
>
> Might be a phishing attempt... IE.. if you use the links in the email
> to access your account, they have your password... If you have a
> strong password I wouldn't worry too much even if it WAS real... You
> got the email, not them.. If your password is PASSWORD, I'd change it
> anyway.... I will NEVER use a link in my email to access ANY account.
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> *
> *Mark B. N8PGV*
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> *From:* Rich Douglas <rich@...>
> *To:* GRARA@yahoogroups.com
> *Sent:* Monday, August 26, 2013 1:48 PM
> *Subject:* Re: [GRARA] Grara google password and email change request
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> Spam. Ignore it.
> Rich Douglas, KC8NKA
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2334. Re: [GRARA] Grara google password and email change request

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-08-26 21:31:32 UTC
From: Dan KD8KXI
Topic: 2327 Message: 2334

Correction, search "2-step verification".

Direct Google link on how to enable it for the brave:
https://support.google.com/accounts/answer/180744?hl=en

On 08/26/2013 05:28 PM, Dan KD8KXI wrote:
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> I'm more inclined to suspect it was a typo on the username, and the
> person unwittingly tried to recover the password before realizing the
> error. I've encountered this before, and it's common especially if
> the username utilizes acronyms. There's simply not much gained by
> phishing an amateur radio association's Google account.
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> If two-factor authentication is enabled on the account(s), there's
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2335. Re: [GRARA] Grara google password and email change request

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-08-26 22:49:59 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 2327 Message: 2335

Not spam, not a phishing attempt.
It was me. It's a gmail originally set up as the contact for GRAHamfest
which hasn't been used in 3 years.
Ignore it.

Jack NY8D

----- Message from kd8kxi@... ---------
Date: Mon, 26 Aug 2013 17:28:27 -0400
From: Dan KD8KXI <kd8kxi@...>
Reply-To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: Re: [GRARA] Grara google password and email change request
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com

> I'm more inclined to suspect it was a typo on the username, and the
> person unwittingly tried to recover the password before realizing the
> error. I've encountered this before, and it's common especially if the
> username utilizes acronyms. There's simply not much gained by phishing
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----- End message from kd8kxi@... -----

2336. Re: Grara google password and email change request

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-08-27 12:08:18 UTC
From: <stprovost@...>
Topic: 2327 Message: 2336

Hey guys, thanks for the replies.
Just wanted to be sure our main goggle accounts were not being compromised.
Stephen

2339. 160 m and an Extended Band AM station

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-08-29 18:36:37 UTC
From: Cortland Richmond
Topic: 2339 Message: 2339

I live about 1500 meters from WPRR, a 10KW daytime, 680W nighttime AMBC station on 1680 KHz.

The past few weeks, there've not only been no spurs on HF,. they've been running the same power day and night; low power. This was still showing 50 dBuV (316 uV) with one meter of wire on a spectrum analyzer, but I could certainly live with that.

Today though, I thought the analyzer was malfunctioning. The good news is, it's not, but there's bad news too; they're fixing things; WPRR was was intermiitent adn weaker this past few days and they ve been on and off and REALLY weak (16 dBuV, 3.16 uV) today. Can't say I miss the blanketing, but they'll be back and if 680W was 50 DBuV, 10KW wil be 73 dBuV on the same 1 meter wire in 50 OHmz -- 4.6 MILLIVOLTS. Ouch.

Time for a loop antenna. And good RF chokes on the Rigblasters.

Cortland
KA5S

*Exhibit 16
Description:* REASONS FOR REQUEST

ON JULY 20, 2013, STATION WPRR COMMENCED OPERATION WITH REDUCED DAYTIME POWER. THE REDUCED POWER WAS ITS LICENSED NIGHTTIME POWER OF 0.68 KW. THIS WAS DUE TO DAMAGE TO A SECTION OF THE TRANSMISSION LINE. NOTICE OF THE REDUCED POWER OPERATION WAS GIVEN, AS REQUIRED BY SECTION 73.1560(D) ON JULY 30, 2013. IT WAS ANTICIPATED THAT FULL POWER OPERATION COULD RESUME WITHIN 30 DAYS. HOWEVER, SOME ADDITIONAL DAMAGE WAS DISCOVERED, THE REPAIR OF WHICH WILL TAKE SOME ADDITIONAL TIME. IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE STATION WILL BE ABLE TO RESUME NORMAL OPERATION WITHIN A FEW WEEKS. IN THE MEANTIME, THE STATION WILL CONTINUE TO OPERATE WITH ITS LICENSED NIGHTTIME POWER

https://licensing.fcc.gov/cgi-bin/ws.exe/prod/cdbs/forms/prod/cdbsmenu.hts?context=25&appn=101569604&formid=911&fac_num=87106

2341. What time is setup on Friday for the GRARA Hamfest?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-09-03 02:00:08 UTC
From: <mike@...>
Topic: 2341 Message: 2341

What time is setup on Friday for the GRARA Hamfest? It's coming up so fast that I almost forgot! Saturday is the big day!

Let me know, I will put it on the web site, http://www.w8dc.org .

Mike, W8DER

2342. RE: What time is setup on Friday for the GRARA Hamfest?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-09-03 14:29:06 UTC
From: <roberts358@...>
Topic: 2341 Message: 2342

I am planning on helping the club with setup on Friday night as well. It would be great if someone would post a schedule. Is there any information on how many tables and venders will be at the event?

Looking forward to the event,

Rob - KD8VHV

--- In GRARA@yahoogroups.com, <grara@yahoogroups.com> wrote:

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2343. J-Pole Build Results

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-09-03 14:58:41 UTC
From: <roberts358@...>
Topic: 2343 Message: 2343

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Thanks Everyone,

Rob - KD8VHV

2344. Re: [GRARA] What time is setup on Friday for the GRARA Hamfest?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-09-03 15:47:24 UTC
From: Rich Douglas
Topic: 2341 Message: 2344
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

7 to 9 pm

Rich Douglas, KC8NKA
On 9/2/2013 10:00 PM, mike@... wrote:
>
> What time is setup on Friday for the GRARA Hamfest? It's coming up so
> fast that I almost forgot! Saturday is the big day!
>
> Let me know, I will put it on the web site, http://www.w8dc.org .
>
> Mike, W8DER
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2345. Re: [GRARA] J-Pole Build Results

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-09-03 16:00:22 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2343 Message: 2345

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2346. RE: Re: [GRARA] J-Pole Build Results

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-09-03 16:41:58 UTC
From: <roberts358@...>
Topic: 2343 Message: 2346

Thank you N8XX for your suggestions and help.

Information: I tested SWR with 50' of RJ-58.

Regarding my adjustments I used only the tap C to adjust. The adjustment was alot higher than the 2 inches that the calculator states.

I might also add that this was my first time using an analyzer so in the end the results could be in part of low skill. Takes time to be proficient.

73's KD8VHV

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2347. RE:S.K. N8VWI

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-09-03 16:54:47 UTC
From: Richard Ranta
Topic: 2347 Message: 2347

N8VWI

Bill J Zaidel

Bill, age 66, passed away Friday, August 30, 2013.

He was an Extra Class licensee who loved to work DX and

Special event stations. Bill, who served in the Army in Vietnam,

worked at the General motors plant in Grand Rapids.

He was involved with the Greyhound Rescue and provided many

Abused Greyhounds with a safe home in their later years. When

MARA purchased their first repeater, Bill and Connie helped set up

Our Operation Care Coffee Stop operation. He even let us use his motor Home till we could safely operate it ourselves. While his health

wasn't the best, he still was active in most of our club functions: Field Day, The Veteran's Special event station and maintaining the repeater grounds.

Bill loved to cook and spent many holiday's grilling everything one could eat! He loved to shoot and fish.

I will always remember Bill as the guy who helped me out in my time of need.

Bill's demons from Vietnam are finally gone. Rest in peace my friend.

Bill is survived by his wife, Connie N8WKQ and many family members.

Rich K8JX & Scooter the cat

Do not resent growing old.

Many are denied the privilege.

Irish proverb

2348. Cheap SDR Testing Results

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-09-03 17:18:00 UTC
From: <roberts358@...>
Topic: 2348 Message: 2348

Current Configuration:

HDSDR - Version 2.63 (SDR Software)

Zadig - Version 2.0.1.157 (USB Driver Installer)

USB Driver (WinUSB - 6.1.7600.16385)

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Operating System (Windows7 SP 1- 32 bit)

Dell (Latitude D620 - HD 250GB, Ram 4GB, Processor Dual Core T2300 1.66GHz)

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2349. Re: [GRARA] Cheap SDR Testing Results

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-09-03 17:28:59 UTC
From: Douglas Luurs
Topic: 2348 Message: 2349

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http://www.cnx-software.com/2013/08/12/275-hackrf-open-source-software-defined-radio-sdr-platform/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+cnx-software%2Fblog+%28CNXSoft+-+Embedded+Software+Development%29

From: "roberts358@..." <roberts358@...>
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Tuesday, September 3, 2013 1:18 PM
Subject: [GRARA] Cheap SDR Testing Results

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Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-09-03 17:49:31 UTC
From: Bob Hardin
Topic: 2343 Message: 2350

A balun is essential with a J-Pole. J-Poles are very sensitive to common mode currents.

Can be a commercial one or a simple as many wraps of coax around a torrid as close to the antenna as possible.

If different length coax changes things then you have a common mode current problem because the coax is part of the antenna. See the antenna hand book.

For what it is worth J

From: GRARA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:GRARA@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of Hank Greeb
Sent: Tuesday, September 03, 2013 12:00 PM
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
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2351. GRAHamfest 2Ø13 (Grand Rapids Area Hamfest) THIS SATURDAY

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-09-03 19:06:04 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 2351 Message: 2351

GRAHamfest 2Ø13 (Grand Rapids Area Hamfest) is THIS SATURDAY, September 7. Electronics, Radio, related items swap meet. This show has been operating in one form or another since 1947. Sponsored by the Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association (GRARA). Hope you can make it.

SUMMARY:

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DATE: Saturday, September 7, 2013
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SPONSOR: Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association (GRARA) http://www.w8dc.org
INFORMATION: http://www.w8dc.org/grr_images/2013GRAHamFestFlyer.pdf
CONTACT: Information, Rich Douglas KC8NKA evenings (616)531-6218
CONTACT: Tables, John Streyle W8QZ evenings (616)791-9411 or streyle.j@...
ADMISSION: $6, K-12 students free
SALES: 6 ft tables $5 each. 6 ft wall tables w/electricity $10 each. Outside "trunk sales" spaces, no extra charge. Admission ticket required of all vendors.
VE EXAMS: 10AM all walk-ins. ARRL VEC.
SANCTION: ARRL approved hamfest.
TALK-IN: W8DC 147.26+ (94.8 Hz)

2352. RE: [GRARA] GRAHamfe st 2Ø13 (G rand Rapid s Area Ham fest) THIS SATURDAY

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-09-03 19:41:26 UTC
From: Dave Ed
Topic: 2351 Message: 2352

I understood that we can not get into the building Friday evening until after 9:00PM due to a basketball game. Has something changed,
Dave Ed
AC8AB

To: w8lrc@...; grara@yahoogroups.com; westmichiganhams@...m; grara_members@...
From: jamelar@...
Date: Tue, 3 Sep 2013 15:06:04 -0400
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2353. D-Star Inquiry

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-09-03 20:02:19 UTC
From: <roberts358@...>
Topic: 2353 Message: 2353

Has anyone worked with D-Star? I am thinking of getting a DV Dongle for my PC.

Thanks,

KD8VHV - Rob

2354. RE: Re: [GRARA] Cheap SDR Testing Results

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-09-03 20:09:14 UTC
From: <roberts358@...>
Topic: 2348 Message: 2354

Douglas,

Very interesting site and information. I will bookmark this one for future projects.

Thanks for the link,

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2355. Re: D-Star Inquiry

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-09-03 20:25:13 UTC
From: kb8zgl
Topic: 2353 Message: 2355

Hi Rob,
D-STAR is very active in West Michigan. See
http://www.dstarusers.org/viewrepeater.php?system=WX8GRR

I really like my dongle. It was a good way to get started into D-Star before buying the radio. It allows access to all of the REF and XRF reflectors (yes, there are at least two competing reflector technologies, but don't let that scare you). REF 001 C is a great place to meet hams on D-STAR.

The Dongle can be made to do other neat things as you become more familiar with D-STAR. I take it with me when on vacation as it is easy to pack and I can enjoy QSOs with my dongle, my laptop and a good headset.

If you are not in the process of buying a new radio and just want to try and learn if D-STAR is right for you this is a great way to get started. If you have a D-STAR radio already or are looking at a new radio, then I would consider a D-STAR radio which has other purposes for the place to invest the $200.

Have you done Echolink, IRLP or Allstar? These VoIP technologies can give you hours of similar fun without any investment up front. Google should help you find out more about these. I do a lot more on Allstar than on D-STAR these days, but still enjoy all that D-STAR has to offer.

Mike
kb8zgl

2356. IRA Work Days _ Need Help

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-09-03 13:57:34 UTC
From: Michael Smith
Topic: 2356 Message: 2356
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Fellow hams,

The IRA is in need of help. We have a serious roof issues.
We are in need of personal to help reroof and work site cleanup, donations of material for the roofing project or donations to help cover the cost.

The main transmitter building needs:

Rotted out plywood replaced

New high wind rated shingles.

Specialized flashing around tower leg structure that penetrates the roof.

Cost Approx. $400 - $600 in materials

Middle Building - nearly a flat roof.

Replacement of rotted decking plywood, fascia and soffits.

Counter flashing to meet lower building

Replace the roll tar roofing with new EMD solid rubber roofing - this would provide for the longest life time and easy maintenance

Cost Approx. - $2000 in materials

Walkway

Remove old insulation & repair Roof penetration of Tower support.

Cost Approx. - $175 in materials

How can you help:

We need personal to help with the roofing job. If you have no experience, we can teach. Also need to whack weeds, clear back some brush, etc.

Tearing off the old roofing

Repair water damage

Reroof

If we have the personal - Mow, Weed whack, Paint main gate, etc.

Material donation:

If you have any of the following or know someone that does -
we could use donations of:

Qty

Materials

Tools - Borrow / bring

PPE

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4x8x 1/2 OSB

Hammers

Gloves

1-1/2" Ring shank Nail - Decking

Cordless Screw Gun

Hard Hat

10 lbs

2" Ext. Screws or = decking screws

Caulk Gun - larger & Small

Safety Glasses

Ice & Damn Shield - Rolls

Pry Bars

sun screen

8

AL Drip Edging 10'

5 lbs

AL finishing Nails

Shingle Removal Tools - assort.

1" Coil Roofing Nails

Trim / Aluminum Brake

4

1x6 x 8' Pine

Tin Snips

AL Fascia Flashing

Nail Set

Roof Caulk - PL

circular saw

Black Jack - Large Tube

Nail Biter Blades Saw blade (7 1/4)

2

2x8x8'

Jig saw & Blades

4

1/2 Plywood (CDX) - For Soffits & Fac.

Tape Measure

Roofing Square

3

High wind (100+ Mph rated) Shingles Per Sq

Chalk line

Soffit Vents _ round

wheel barrow

Soffit Vents Sq

sawzall & Blades

4

1/2 Plywood - Treated

Aluminum Coil Stock 4, 12 , 24" - White

Weed Whacker / string Trimmer

AL Trim Finish Nails

brush cutter

EDM Roof Roll - 12' x 36

AL Step Flashing

Finical assistance: Anything we can't get donated we will have to buy. I have lined up a roofing distributor that will give us a great discount on materials.

Currently we do not have anywhere the needed funds to cover this expense - so anything will help.

When: - September 14th. (15th if extra time is needed)

September 21 - rain day.

Where:

Grand Rapids Main transmitter sites - 92nd, just west of eastern. - talk in on 147.160 pl 94.

Please Pass this e-mail on to all the hams and friends that maybe able to help

If you can help with any of this and / or can make the work party - please RSVP to any board member (on the air, or in person) or e-mail - volunteer@...

Thank you for your continuing support.

Michael W. Smith, KC8WJA

President, Independent Repeater Association - W8IRA

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2357. RE: Re: D-Star Inquiry

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Mike - KB8ZGL

Thank you for the suggestions and the information.

I have not looked into the Echolink, IRLP or Allstar yet. I am new to this area and there are so many things to get started with.

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Mike
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2358. Re: [GRARA] J-Pole Build Results

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-09-03 21:21:03 UTC
From: streyle.j@...
Topic: 2343 Message: 2358

I run mine with no balun or choke - seems to do OK. One approach is to use somewhat lossy coax - it masks all sorts of evils - although it's obviously not the most efficient method.
W8QZ

----- Original Message -----

From: "Bob Hardin" <bobh@...>
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Tuesday, September 3, 2013 12:49:31 PM
Subject: RE: [GRARA] J-Pole Build Results

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2359. Re: [GRARA] Cheap SDR Testing Results

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-09-03 21:29:08 UTC
From: streyle.j@...
Topic: 2348 Message: 2359

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John W8QZ

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From: "roberts358@..." <roberts358@...>
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Tuesday, September 3, 2013 1:18 PM
Subject: [GRARA] Cheap SDR Testing Results
Current Configuration:
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Zadig - Version 2.0.1.157 (USB Driver Installer)
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2360. Re: [GRARA] GRAHamfest 2Ø13 (Grand Rapi ds Area Hamfest) THIS SATURDAY

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-09-03 22:16:14 UTC
From: Rich Douglas
Topic: 2351 Message: 2360
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

No longer true. The times are 7 to 9 pm.

Rich Douglas, KC8NKA
On 9/3/2013 3:41 PM, Dave Ed wrote:
>
> I understood that we can not get into the building Friday evening
> until after
> 9:00PM due to a basketball game. Has something changed,
> Dave Ed
> AC8AB
>
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> To: w8lrc@...; grara@yahoogroups.com;
> westmichiganhams@yahoogroups.com; grara_members@...
> From: jamelar@...
> Date: Tue, 3 Sep 2013 15:06:04 -0400
> Subject: [GRARA] GRAHamfest 2?13 (Grand Rapids Area Hamfest) THIS SATURDAY
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> GRAHamfest 2?13 (Grand Rapids Area Hamfest) is THIS SATURDAY, September 7.
> Electronics, Radio, related items swap meet. This show has been
> operating in one form or another since 1947. Sponsored by the Grand
> Rapids Amateur Radio Association (GRARA). Hope you can make it.
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> SUMMARY:
>
> NAME: GRAHamfest 2?13 (Grand Rapids Area Hamfest)
> DATE: Saturday, September 7, 2013
> LOCATION / DIRECTIONS: The Home School Building, 5625 Burlingame SW,
> Wyoming, MI 49509. Corner of Burlingame and Gezon Parkway. Gezon
> Parkway is 54th St SW at US131 exit #78, and is 56th St SW at Byron
> Center Ave. Google map at http://goo.gl/maps/oJ83E
> TIME: 8AM to noon. Vendor-seller setup Friday evening 7-9PM, Saturday 6AM.
> SPONSOR: Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association (GRARA)
> http://www.w8dc.org
> INFORMATION: http://www.w8dc.org/grr_images/2013GRAHamFestFlyer.pdf
> CONTACT: Information, Rich Douglas KC8NKA evenings (616)531-6218
> CONTACT: Tables, John Streyle W8QZ evenings (616)791-9411 or
> streyle.j@... <mailto:streyle.j%40comcast.net>
> ADMISSION: $6, K-12 students free
> SALES: 6 ft tables $5 each. 6 ft wall tables w/electricity $10 each.
> Outside "trunk sales" spaces, no extra charge. Admission ticket
> required of all vendors.
> VE EXAMS: 10AM all walk-ins. ARRL VEC.

> SANCTION: ARRL approved hamfest.
> TALK-IN: W8DC 147.26+ (94.8 Hz)
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2361. RE: Re: [GRARA] Cheap SDR Testing Results

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-09-04 01:01:20 UTC
From: <roberts358@...>
Topic: 2348 Message: 2361

John - W8QZ

Thanks for the update with the SDR presentation in October. I will look forward to it very much.

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2362. RE: Re: D-Star Inquiry

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-09-04 01:06:25 UTC
From: <roberts358@...>
Topic: 2353 Message: 2362

Mike - KB8ZGL

I validated with Echolink tonight. I am looking forward to working with the software.

My email address is kd8vhv@gmail.com. I was very nice to meet you this evening. Thank you for taking the time to speak with me regarding DV and other topics.

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2363. RE: RE: [GRARA] J-Pole Build Results

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-09-04 01:11:55 UTC
From: <roberts358@...>
Topic: 2343 Message: 2363

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2364. Friday's MOnthly Meeting ????

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-09-04 05:11:38 UTC
From: <UncleFester@...>
Topic: 2364 Message: 2364

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Jerry KD8SRH

2365. Re: [GRARA] Friday's MOnthly Meeting ????

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-09-04 13:15:57 UTC
From: Mike W8DER
Topic: 2364 Message: 2365

Hello Jerry, There is no official meeting, just Hamfest setup Friday Night.\

Check out the club web site: http://www.w8dc.org

Maybe you would want to discuss Jamboree On The Air here on the Yahoo group. It sounds like a good opportunity promote this great hobby.

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Date: 2013-09-04 13:30:14 UTC
From: Bob Hardin
Topic: 2343 Message: 2366

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Date: 2013-09-04 15:50:15 UTC
From: <roberts358@...>
Topic: 2343 Message: 2367

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2368. Swap setup

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-09-05 12:29:36 UTC
From: Jack Kunnen
Topic: 2368 Message: 2368

Clubs members, and friends, will be meeting before the Swap setup on Friday at the Steak n Shake, 5477 Clyde Park, around 5:30PM or 6 PM.

Jack, AB8ND

2369. Midwest Mania for VHF contest this weekend

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-09-10 15:13:40 UTC
From: Bryan Leenheer
Topic: 2369 Message: 2369

http://www.w9fz.com/midwestmania13/

A reminder that the VHF+ contest is happening this weekend. Click the above link for information about stations that will be on the air. Add your own station to the list and point your antennas in their directions!

And here's another one. It looks like there will be pretty good Rover activity also, so the points can really rack up quickly if you work many bands and many grids!

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/ccc?key=0AvU0R8d2qq2DdGVST0dBM3RmZHd4aUQyaGFkaFdCQ2c#gid=0

There are the two new operator categories to play in as well, FM-only and 3 band (6m, 2m, and 70cm) which is perfect for those of you with the "shack in the box" radios! Just remember that all VHF activity in SSB is on Upper Sideband and Horizontal Polarization works best - although you can make contacts if you're limited to vertical.

A link to the rules is here: http://www.arrl.org/september-vhf

I hope to hear many of you on the air this weekend!

Bryan Leenheer, KD8LDX

2370. RE: [GRARA] Midwest Mania for VHF contest this weekend

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-09-10 22:14:52 UTC
From: Steven Kaney
Topic: 2369 Message: 2370

How does this work in light of the VHF QSO party? Do you keep two sets of logs?

Sent from Yahoo! Mail for iPhone

2371. Re: [GRARA] Midwest Mania for VHF contest this weekend

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-09-10 22:23:41 UTC
From: Bryan Leenheer
Topic: 2369 Message: 2371

It is the VHF QSO party. It's a "beam pointing aid" to know where some stations are located and their plans for the weekend; just within the area we can reach even if the bands are dead. The Rover list is particularly useful as it shows the expected times of operation as well as the grids.

On Tue, Sep 10, 2013 at 6:14 PM, Steven Kaney <sfkaney@...> wrote:

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> How does this work in light of the VHF QSO party? Do you keep two sets of
> logs?
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> Sent from Yahoo! Mail for iPhone
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> * From: * Bryan Leenheer <bryan.leenheer@...>;
> * To: * k8daa@yahoogroups.com <k8daa@yahoogroups.com>; <
> WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com>; <AlleganARC@yahoogroups.com>; <
> GRARA@yahoogroups.com>;
> * Subject: * [GRARA] Midwest Mania for VHF contest this weekend
> * Sent: * Tue, Sep 10, 2013 3:13:40 PM
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> http://www.w9fz.com/midwestmania13/
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> A reminder that the VHF+ contest is happening this weekend. Click the
> above link for information about stations that will be on the air. Add
> your own station to the list and point your antennas in their directions!
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> And here's another one. It looks like there will be pretty good Rover
> activity also, so the points can really rack up quickly if you work many
> bands and many grids!
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> Bryan Leenheer, KD8LDX
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2372. Tower for sale

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-09-11 15:18:05 UTC
From: Bill Miller
Topic: 2372 Message: 2372

I still have the following for sale:

ROHN 25G Tower - 4 sections, 40 ft overall. Had some rust scale which was sanded off, sections primed and finished paint with Rustoleum. Will include rotor mounting bracket and steel mast if wanted. $250.00 OBO

Hinged Base Plate and Stand-off Bracket for above $75.00 OBO

ROHN H50 Telescopic Antenna Mast - this is a 43 ft. max pole which can be used for much greater strength at shorter lengths. Never been used. $50.00 (cost $140.00 plus shipping) OBO

Yaesu G450A rotor, control box and cable: SOLD

K4KIO Hexbeam: SOLD

73,
Bill K9HXO 616-669-7913

2373. ARRL September VHF Contest this weekend

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-09-13 10:47:28 UTC
From: David DeVos
Topic: 2373 Message: 2373

I will be roving as KF8QL/R this weekend. Please look for me on 144.200 or 144.230. My schedule will be on davedevos.com.

> From: "ARRL Web site" <memberlist@...>
> Date: September 12, 2013, 6:45:45 PM EDT
> To: kf8ql@...
> Subject: The ARRL Letter for September 12, 2013
>
> On the Air: Get on the Air for the ARRL September VHF Contest!
>
> The ARRL September VHF Contest is this weekend (1800 UTC September 14 to 0259 UTC September 16), providing a chance for radio amateurs of all levels to experience contesting on our higher bands. This event is markedly different from the June VHF Contest, due to the heightened potential of excellent tropospheric propagation. Activity will center on 50.125, 144.200, 222.100 and 432.100 MHz. These are calling frequencies, however, and contest participants should avoid monopolizing them.
>
> On 6 meters, the most popular band, most SSB activity will take place between 50.125 MHz and 50.250 MHz, and CW between 50.080 MHz and 50.100 MHz. The frequencies between 50.100 MHz and 50.125 MHz are considered a "DX Window," for contacts between W/VE and DX stations, so avoid US-to-US contacts in that part of the band. Check the band plans for details on all bands.
>
> Even FM operators can get in on the fun by competing in the FM-only category. FM simplex activity on 2 meters will center around population centers. Remember: ARRL General VHF Contest Rules prohibit contest operators from using the national simplex frequency of 146.52 MHz to make or solicit contacts.
>
> Rules and entry forms are on the ARRL website. All logs must be e-mailed or postmarked no later than 0300 UTC on October 16, 2013. Electronic logs are preferred. Send paper logs to September VHF Contest, ARRL, 225 Main St, Newington, CT 06111.

2374. September VHF Contest this weekend

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-09-13 13:18:07 UTC
From: David DeVos
Topic: 2374 Message: 2374

Here is a link to my schedule as an 8 land rover in the September VHF Contest this weekend.

https://dl.dropboxusercontent.com/u/16767476/KF8QL%20Rover%20Schedule%20Sept%202013.pdf

I'll be carrying my usual 10 bands around in the rover vehicle. I hope to work you in the contest!

Dave DeVos - KF8QL/R
http://www.davedevos.com

2375. And, don't forget the NA-Sprint, SSB version Sunday 0000Z-0400Z

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-09-13 21:57:36 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2373 Message: 2375

Yup, that's 8 p.m Eastern Daylight time to Midnight, the NA-Sprint, SSB will be held. It's a "very interesting" or "very maddening" or "very $%^&#@" event, depending on your viewpoint.

BUT, it IS SSB, so the operators who like to flap their jaws, rather than the nuts who twiddle their left feet to communicate can have a ball.

Rules are athttp://ncjweb.com/sprintrules.php <http://ncjweb.com/sprintrules.php>. Note the "special QSY rules" which are the "very interesting" or "very maddening" or "very $%^&#@" part of the event.

Since most everything with shorter wavelength than 20 meters is UHF to me, I won't be on the VHF contest. But, I'll be dabbling in the SSB Sprint, with my mighty 5 watts and an antenna which has been proven "somewhat better than a dummy load buried 6 feet under ground." So, if you have a modest antenna and any sort of phone rig, why don't you jump in and get your feet wet.

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p.s. And, since the VHF contest is on for 27 or so hours, you CAN do both the NA-Sprint plus the VHF contest. So, look for Dave, KF8QL, as he meaders around the area, finding high spots from which to operate .

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> <http://davedevos.com>.
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>> <mailto:memberlist@...>>
>> *Date:* September 12, 2013, 6:45:45 PM EDT
>> *To:* kf8ql@... <mailto:kf8ql@...>
>> *Subject:* *The ARRL Letter for September 12, 2013*
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>> plans <http://www.arrl.org/band-plan> for details on all bands.
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>> prohibit contest operators from using the national simplex frequency
>> of 146.52 MHz to make or solicit contacts.
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>> <https://exchange.arrl.org/owa/redir.aspx?C=DOLxRmeduU2capS8MenNzX8dTGmWgtAIyPptg3lJdxd
s1b76yRitkBKq5A7Ng7DiqaLbFBIBjLE.&URL=mailto%3aseptembervhf%40arrl.org>
>> or postmarked no later than 0300 UTC on October 16, 2013. Electronic
>> logs are preferred. Send paper logs to September VHF Contest, ARRL,
>> 225 Main St, Newington, CT 06111.

2376. Re: Ham Radio in Colorado Flood

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-09-14 18:21:27 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2376 Message: 2376

My brother, who lives in Denver, sent me this article from the Denver Post concerning flood relief activity during the recent floods of the front range of the Rockies (South the Colorado Springs to North of Fort Collins and many smaller towns in the foothills of the Rockies.

http://goo.gl/nxCVLx

This is not unlike relief efforts during some of the major floods along the Ohio River in which I helped while we were living just outside of Cincinnati.

We seldom had flash floods, though. Generally the floods along the Ohio River took days, or weeks, to develop and crest.

Many are saying the flood they're experiencing along the front range is a "1000 year flood" or a "Flood of Biblical proportions."

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2377. Petoskey Swap

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-09-15 12:11:47 UTC
From: kg8jk
Topic: 2377 Message: 2377

The Straits Area ARC swap is coming up October 5. The swap will run from 8:00 - 11:00 at Emmanuel Evangelical Church 620 Emmet (Corner of Emmet and Grove) in Petoskey. Tickets are $5 to get in and $5 for a table. For table reservations contact Dirk Esterline at kg8jk@... or call 231-348-5043.

73

Dirk

2378. NA Sprint SSB N8XX QRP

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-09-16 00:23:46 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2378 Message: 2378

NA Sprint SSB Contest - September

Call: N8XX
Operator(s): N8XX
Station: N8XX

Class: Single Op QRP
QTH: MICHIGAN
Operating Time (hrs): 2.5

Summary:
Band QSOs Op Time

80: 17
40: 24
20: 11

Total: 52 Mults = 21 Total Score = 1,092

Club: Mad River Radio Club

Team: MRRC and Friends

Comments: I thought there was an international and federal law against
cruel and unusual punishment? :)

2379. WAE SSB N8XX Single Op QRP

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-09-16 00:26:06 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2379 Message: 2379

WAE DX Contest, SSB

Call: N8XX
Operator(s): N8XX
Station: N8XX

Class: Single Op QRP
QTH: OHIO
Operating Time (hrs): 0.5

Summary:
Band QSOs QTCs Mults

20: 4 0 4

Total: 4 0 4 Total Score = 32

Club: Mad River Radio Club

Comments: Just tuning up for the NA-Sprint, and heard some LOUD Europeans. Was a bit surprised that they could hear me! Too bad I'm listed as Low Power - Ain't no QRP section in WAE. :(Nice contest otherwise!

2380. Wayne Green W2NSD SK

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-09-17 14:40:45 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 2380 Message: 2380

Some liked him, others hated him, but he always spoke his mind.

http://www.arrl.org/news/ham-radio-publications-pioneer-visionary-iconoclast-wayne-green-w2nsd-sk

Ham Radio Publications Pioneer, Visionary, Iconoclast Wayne Green, W2NSD, SK

Wayne S. Green II, W2NSD (☐Never Say Die☐), of Hancock, New Hampshire, died September 13. He was 91. A well-known and often outspoken figure during what some consider Amateur Radio☐s golden years in the 1950s and 1960s, Green helmed CQ Magazine for 5 years before becoming the self-proclaimed ☐El Supremo and Founder☐ in 1960 of 73 magazine, which he published until 2003.

☐The purpose of [73] at that time was to get more hams building equipment,☐ Green recounted in a radio interview several years ago. A hallmark of 73 was Green☐s iconic, rambling, and wide-ranging ☐Never Say Die☐ editorials, in which he rarely missed an opportunity to tweak the ARRL and his magazine competitors for their perceived shortcomings. In 2012 Green contributed back issues of 73 to Internet Archive.

☐Wayne will be remembered in many different ways by many different people, but he will be long remembered,☐ said ARRL CEO David Sumner, K1ZZ. ☐He maintained his membership in the ARRL despite being a persistent critic. In the early days of packet radio he gave me some good advice as to how the ARRL should promote the new technology: ☐Talk about it as if everybody☐s doing it, and eventually they will be.☐☐

Indeed, Green often was ahead of the curve in promoting such technologies as single-sideband phone, solid-state, FM, and the marriage of computers and ham radio, and he went on to found and publish Byte and other computer-oriented publications. ☐I live mostly in the future,☐ Green was quoted as saying.

Former ARRL Contributing Editor Stan Horzepa, WA1LOU, once wrote in his ☐Surfin☐☐ web column, ☐We take computers and the Internet for granted today. I first became interested in computers when Wayne Green, W2NSD, started writing about them in 73 magazine in the 1970s. Back then, you had to build your own from scratch or from kits.☐

Green maintained a larger-than-life presence, even in the years after he faded from the Amateur Radio spotlight, and he never did really retire. ☐Hey old buddy, I will miss you,☐ radio talk show host Art Bell, W6OBB, posted to Wayne Green☐s blog. ☐NEVER SAY DIE is a phrase that will be with me till it☐s my time.☐ Green was an occasional guest on Bell☐s ☐Coast to Coast AM☐ overnight talk program. There hardly was

an issue that Green would not confront, and he expounded a variety of unconventional science, health, and medical theories ☐ from cold fusion and the moon landing to AIDS and cancer cures. He continued to write and speak frequently on these topics and others, as well as on public policy, even at hamfests where he was a guest.

The ☐Final☐ in his blog sums up Green☐s overarching philosophy. ☐Wayne Green passed away September 13, 2013 in a peaceful, painless transition from this life on Earth. An eternal optimist, and one who loved to share his never-ending zest for life, he was a friend to many and will be missed greatly. Wayne was not afraid of dying and was very much ready to embark on his next great adventure to the afterlife.☐

2381. Tom Hansen - Icom Mobile Radio

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-09-19 17:01:57 UTC
From: <roberts358@...>
Topic: 2381 Message: 2381

Tom,

I believe that you had a Icom mobile radio at the ham fest for sale. Is the unit still for sale? If so would you send me information on model and price to email listed below.

Hope that you are doing well,

KD8VHV - Rob Schroeder

kd8vhv@gmail.com

2387. Restoration Project

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-09-24 18:11:19 UTC
From: <jamesvm@...>
Topic: 2387 Message: 2387

I am restoring an old GE floor model radio. Model # L-916. I have to a stand still on this project and some help to finish up. If someone knows a little about old radios or can put me in contact with someone it would be great. Thanks Jim KB8QAQ

2388. antenna help needed Monday 3 pm

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-09-25 19:50:03 UTC
From: <Schu@...>
Topic: 2388 Message: 2388

Anyone available to help me work on a handicapped ham's roof-mounted antenna this Monday at 3 pm, near the Red Cross building? I need two people to help for 60-90 minutes.

Quin, K8QS

2389. Re: [GRARA] Restoration Project

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-09-26 00:06:58 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 2387 Message: 2389

In the latest bulletin published by the Michigan Antique Radio Club http://www.michiganantiqueradio.org there are two ads for antique radio repair and one for antique radio restoration. The repair guys are in the SW area of the state, the restoration guy in Ontario.

Is your hold up repair of the radio, the cabinet, or both?

I don't know anyone in the GR area, but could ask around.

Jack NY8D

2390. Fwd: W5KUB.COM Broadcast Is Going International

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-09-26 04:58:25 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2390 Message: 2390

Wanna see what goes on in a Hamfest in the Mother Country?? Yup, they're having streaming video from the UK's National Hamfest.? See message below for details

-------- Original Message --------

Subject:

W5KUB.COM Broadcast Is Going International

Date:

Wed, 25 Sep 2013 22:16:49 -0500

From:

W5KUB Broadcast

To:

Tom Medlin

Please join us this weekend, September 27th and 28th for our first live international broadcast of the National Hamfest from Newark, England. ?This is the United Kingdom's largest Amateur Radio Rally (hamfest).

The rally is sponsored by the Radio Society of Great Britain (RSGB), hosted by the Lincoln Shortwave Club, RSGB?s club of the year, and the video feed provided by the Sheffield Amateur Radio Club.? This will be the fourth National Hamfest held at Newark.? It keeps getting bigger and better each year. During the National Hamfest you will see major vendors with their new equipment; used equipment in the flea market area; and interviews with special guests.? As always, you will have the opportunity to meet and chat with other ham radio operators from all over the world in the W5KUB.com chat room.

During the past year, we have had over 40,000 viewers follow our broadcasts. W5KUB will not physically attend the National Hamfest but will work with members of the Sheffield Amateur Radio Club.? The club will use their new GX3RCM trailer (previously the RSGB G4FUN trailer) that they recently won.? This trailer will be used to promote amateur radio.?

????????? Friday, Sept 27: 0900 UTC (3:00 AM CT) ? 1600 UTC (10;00 AM CT)
????????? Saturday, Sept 28:? 0900 UTC (3:00 AM CT) ? 1600 UTC (10:00 AM CT)

To join the broadcast go to?http://W5KUB.com (http://w5kub.com/) .? Please join our group on Facebook at?https://www.facebook.com/groups/w5kub/?to keep up with us year-round.?

Also, please help spread the word by posting this announcement in Facebook and forwarding this message to your ham radio friends that may not have received this message!

We'll 'see' you at England?s largest ham rally this weekend!

73
Tom Medlin, W5KUB
http://w5kub.com (http://w5kub.com/)

2391. Re: [GRARA] Restoration Project

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-09-27 10:58:04 UTC
From: Jim Van Malsen
Topic: 2387 Message: 2391

Good morning. It's the radio I am having trouble with. But Hank Greeb said he would come over and help figure it out . Thanks Jim

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> Is your hold up repair of the radio, the cabinet, or both?
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> I don't know anyone in the GR area, but could ask around.
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> Jack NY8D
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2392. Any Jamboree On The Air plans in this area?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-09-28 17:53:18 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2392 Message: 2392

See message below. which jogged the (lack of) grey matter between my ears.

Any plans for Jamboree on the air for GRARA?? I know there was some talk about it before the Hamfest.? I've partooken of JOTA activities at club stations in other parts of the country where I lived before coming to this area.? Sometimes at campouts, sometimes from club stations, once or twice a scout pack would visit my shack.? Could we/should we/is it in the overall plan of scouting for us to invite a few scouts to W8DC for some contacts?? Do we have any scout leaders amongst us who could give us guidance?

The above are a few ramblings.

October 19 is near!? I suspect this will be a subject of discussion for the October meeting?

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-------- Original Message --------
Subject: ?? ?[ILQSO] Grundy, Kankakee, and Will County Boy Scouts to Participate in 52nd Jamboree-on-the-Air
Date: ?? ?Sat, 28 Sep 2013 12:23:40 -0500
From: ?? ?Brian McDaniel
Reply-To: ?? ?Illinois QSO Party
To: ?? ?ILQSO@..., ILHam@...

*MORRIS, ILLINOIS ? *The Rainbow Council Boy Scouts of America will participate in the 52nd Jamboree-on-the-Air on Saturday, October 19, 2013 at the Rainbow Scout Reservation in Morris, Illinois.? Scouts from Grundy, Kankakee and Will Counties will talk with their Scouting peers around the world using two-way amateur radio.

?There will be nearly 400 Scouts at Rainbow Scout Reservation that day,? said Marc Ryan, Rainbow Council Scout Executive, ?Jamboree-on-the-Air will introduce these young men to a hobby that has lead thousands of people to careers as engineers and other technical fields.?

More than 500,000 Scouts from 100 counties participate each year.? Rainbow Council has scheduled contacts with other Scout groups in Switzerland, Japan, and Great Britain.

??Jamboree-on-the-Air is the inaugural event for the council?s amateur radio program,? said Brian McDaniel, Executive Board Member and Station Trustee, ?Next year, we plan several council-wide projects that will introduce amateur radio to Scouts, provide merit badge and other advancement, and establish a permanent radio station at the Rainbow Scout Reservation.?

When - Saturday, October 19, 2013, 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM Central Time

Where Rainbow Scout Reservation. 2600 N. Winterbottom Road, Morris, IL 60450

Technical Specifications
Call Sign: K9RSR
QTH: Grundy County, Illinois (EN51wn)
Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 2, and 440 MHz
Modes: SSB, CW, and PSK31
HF Antennas: Dipoles at 45-degrees and 325-degrees
VHF/UHF Antenna: J-Pole at 36-feet

Calling Frequencies
????????? HF: 3.94, 7.19, 14.29, 21.36 and 28.39 MHz
????????? VHF: 147.57 MHz
????????? UHF: 446.15 MHz

About the Rainbow Council Boy Scouts of America
The Rainbow Council Boy Scouts of America serves 4,655 young people in Grundy, Kankakee, and Will Counties.? The Council owns a 750-acre multi-purpose camping facility near Morris, Illinois.? The Rainbow Scout Reservation provides an assortment of Scout-related programs throughout the year, ranging from Resident Camp to Shooting Sports to? ilderness Survival Training.

The Rainbow Council Committee on Amateur Radio provides advancement programs for Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts at the council level utilizing the amateur radio service as a catalyst.? The Committee sponsors events and activities to introduce Scouts to amateur radio; and will begin a licensing program in 2014 that rewards Scouts with both a Radio Merit Badge and a FCC Technician Class Amateur Radio License.

72/73,
Brian McDaniel
KC4LMD/9

2393. Cheep QSL's anyone?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-09-28 20:18:30 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2393 Message: 2393

Anyone for cheep QSL Cards? Apparently Staples has full color printing for half price. I haven't checked our local Staples yet, but probably will do so.

Note, I don't think you need to be a member of the KX3 yahoo group to view the attachment. If you can't view the attachment, let me know and I'll send a copy to you via personal e-mail attachment.

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-------- Original Message --------

Subject:

[KX3] QSL [1 Attachment]

Date:

Sat, 28 Sep 2013 12:59:17 -0500

From:

Curtis Hays II

Reply-To:

KX3@yahoogroups.com

To:

kx3@yahoogroups.com, nasota@yahoogroups.com

I just got 400 full color front/back QSL/postcards from Staples for $55

They are half off right now.

Just thought I'd share.

Here's a pic of mine

<*> View Attachments on Web
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/KX3/attachments/folder/212119460/item/list

2394. Re: [GRARA] Any Jamboree On The Air plans in this area?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-09-29 01:53:09 UTC
From: streyle.j@...
Topic: 2392 Message: 2394

This was posted some time back (March 29 of this year). Sounds like KD8SRH has some good directions.

Jerry - what do you need the rest of us to do?

W8QZ

Already on it.

I just completed a year-and-a-half "working my tickets" period for Woodbadge (business-level Scouting management training), and one of my 5 ticket items, International Scouting, had a huge ham component.

I first had to get a license! I've been "into" anything radio waves since I was 6. Ham license was, like so many, "next month", even though all I really had to learn was the ham-specific stuff (I had Commercial 1st-class in high school and later added microwave & radar). I got my Tech in time to help set up a HF station at the Michigan Int'l Camporee last July (my Troop hosted a unit from Budapest). General came later, only 47 years late. Gonna "test the waters" Saturday with the last test in Lowell.

I put a huge chunk of research into JOTA. I was supposed to interview Scouts from at least 25 separate JOTA activities, but had to scrape the barrel to get 10. This is a shame, since JOTA should be a bigger ham recruiting tool than all other public activities combined.

From surveys, I've found the biggest JOTA killers are PROPAGATION and POOR PLANNING-- and the two go hand in hand. The most common complaints were along the lines of, "All we did was watch some old guy fiddle with knobs & buttons" and "All that work studying to get a license, just to talk to Jenison?"

Jumping to "NOW": the link posted the post before is dead; Lowe Peninsula is now "Michigan Crossroads Council", and the 616 & 231 area codes are the "President Ford Field Service Council". Website is [url] www.michiganscouting.org [/url]. It hits all 4 FSC's. Merger's been a PITA, but they're really pushing International Scouting statewide now, and I'm jockeying for a position on their committee.

We can discuss this more at an upcoming meeting, but what I'm looking at and dialogueing with COuncikl is:

For Grand Rapids area, a common location (Council?). The more other Scouts a Scout sees, the more interested he'll be. More radios and operators in one place means less of the dreaded "dead time". Opportunities for demos & presentations-- that QSL from the aircraft carrier Hornet, for example, carries a lot of weight with the Scouts. The new ATCS radio-based railroad signaling system does too, even though it's not ham. VHF/UHF hams should be DELIBERATELY PLACED all over the area who just "happen" to be on, doing something interesting, and/or have a story to tell. In short, everything planned.

Scouting introduced a new International patch; it now involves some work beyond the old one. Cubs need ONE year's JOTA, Scouts and adults need TWO. So, demand for JOTA will go up.

I'm currently discussing options for something at Council; so far there's been SOME interest in considering semi-permanent/permanent power for the parking lot, both 120 & 220. (we wouldn't be the only people using it). taht's wher it stands right now.

Happy Easter!
Jerry
KD8SRH

----- Original Message -----

From: "Hank Greeb" <n8xx@...>
To: "GRARA Group" <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 28, 2013 12:53:18 PM
Subject: [GRARA] Any Jamboree On The Air plans in this area?

See message below. which jogged the (lack of) grey matter between my ears.

Any plans for Jamboree on the air for GRARA? I know there was some talk about it before the Hamfest. I've partooken of JOTA activities at club stations in other parts of the country where I lived before coming to this area. Sometimes at campouts, sometimes from club stations, once or twice a scout pack would visit my shack. Could we/should we/is it in the overall plan of scouting for us to invite a few scouts to W8DC for some contacts? Do we have any scout leaders amongst us who could give us guidance?

The above are a few ramblings.

October 19 is near! I suspect this will be a subject of discussion for the October meeting?

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-------- Original Message --------
Subject: [ILQSO] Grundy, Kankakee, and Will County Boy Scouts to Participate in 52nd Jamboree-on-the-Air
Date: Sat, 28 Sep 2013 12:23:40 -0500
From: Brian McDaniel <bsm60403@...>
Reply-To: Illinois QSO Party <ilqso@...>
To: ILQSO@... , ILHam@...

*MORRIS, ILLINOIS – *The Rainbow Council Boy Scouts of America will participate in the 52nd Jamboree-on-the-Air on Saturday, October 19, 2013 at the Rainbow Scout Reservation in Morris, Illinois. Scouts from Grundy, Kankakee and Will Counties will talk with their Scouting peers around the world using two-way amateur radio.

“There will be nearly 400 Scouts at Rainbow Scout Reservation that day,” said Marc Ryan, Rainbow Council Scout Executive, “Jamboree-on-the-Air will introduce these young men to a hobby that has lead thousands of people to careers as engineers and other technical fields.”

More than 500,000 Scouts from 100 counties participate each year. Rainbow Council has scheduled contacts with other Scout groups in Switzerland, Japan, and Great Britain.

“Jamboree-on-the-Air is the inaugural event for the council’s amateur radio program,” said Brian McDaniel, Executive Board Member and Station Trustee, “Next year, we plan several council-wide projects that will introduce amateur radio to Scouts, provide merit badge and other advancement, and establish a permanent radio station at the Rainbow Scout Reservation.”

When - Saturday, October 19, 2013, 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM Central Time

Where Rainbow Scout Reservation. 2600 N. Winterbottom Road, Morris, IL 60450

Technical Specifications
Call Sign: K9RSR
QTH: Grundy County, Illinois (EN51wn)
Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 2, and 440 MHz
Modes: SSB, CW, and PSK31
HF Antennas: Dipoles at 45-degrees and 325-degrees
VHF/UHF Antenna: J-Pole at 36-feet

Calling Frequencies
· HF: 3.94, 7.19, 14.29, 21.36 and 28.39 MHz
· VHF: 147.57 MHz
· UHF: 446.15 MHz

About the Rainbow Council Boy Scouts of America
The Rainbow Council Boy Scouts of America serves 4,655 young people in Grundy, Kankakee, and Will Counties. The Council owns a 750-acre multi-purpose camping facility near Morris, Illinois. The Rainbow Scout Reservation provides an assortment of Scout-related programs throughout the year, ranging from Resident Camp to Shooting Sports to ilderness Survival Training.

The Rainbow Council Committee on Amateur Radio provides advancement programs for Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts at the council level utilizing the amateur radio service as a catalyst. The Committee sponsors events and activities to introduce Scouts to amateur radio; and will begin a licensing program in 2014 that rewards Scouts with both a Radio Merit Badge and a FCC Technician Class Amateur Radio License.

72/73,
Brian McDaniel
KC4LMD/9

2395. 222 Sprint tomorrow

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-10-01 01:18:47 UTC
From: Bryan Leenheer
Topic: 2395 Message: 2395

I'll be operating /R (Rover) from my vehicle tomorrow from 7 to 11 pm tomorrow. I'll be starting in EN72, heading north to grid EN73 (hopefully by 8:00) West to EN63 (by 9:00pm) and south to EN62 for the final hour of the contest. I only have FM capability in the car. I'll be monitoring 223.5 for the duration of the contest.

I hope to hear from you on the air tomorrow!

Bryan Leenheer, KD8LDX

2396. Re: [GRARA] 222 Sprint tomorrow

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-10-01 02:23:16 UTC
From: wd8usa@...
Topic: 2395 Message: 2396

I will be listening for you DE WD8USA ...-.-

-----Original Message-----
From: Bryan Leenheer <bryan.leenheer@...>
To: k8daa <k8daa@yahoogroups.com>; GRARA <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>; AlleganARC <AlleganARC@yahoogroups.com>; WestMichiganHams <WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Mon, Sep 30, 2013 9:18 pm
Subject: [GRARA] 222 Sprint tomorrow

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2397. Re: 222 Sprint tomorrow

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-10-01 11:06:21 UTC
From: David DeVos
Topic: 2395 Message: 2397

I will be on as well! Glad you are roving!

Dave DeVos KF8QL
EN72fu
http://www.davedevos.com

2398. GRARA meeting tomorrow (the 4th)

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-10-03 21:54:18 UTC
From: streyle.j@...
Topic: 2398 Message: 2398

GRARA meets tomorrow evening, with several important things on the agenda:
JOTA
Internet service for the club station
Other?

The after-recess program for tomorrow night is the 'Low Cost SDR' project from January QST. I'll be doing a bit of show & tell on my experimentation.

Hope to see you there!

John W8QZ
Off-air director

2399. GRARA Website Has been re-certified virus free.

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-10-07 00:42:55 UTC
From: <mike@...>
Topic: 2399 Message: 2399

Good news! As you may know, the http://www.w8dc.org was tagged by Google as a suspect virus attack website. Apparently the tool we have been using for years as a page access counter (bottom of home page) has the same name as a new virus on the web. Still we take this sort of warning quite seriously.

We have removed the page access counter so the Google crawler will be happy. Then we completely erased the existing website, changed webteam access passwords, tested all pages in our backup files and them reloaded the website. Then we tested the w8dc.org website with our anti-virus tools.

As a final step, we submitted the website to Google for testing on Friday. This evening (Sunday) we were notified that our site passed their tests and we were taken off their suspect site list. This list is used by the Chrome and Firefox web browsers to display a real scary warning message. If you use the Microsoft Internet Explorer, you didn't see the "suspect site" message.

We also signed-up for Google to notify us by email immediately if they suspect any problem again in the future. It is smart to be careful in this crazy world.

It has been long weekend. Did we miss the contest?

Webmaster@w8dc.org

2400. RE: [GRARA] GRARA Website Has been re-certified virus free.

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-10-07 00:57:03 UTC
From: Richard Ranta
Topic: 2399 Message: 2400

A lot of work. But well worth it.

Good job!

Rich K8JX & Scooter the cat

Do not resent growing old.

Many are denied the privilege.

Irish proverb

2401. Scouting's 2013 Jamboree on the Air - Next Saturday!

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-10-10 02:09:48 UTC
From: streyle.j@...
Topic: 2111 Message: 2401

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Do we want to have the scouts build a little 555-oscillator, and try sending a little code to each other (while they're waiting for a turn at the radio) ? What pieces will we need? Who's going to supervise that activity? Jerry said he had some of the pieces to do that - maybe a breadboard setup - no need to fuss with soldering - ?

Any thoughts?

John W8QZ

2402. Re: [GRARA] Scouting's 2013 Jamboree on the Air - Next Saturday!

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-10-10 06:56:11 UTC
From: Bob Robinson
Topic: 2111 Message: 2402

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2403. Re: [GRARA] Scouting's 2013 Jamboree on the Air - Next Saturday!

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-10-10 08:46:51 UTC
From: Jim Leys
Topic: 2111 Message: 2403

The room is reserved. Then plan right now is to go from 9 am to 2 pm and then 6 pm to 9 pm. We will need volunteers to man the radio room for these hours. We are planning on using the north stairwell for the groups to enter and exit, Have a request in to get the light fixed.We do need to get some type of agenda for this event.

On Thursday, October 10, 2013 3:00 AM, Bob Robinson <kd8hnf@...> wrote:

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On Oct 9, 2013 10:09 PM, <streyle.j@comcast.net> wrote:

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2404. Re: [GRARA] Scouting's 2013 Jamboree on the Air - Next Saturday!

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-10-10 12:01:08 UTC
From: Jack Kunnen
Topic: 2111 Message: 2404

John,

I talked to Tom about PSK last night, if we leave the HF station where it is in the shack we can do PSK. I will make sure next Wed. that the software and interface work. Well, the software anyway, I'm not sure how the interface works, but I'm sure Bob or Tom can instruct us on it.

Jack, AB8ND

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2405. RE: Re: [GRARA] Scouting's 2013 Jamboree on the Air

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-10-10 23:19:19 UTC
From: <k8ggl@...>
Topic: 2111 Message: 2405

John,

My Flex xcvr and laptop are portable, and PSK/CW/SSB ready. I'm available to bring it if there's interest in having a no-knobs SDR in the mix.

Gerry ~ K8GGL

---In grara@yahoogroups.com, <ab8nd@...> wrote:

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Any thoughts?

John W8QZ

2406. Re: [GRARA] Scouting's 2013 Jamboree on the Air

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-10-11 02:06:31 UTC
From: John Streyle
Topic: 2111 Message: 2406

I wasn't planning to lead this - but just stir the pot, and get the "creative juices" flowing. Where's our on-air director? N8XX de W8QZ . . . . .?

Anyway, it sounds like we've got several options going. I like the idea of using an SDR radio - that could spark some interest in itself. Whoever runs it will need to be able to explain it at the appropriate level.
Be sure and take a look at the website link below, and especially the sub-page addressed to radio operators.

Can we get together Friday evening (the 18th) and check things out / get things set up?

W8QZ
Sent from my iPad

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2407. Re: [GRARA] Scouting's 2013 Jamboree on the Air - Next Saturday!

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-10-11 02:11:19 UTC
From: John Streyle
Topic: 2111 Message: 2407

Bob, if you can get an IRLP station / link set up, that'd be great. I don't know anything about that. I assume there's some radio to all that, somewhere.
Or could we use the linking feature of the Lowell repeater?
John

Sent from my iPad

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2408. RE: Re: [GRARA] Scouting's 2013 Jamboree on the Air - Next Saturday!

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-10-12 04:03:04 UTC
From: <UncleFester@...>
Topic: 2111 Message: 2408

Okay, update from the Scouting end--
Fliers went out to all the Scouting Roundtables (adult leader monthly meetings/training/presentations-- THURSDAY. The early session conflicts with some "Show and Do", so good thing we kept the evening session. I will be at Cub Hike (Cubs hike from event to event; my Troop is showing how to make 400+ bake apples)

Quick question: Can the CLub afford a few pizzas for the GRARA volunteers?

I don't expect Scout attendance to be very high, what with such late notice. But I really like each and every proposal/offer posted here, to the point where >> I << would like to see therm! After all, all I have is a 2m/70cm handheld. Next year, if you-all don't declare all this a waste of time & effort, we could add attendance "lures" like prizes & drawings, sec.

I'll be at both sessions, of course. Do we have a sign-up list anywhere?

Jerry KD8SRH

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Any thoughts?

John W8QZ

2409. Mark your calendars for November Sweepsteaks

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-10-13 03:18:40 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2409 Message: 2409

Yup, it's that time of the year again.

The SSB version of the ARRL November Sweepsteaks is scheduled to begin @ 2100Z (That's 4 p.m. EST) November 16, and end at 0259Z November 18 (That's 9:59 p.m. November 17). This is an ideal time to check out W8DC.

And, since we have local noise on 80 & 40 meters (and sometimes even on 20 meters) we might consider operating the ARRL 10 meter contest, which begins on 0000Z Saturday, December 14 (7 p.m. Friday, December 13) and end at 0259Z Sunday December 15 (9:59 p.m. Saturday, December 14) One never knows if Sporadic E or even F layer propagation will exist on 10 meters.

Please mark you calendars.

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2410. RE: Mark your calendars for November Sweepsteaks

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-10-13 13:09:18 UTC
From: <ka5s@...>
Topic: 2409 Message: 2410

And bring a broom to put on the A1 (operator) sauce!

Cortland

---In grara@yahoogroups.com, <n8xx@...> wrote:

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2411. Ham in a Day Class in Holland, October 26, 2013

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-10-14 19:44:22 UTC
From: Bryan Leenheer
Topic: 2411 Message: 2411

We got some great press in the Holland Sentinel recently. Please forward the article and the information below to anyone you think might be interested in the class. This is the last time we'll be having a class until the spring of 2014, and I would like to make sure that anyone interested in getting their license has the chance. We also would strongly encourage people interested to sign up via the Online Registration form, as space is limited.

http://www.hollandsentinel.com/news/x2139016078/Holland-Amateur-Radio-Club-to-host-Ham-in-a-Day-class

The Holland ARC will host another Ham License in a Day, October 26, 2013 (a Saturday).

More information at http://www.hollandarc.org/?p=2846

Online information and registration at

http://tinyurl.com/October2013HIAD
Here is some additional information for where, when, and what to bring (It's also available in the tinyurl above):

Location: American Red Cross of Ottawa County

270 James Street

Holland, MI 49424

Date: October 26, 2013 (Saturday)

Times: 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM Study Sessions
6:00 PM to 8:00 PM License Testing Session

Cost: $35.00 (Includes FCC Exam fee) Light refreshments will be provided.

What to bring with you.....
If available bring a legal photo ID such as a Drivers License or Passport. If no legal photo ID is available then bring 2 pieces of legal ID. Anyone 16 years old or younger must have a parent or legal guardian present for the entire session..
Bryan Leenheer, KD8LDX

2412. Re: [GRARA] Scoutings 2013 Jamboree on the Air - This Saturday!

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-10-15 01:42:38 UTC
From: John Streyle
Topic: 2111 Message: 2412

So - Jerry KD8SRH, are you saying we should not expect to see a lot of Scouts for the 9 - 2 session? That implies we need more volunteers for the evening session, and fewer for the morning.

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2413. RE: Re: [GRARA] Scouting's 2013 Jamboree on the Air

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-10-15 15:44:43 UTC
From: <k8ggl@...>
Topic: 2111 Message: 2413

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2414. JOTA

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-10-15 15:58:11 UTC
From: Jim Leys
Topic: 2414 Message: 2414

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Should be a fun event
Jim KD8CAN

2415. Re: [GRARA] Scouting's 2013 Jamboree on the Air

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-10-15 17:45:55 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2111 Message: 2415

John:

Looks like Saturday evening is largest need for volunteers? I could help. Time is 6 p.m. to 9 p.m? Will there be someone there for access to the building?

One suggestion - perhpas we should have some "name badges" with a scouts "first name, troop number" unless all the folks are coming in Scout Uniforms? Cheep, stick on badges would work fine. And a "Working marker" definitely NOT like the ones which are typically in the room in the basement.

Oh, and we hams should wear our name badges, OR use one of the paste on name badges. It's appalling to me that 80 to 90% of the members do NOT wear name badges @ our meetings. They expect a dolt like me to remember names? Shucks, I can't even remember MY name some daze.

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2416. Re: [GRARA] JOTA

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-10-16 02:39:36 UTC
From: streyle.j@...
Topic: 2414 Message: 2416

Sounds like a good plan. If possible, please try to make it to the radio room Wednesday evening, to work out the details for Saturday.

W8QZ

----- Original Message -----

From: "Jim Leys" <jm_leys@...>
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2013 10:58:11 AM
Subject: [GRARA] JOTA

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2417. State QSO Parties this weekend

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-10-18 00:03:18 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2417 Message: 2417

There are a bunch of State QSO parties this weekend

Iowa QSO Party: 1400Z-2300Z, Oct 19, Rules @
http://www.wa0dx.org/IAQSO/

New York QSO Party: 1400Z, Oct 19 to 0200Z, Oct 20, Rules @
http://nyqp.org/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2013/09/NYQSO-Party_Rules_2013.pdf
If the above gets truncated in transmission, try this itty bitt url
http://goo.gl/8hceRo

Illinois QSO Party: 1700Z, Oct 20 to 0100Z, Oct 21, Rules @
http://www.w9awe.org/ILQP%202013%20Rules.pdf

An "interesting" specialty contest is the Stew Perry Top Band Challenge,
called the "Pre-Stew". This is a 160 meter only contest, but has an
interesting wrinkle, in that there are multipliers based on distance
between locations of the contacts (i.e, if you work Australia from
Michigan you get a larger multiplier than if you work your neighbor
across town). There is also a multiplier for working <5 watts
(typically called QRP). Even a High Power station gets a multiplier
for working a station who is running lower power! Anyway, the details are

Stew Perry Topband Challenge: 1500Z, Oct 19 to 1500Z, Oct 20, Rules @
http://www.kkn.net/stew/stew.rules.txt
Note the rules say December 2012, but they haven't changed.

There's an activity NOT related to contesting, but involving Scouting
this Saturday @ W8DC. If you're available, please let John, W8QZ
<streyle.j@...> know of your availability.

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2418. Southwest Michigan HAMFEST Weekend!

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-10-18 21:41:17 UTC
From: chip_wb8alw
Topic: 2418 Message: 2418

Just a short reminder! The 31st Annual Kalamazoo HamFest is Sunday morning!! See KalamazooHamfest.org for the details.

The Miskegon Color Tour Hamfest is TOMORROW! See http://www.mcecs.net/Hamfest.htm for details.

Free parking and Door Prizes available at both events, as well as VE Testing and DXCC/WAS Card checking.

Hope to see you at BOTH!!

73

Chip Locke - WB8ALW

2419. Re: [GRARA] Southwest Michigan HAMFEST Weekend!

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-10-18 22:52:11 UTC
From: Mike W8DER
Topic: 2418 Message: 2419

Chip, I will look for you at both,

Mike Hill
Mike@...

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2420. JOTA Photos

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-10-21 13:02:51 UTC
From: Jack Kunnen
Topic: 2420 Message: 2420

It was a fun Day at the Boy Scout Jamboree on the Air

http://www.flickr.com/photos/slingshotjack/sets/72157636794316534/

Jack, AB8ND

2421. GR Hamfest Photos

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-10-21 13:44:58 UTC
From: Douglas Luurs
Topic: 2421 Message: 2421

Hello all ..

I'm looking for the gentlemen that was taking pictures during the VE testing last month during the GR Fest.

I thought the photos would be posted somewhere, but I haven't been able to find any.

Thanks all

Doug L.
N8ZUU

2422. Dummy Load

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-10-22 20:22:00 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2422 Message: 2422

This dummy has lost track of the club in SW Michigan who generally sells small dummy loads. A colleague wishes to purchase a small dummy load, capable of 100 watts or so for a few minutes, but he generally runs QRP, so small is the first consideration.

Could someone tell me where to go to find details of these devices? I recall they were built into a small tin can a bit larger than a coffee cup. The can could be filled with transformer oil to increase the dissipation rating, if one desired to do so.

Please advise by private message.

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2423. JOTA wrap-up

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-10-23 18:36:13 UTC
From: <UncleFester@...>
Topic: 2423 Message: 2423

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And, Jack, a few photos.

Jerry KD8SRH

2424. RE: JOTA wrap-up

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-10-23 18:46:58 UTC
From: <UncleFester@...>
Topic: 2423 Message: 2424

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2425. Re: [GRARA] RE: JOTA wrap-up

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-10-25 00:07:34 UTC
From: streyle.j@...
Topic: 2423 Message: 2425

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2426. RE: JOTA wrap-up

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Date: 2013-10-25 00:59:39 UTC
From: <k8ggl@...>
Topic: 2423 Message: 2426

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20131019 1355 RZ3DC 10m QPSK31 Russia
20131019 1422 M0SAS 12m PSK31 England
20131019 1518 F4FFN 12m PSK31 France
20131019 1824 E51NOU 10m CW South Cook Islands
20131019 2009 CU1EZ 10m USB Azores
20131019 2242 AI4PF 20m PSK31 United States (Florida)
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Date: 2013-10-25 23:59:58 UTC
From: <tigerfan158@...>
Topic: 2422 Message: 2427

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2428. RE: [GRARA] Question

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-10-26 01:43:22 UTC
From: tomKD8DEG
Topic: 2422 Message: 2428

Hi!!

This will keep you busy; http://www.radioreference.com/apps/db/

Tom KD8DEG

From: GRARA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:GRARA@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of tigerfan158@...
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To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
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<http://geo.yahoo.com/serv?s=97359714/grpId=21361574/grpspId=1705063108/msgId=2422/stime=1382473385>

2429. Re: [GRARA] Question

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-10-26 02:59:53 UTC
From: <tigerfan158@...>
Topic: 2422 Message: 2429

Thank you for the information!

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Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-10-26 12:19:43 UTC
From: John Streyle
Topic: 2423 Message: 2430

Gerry - were Scouts involved in making those contacts?
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> Sent: Wednesday, October 23, 2013 1:46:58 PM
> Subject: [GRARA] RE: JOTA wrap-up
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> What's in the future? Wish list?
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2431. Re: [GRARA] RE: JOTA wrap-up

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-10-26 12:27:29 UTC
From: Gerry Lerch
Topic: 2423 Message: 2431

Nope.

Gerry ~ K8GGL

Gerry Lerch ~ K8GGL

On Sat, Oct 26, 2013 at 8:19 AM, John Streyle <streyle.j@...> wrote:

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> Gerry - were Scouts involved in making those contacts?
> W8QZ
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> Sent from my iPad
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> On Oct 24, 2013, at 8:59 PM, <k8ggl@...> wrote:
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> Here is my W8DC log for the 2013 JOTA event:
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> DATE_ON ON CALL BAND MODE CNTRY
>
> 20131019 1355 RZ3DC 10m QPSK31 Russia
>
> 20131019 1422 M0SAS 12m PSK31 England
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> 20131019 1518 F4FFN 12m PSK31 France
>
> 20131019 1824 E51NOU 10m CW South Cook Islands
>
> 20131019 2009 CU1EZ 10m USB Azores
>
> 20131019 2242 AI4PF 20m PSK31 United States (Florida)
>
> 20131019 2313 IZ0MJG 20m PSK31 Italy
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> Gerry ~ K8GGL
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> ---In grara@yahoogroups.com, <streyle.j@...> wrote:
>
> I'm not interested in the patch, but - going from memory - , speaking for

> the 40M station I did the following whilst Scouts were involved:
>
> States: NY, NJ, MD
> Countries (other than US) 0
> Contacts: 4
> Total number of working stations (that were involved in JOTA): 3
> IRLP used.
> Highlights: Helpful hams on the East coast - willing to take time out of a
> contest (New York QSO party, I think) to help coax reluctant Scouts to take
> the microphone and talk! For voice operation, need to keep the operating
> position quiet - otherwise it's hard to hear the other station.
> Wish list: More Scouts!
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> Note - K8GGL and KD8HNF will need to report their station activity, as
> well.
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> W8QZ
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2432. Re: [GRARA] GRARA Website Has been re-certified virus free.

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-10-27 09:47:22 UTC
From: Tom Hansen
Topic: 2399 Message: 2432

Mike,
Thank you for the through work in correcting this matter. I think I'll make it my home page from now on.
73 Tom n8dgd.

On Sunday, October 6, 2013 8:57 PM, Richard Ranta <rranta@...> wrote:

A lot of work. But well worth it.

Good job!

Rich K8JX & Scooter the cat
Do not resent growing old.
Many are denied the privilege.
Irish proverb

2433. Wake Island is a go

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-10-30 13:38:15 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2433 Message: 2433

In case you haven't heard (not likely, but.....)

-------- Original Message --------
Subject: [mvarbb] Wake Island is a go
Date: Tue, 29 Oct 2013 19:20:23 -0400
From: Carl Morgan <k8cm@...>
To:

On behalf of W8GEX and others

Subject: Wake Island is a go
Date: 2013-10-29 12:18
From:W8GEX@...

Press Release #6

The Wake Atoll Commemorative DXpedition team has been approved for entry onto Wake Atoll. Our equipment is already on Wake and in safe storage awaiting our arrival. The 12-Operator team includes: Joe -AA4NN, John-K6MM, Craig-K9CT, Mike-K9NW, Ralph-K9ZO, Lou-N2TU, Jim-N9TK, Mark-NA6M, Dick-W3OA, Joe-W8GEX, Hal-W8HC, and Jerry-WB9Z.

The plan is for the team to assemble in Hawaii on 30-October, depart 01-November, arrive on 02-November and immediately erect antennas and set-up the stations. There will be two CW and two SSB stations on the air. The CW site will be located across from the Arrivals terminal and the SSB site will be housed in a "beach house" near downtown Wake.

We are planning on being QRV 03-November through 15-November (Wake time). If there are any changes, they will be posted on our website. http://wake2013.org/pages/bandplan.html [1]

Logs will be uploaded to ClubLog as time and internet access allows.

This is a commemorative DXpedition. Our prime objective is to honor the lives and contributions of the Forgotten 98 civilian contractors who lost their lives on Wake during WWII. Some of these men have yet to be identified. If you know any of the Forgotten 98 or their relatives, modern DNA testing may identify their remains and provide for a proper burial. Please take a moment to look through their names.http://wake2013.org/pages/forgotten98.html [2]

Wake Atoll is an active military base and access is extremely limited. The Team is most grateful to the United States Air Force for allowing this Commemoration to take place.

Also, Team wants to thank the DX community, including generous worldwide Foundations, Clubs, Individuals, Equipment manufacturers

and outlets for their outstanding support of the Wake commemorative efforts. These DXpeditions are extremely expensive and could not be accomplished without the support of the entire DX community Visit the website to view our sponsors and make your personal donation. http://wake2013.org/pages/sponsors.html [3]

Please note! A few other DXpeditions will be on the air during the Wake operation. To avoid the dreaded "not in the log", please be sure which DXpedition you are working! Our operators will announce the K9W callsign often to help identify your contact.

Please check our website frequently for updates.http:/wake2013.org/ [4]

And don't forget to sign our guestbook!

73,

K9W Wake Atoll Management Team

Links:
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[1]http://wake2013.org/pages/bandplan.html
[2]http://wake2013.org/pages/forgotten98.html
[3]http://wake2013.org/pages/sponsors.html
[4]http://www.wake2013.org/

2434. GRARA Meeting this Friday

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-10-30 16:48:36 UTC
From: streyle.j@...
Topic: 2433 Message: 2434

QST QST QST - - - -

G.R.A.R.A. meets this Friday, 7 PM, at the Red Cross on Fuller avenue. In addtion to the business of selecting club officers for next year (among other things) the 'after recess' program will be a show-and-tell by our own AC8ZX, of his home-brew remote antenna tuner project.

(The presentation that was planned, on MotoTrbo, will have to be postponed until some as-yet undetermined date next year, due to non-availability of the presenter this year.)

Hope to see you there -
W8QZ

2435. [GRARA] Mark your calendars for November Sweepsteaks

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-11-02 02:21:36 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2409 Message: 2435

It was good seeing everyone at the GRARA meeting tonight.

As a reminder, I put in a plug for the ARRL November Sweepsteaks. The CW version starts tomorrow, Saturday, November 2, at 2100Z (which is 5 p.m. EDT), and ends at 0259Z, Monday, November 4, (That's 9.59 p.m. November 3) The CW nuts amongst us will be delighted with this event.

The matter of interest to more of the folks will be the SSB version. It is scheduled to begin @ 2100Z (That's 4 p.m. EST) November 16, and end at 0259Z November 18 (That's 9:59 p.m. November 17). This is an ideal time to check out W8DC. Several people indicated interest in firing up W8DC for this event. We'd more than likely operate as Multioperator, Single Transmitter, Low Power - Transmit with 150 watts or less. Spotting assistance and Skimmer use is allowed.

Rules, etc., for this contest are at http://www.arrl.org/sweepstakes

Please mark you calendars.

72/73 de n8xx Hg
QRP >99.44% of the time
Involuntary On-Air Director

2436. Extra Class class

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-11-05 00:42:04 UTC
From: K8TB
Topic: 1596 Message: 2436

The Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association will hold an Extra Class class this winter on Wednesday nights, starting January 8, 2014 at 7:00 PM, for ten weeks.

The last class will be March 12 and will be followed by a testing session on March 19.
Cost will be $20 and you should have a copy of the ARRL Extra class manual or equivalent.

The class will be held at the American Red Cross, 1050 Fuller Ave, Grand Rapids.

For more information, please go to:

http://tinyurl.com/n46jxd3

Tom Bosscher K8TB

2437. Red Cross new alarm panel process

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-11-05 21:37:30 UTC
From: <stprovost@...>
Topic: 2437 Message: 2437

Hello, starting monday 11-4-13, the red cross building at fuller and leonard has three alarm zones (office, lobby-front door, and basement).

I have talked with Mark Burgess (facility manager) and he has asked GRARA members to still use the parking lot entrance when entering the red cross building.

If there is no one there, we are asked to turn off the lobby-front door alarm and the basement alarm.

If we are the last ones leaving the building, we are asked to set both alarms.

Mark stated that we can use the same codes for both zones.

The lobby-front door alarm keypad is located by the main secretary desk.
The basement alarm keypad is located by the stairwell door across the basement bathrooms.

this new arrangement was setup to have the life erms trainers and students only use the basement stairwell doors and not go through the upstairs at all.

Thanks
Stephen KC8WQL

2438. For Twain Hamfest Ride?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-11-06 20:50:29 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2438 Message: 2438

I'm looking for someone who has an extra seat in a vehicle headed for
the For Twain, IN hamfest this weekend.

I'll be happy to pay for gasoline.

Anysuckers.... errr, takers on this offer?

Please advise by private e-mail.

72/73 de n8xx Hg
QRP >99.44% of the time

2439. Errata For Twain Hamfest isn't until November 16/17?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-11-06 20:56:05 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2439 Message: 2439

So, I'm NOT looking for someone who has an extra seat in a vehicle headed for the For Twain, IN hamfest THIS weekend. How about the 17nd, since that hamfest is November 17nd and 18rd.

I'll be happy to pay for gasoline.

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Please advise by private e-mail.

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2440. Re: [GRARA] Errata For Twain Hamfest isn't until November 16/17?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-11-06 21:06:05 UTC
From: John Donehoo
Topic: 2439 Message: 2440

Please remove John Donehoo from your e-mails. He passed away on October 19, 2013. Thank you. Jackie Donehoo
On Nov 6, 2013, at 3:56 PM, Hank Greeb <n8xx@...> wrote:

> So, I'm NOT looking for someone who has an extra seat in a vehicle headed for the For Twain, IN hamfest THIS weekend. How about the 17nd, since that hamfest is November 17nd and 18rd.
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> I'll be happy to pay for gasoline.
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> Any suckers.... errr, takers on this offer?
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> Please advise by private e-mail.
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2441. Re: [GRARA] For Twain Hamfest Ride?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-11-06 21:09:44 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 2438 Message: 2441

----- Message from n8xx@... ---------

> I'm looking for someone who has an extra seat in a vehicle headed for
> the For Twain, IN hamfest this weekend.
>

Plan to get there really early?
Fort Wayne HF is the following weekend, Sat, Sun Nov 16, 17.

If going, be sure to contact Hank.

2442. Re: [GRARA] Errata For Twain Hamfest isn't until November 16/17?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-11-09 12:08:21 UTC
From: Tom Hansen
Topic: 2439 Message: 2442

I think there may be several people going to Fort Wayne... perhaps we could get a show of hands #.

Tom n8dgd

On Wednesday, November 6, 2013 3:56 PM, Hank Greeb <n8xx@...> wrote:

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2443. Antenna work party this morning

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-11-09 12:13:04 UTC
From: Tom Hansen
Topic: 2443 Message: 2443

Meet around 9:30 10 AM at the American Red Cross.
Would be good to identify which coax to which antenna too.
Ron F and Joe B can you make it?

2444. Re: [GRARA] Antenna work party this morning

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-11-10 03:30:08 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2443 Message: 2444

Sorry, I forgot. Didn't put it on my calendar (Tsk. Tsk.) and didn't
read the msg until after 9 a.m.

Did the job get done?

72/73 de n8xx Hg
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On 11/9/2013 7:13 AM, Tom Hansen wrote:
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> Meet around 9:30 10 AM at the American Red Cross. Would be good to
> identify which coax to which antenna too.
> Ron F and Joe B can you make it?

2445. Re: [GRARA] Antenna work party this morning

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-11-12 01:14:44 UTC
From: Tom Hansen
Topic: 2443 Message: 2445

Not totally.
We replaced the lo-band trap dipole with the Off Center Fed dipole that we had before but back then it ran in a east - west direction.
O.F.C. dipole is in the same posistion as the trap dipole was with the shorter leg over the Red X Bldg and the longer leg running along the direction of the fence.

I cut the wire of the 160M shunt fed tower hoping to replace it as well but the wind was too great to stay up on the tower. It could be easily spliced together again if we don't get a chance to replace the wire going up the tower.

Tom n8dgd

On Saturday, November 9, 2013 10:34 PM, Hank Greeb <n8xx@...> wrote:

Sorry, I forgot. Didn't put it on my calendar (Tsk. Tsk.) and didn't read the msg until after 9 a.m.

Did the job get done?

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>

2446. Any chit chat about W8DC for SSB Sweepsteaks?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-11-12 01:43:37 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2446 Message: 2446

I can't make it for the upcoming SSB Sweepsteaks event (A family event is keeping me from jabbering away via SSB at that time), but this could be an excellent time to test the new antennae @ W8DC. The contest runs from 2100 UTC Saturday, November 16 and ends at 0259 UTC Monday November 18, 2013. That's Saturday 4 p.m. EST Saturday to 9:59 p.m. EST Sunday. One may operate up to 24 hours during this period.

How about it? Any volunteers? Let Tom, N8DGD know (I'll be unavailable, so please don't contact me). Tom's address is 1n8dgd@...

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2447. Re: [GRARA] Any chit chat about W8DC for SSB Sweepsteaks?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-11-18 17:22:29 UTC
From: Tom Hansen
Topic: 2446 Message: 2447

Yes, Dustin instigated the opening of the radio room (good for him).
and we knocked out 60 contacts together Saturday evening and later on
Sunday afternoon I went back and did a few more (32).

I used the Heil boom mic/head phones with 100 watts no problems reaching
the desired station.
The O.C.F. dipole worked well on 20 and 40 M with no tuner needed.
Match on 15 M was 3:1 so tuner is good idea, 10M was better about 1.7:1
match.
Never made it to 80 M so I just don't know... yet.

Lot's of info exchanged over the air and I'm wondering if it would be a
good idea to move the shack PC over jist a bit to
allow the operator and logger a better operating post.

I'm going to submit the log to arrl.
How did you do?

Tom n8dgd

On Monday, November 11, 2013 8:47 PM, Hank Greeb <n8xx@...> wrote:

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2448. Re: [GRARA] Dummy Load

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-11-18 17:40:35 UTC
From: Tom Hansen
Topic: 2422 Message: 2448

Hank, You still looking for this info?
I purchased a couple a while back.

Tom n8dgd

On Tuesday, October 22, 2013 4:23 PM, Hank Greeb <n8xx@arrl.org> wrote:

This dummy has lost track of the club in SW Michigan who generally sells small dummy loads. A colleague wishes to purchase a small dummy load, capable of 100 watts or so for a few minutes, but he generally runs QRP, so small is the first consideration.

Could someone tell me where to go to find details of these devices? I recall they were built into a small tin can a bit larger than a coffee cup. The can could be filled with transformer oil to increase the dissipation rating, if one desired to do so.

Please advise by private message.

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2449. How was thr Ft. Wayne Hamfest?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-11-18 18:01:17 UTC
From: Tom Hansen
Topic: 2449 Message: 2449

Did we pick up any new club/ERV purchases?

Tom

2450. Re: [GRARA] Any chit chat about W8DC for SSB Sweepsteaks?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-11-18 18:36:35 UTC
From: Jack Kunnen
Topic: 2446 Message: 2450

Good job, glad the antenna work good.
Tried it Wednesday, but the bands where really dead

I got all set, even made sure N1MM was running on my notebook a week earlier. Got on the air 30 minutes before, made a few contacts. On the stroke of 2100 I made contact with a 0 call, both our number 1s. N1MM would not log the contact, I tried for 10 minutes, but kept getting an error message. Turned the computer and radio off, grounded the antenna switch and went back to my guitar.

Jack, AB8ND

On Nov 18, 2013, at 12:22 PM, Tom Hansen wrote:

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2451. Skywarn Recognition Day at GRR

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-11-21 01:11:57 UTC
From: K8TB
Topic: 2451 Message: 2451

This year, the Allegan ARC, along with other clubs, is going to be operating from the Grand rapids NWS location by the Kent County Airport, starting December 6 (Friday night) at 7pm until December 7 (Saturday) at 7 pm.

*2013 Grand Rapids SKYWARN Recognition Day***

SKYWARN Recognition Day was developed in 1999 by the National Weather Service and the American Radio Relay League. It celebrates the contributions that volunteer SKYWARN radio operators make to the National Weather Service. During the day SKYWARN operators visit NWS offices and contact other radio operators across the world.

There will be an attempt to have at least two low band operations on the air at all times.

For more information, go to

http://grrskywarn.eventbrite.com/

In addition, the national NWS page for this event is at:

http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/mtr/hamradio/

Even if you cannot operate at this location, look around the low bands for the various weather offices that will be on the air that weekend. There even are several station available using IRLP and Echolink.

For more information on the Grand Rapids event, contact
Jason Veenstra, kd8qnx@...

Tom Bosscher K8TB Secretary, Holland ARC

2453. C.W. Learn/Practice

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-11-27 01:13:57 UTC
From: Tom Hansen
Topic: 2453 Message: 2453

C.W. on Tuesday evenings Red Cross Bldg. 7:15pm for about an hour.
Straight key with code practice oscillator / digital readout.
How bout it?

tom n8dgd

2455. Re: [GRARA] Repeater pinout

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-11-30 16:00:46 UTC
From: Tom Hansen
Topic: 2454 Message: 2455

Jack,
Let Chuck know I'll take a look again today for pinout.
Let you know what I find.
Tom n8dgd

On Friday, November 29, 2013 10:37 AM, Jack Kunnen <ab8nd@...> wrote:

Forwarding this from a post by Chuck on our Facebook Page.
Can anyone help him?

Jack, ab8nd

I am wondering if anyone in the Group knows what the pin-outs are for the repeater controller. I have the 220 radios programmed and the cans checked / tuned. I know the input is the RJ-45 connector into the voter / controller. Any help would be great so I can get this project finished up.
Chuck
KC8REH / W8LRC

2457. GRARA meeting next Friday + 'potluck' + antenna show-and-tell

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-12-01 02:54:19 UTC
From: streyle.j@...
Topic: 2457 Message: 2457

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GRARA meets next Friday (December the 6th) at the Red Cross, 1050 Fuller NE. The gathering begins about 6:30 P.M., with the official meeting starting at 7 PM. Bring some food to pass - a variety would be good.

The after-meeting program (by request of our president) will be a short presentation on your very own off-air-director's home-brew 160 meter antenna.
If time permits (and if there's interest), some nostalgia ham videos from the ARRL may be presented.

(Note! The off-air-director position for next year has not yet been filled [as far as is know to this writer] - anyone having an interest, please contact our president. This meeting will conclude *my* term in the office.)

Hope to see you Friday

W8QZ
Off-air-director

2458. Anyone for the ARRL 160 contest

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-12-04 05:54:20 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2458 Message: 2458

Note to GRARA Members: The ARRL 160 meter contest Starts 2200 UTC Friday, ends 1600 UTC Sunday (December 6-8, 2013). This is a forty-two hour period with no time limitation.

Rules for this event are at http://www.arrl.org/160-meter

Note that there IS a QRP category, and there are quite a few entries in the QRP category (81 from US/Canada out of 1047 entries from the same area.)

So, crank out that antenna so it will cover 160 meters, and have a blast!

72/73 de n8xx Hg
QRP >99.44% of the time

2459. Re: [GRARA] Repeater pinout

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-12-04 19:07:56 UTC
From: Tom Hansen
Topic: 2454 Message: 2459
Attachments: 2 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Jack,

Jack,
Can you please post on facebook or pass this along to Chuck?

Tom n8dgd

On Saturday, November 30, 2013 11:34 AM, John Streyle <streyle.j@...> wrote:

Wouldn't that info be out on the internet someplace?
W8QZ

Sent from my iPad

On Nov 30, 2013, at 11:00 AM, Tom Hansen <n8dgd@...> wrote:

>Jack,
>Let Chuck know I'll take a look again today for pinout.
>Let you know what I find.
>Tom n8dgd
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>
>On Friday, November 29, 2013 10:37 AM, Jack Kunnen <ab8nd@...> wrote:
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>
>Forwarding this from a post by Chuck on our Facebook Page.
>Can anyone help him?
>
>
>Jack, ab8nd
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>
>I am wondering if anyone in the Group knows what the pin-outs are for the repeater controller. I have the 220 radios programmed and the cans checked / tuned. I know the input is the RJ-45 connector into the voter / controller. Any help would be great so I can get this project finished up.
>Chuck
>KC8REH /
W8LRC
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>

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2460. Re: [GRARA] Anyone for the ARRL 160 contest

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-12-05 13:53:02 UTC
From: John Streyle
Topic: 2458 Message: 2460

I'll try to do this, but I won't have much time to operate due to other commitments.
W8QZ

Sent from my iPad

On Dec 4, 2013, at 12:54 AM, Hank Greeb <n8xx@...> wrote:

> Note to GRARA Members: The ARRL 160 meter contest Starts 2200 UTC
> Friday, ends 1600 UTC Sunday (December 6-8, 2013). This is a forty-two
> hour period with no time limitation.
>
> Rules for this event are at http://www.arrl.org/160-meter
>
> Note that there IS a QRP category, and there are quite a few entries in
> the QRP category (81 from US/Canada out of 1047 entries from the same area.)
>
> So, crank out that antenna so it will cover 160 meters, and have a blast!
>
> 72/73 de n8xx Hg
> QRP >99.44% of the time
>

2463. Stew Perry Top Band Challenge, Decbmer 28/29

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-12-16 06:04:52 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2463 Message: 2463

Now that ARRL 10 M contest is in the bag, how about this one for the next "challenge"?

The Stew Perry Top Band Challenge is coming up 1500Z December 28th to 1500Z December 29th, 2013. "Top Band" means 160 Meters in this context. Operate for a maximum of 14 hours. Off times are 30 minutes minimum and a maximum of four off periods are permitted.

The rules of this event http://www.kkn.net/stew/stew.rules.txt favor QRP operating because it gives a multiplier of 4, and there are distance multipliers. 160 can be fun, even with a cloud warmer antenna. But, there are many ops who choose Low Power, or High Power, it's a matter of preference.

72/73 de n8xx Hg
QRP >99.44% of the time

2467. The Stew Perry Top Band Challenge TOMORROW!

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-12-27 19:01:29 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2467 Message: 2467

Final reminder, yes the Stew Perry Top Band Challenge is tomorrow! It begins Saturday, December 28 @ 1500Z and continues until 1500Z Sunday, December 29th. Rules are @ http://www.kkn.net/stew/stew.rules.txt

Note - I was able to make contacts last evening during the NCCC NS Sprint, so it appears that the 1/4" or so of solid water on the antenna here doesn't affect the radiation all that much. And, with the temperature outside now exceeding 273 degrees Kelvin, and tomorrow supposed to be near 280 degrees Kelvin, most of this solid should change to liquid before 1500Z tomorrow.

See y'all on 160 tomorrow!

72/73 de n8xx Hg
QRP >99.44% of the time

2468. Re: [GRARA] The Stew Perry Top Band Challenge TOMORROW!

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-12-27 20:19:22 UTC
From: John Donehoo
Topic: 2467 Message: 2468

Please remove John Donehoo from your e-mail list. He passed away in October, 2013.

Thank you.

Jackie Donehoo.
On Dec 27, 2013, at 2:01 PM, Hank Greeb <n8xx@...> wrote:

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> Final reminder, yes the Stew Perry Top Band Challenge is tomorrow! It
> begins Saturday, December 28 @ 1500Z and continues until 1500Z Sunday,
> December 29th. Rules are @ http://www.kkn.net/stew/stew.rules.txt
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2469. Extra Class class, just in time for that New Years resolution..

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-12-28 00:49:38 UTC
From: K8TB
Topic: 1596 Message: 2469

So, the Christmas presents have been opened and you are now eating left overs. Just a reminder for those who would like to look at upgrading to the Extra class:

The Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association will hold an Extra Class class this winter on Wednesday nights,
starting January 8, 2014 at 7:00 PM, for ten weeks.

The last class will be March 12 and will be followed by a testing session on March 19.
Cost will be $20 and you should have a copy of the ARRL Extra class manual or equivalent.

The class will be held at the American Red Cross, 1050 Fuller Ave, Grand Rapids.

For more information and to register, please go to:

http://tinyurl.com/n46jxd3

Tom Bosscher K8TB

2470. Eye operations #1 and #2

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2013-12-28 03:27:02 UTC
From: <UncleFester@...>
Topic: 2470 Message: 2470

Many thanks to all for the now-disappeared messages concerning my cataract operation. Left eye came out very well, with vision settling in at around 20/30, farsighted. I consider it nothing less than a miracle. Only problem was a post-operation reaction to the anesthesia; I aloudly called for my friend Ralph all the way home and for five days afterwards.

Right eye gets done Jan 2, so the Jan 3 meeting is highly doubtful. I had signed up for teh extra class, but will probably need a ride to/from the first class Jan 8. I live South of Woodland Mall (32nd & Shaffer), and if you can help, email me off-list.

Jerry KS8SRH
UncleFester@CasaDelGato.com

2471. GRARA Extra Class License Training -- Starts Next Wednesday night!

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-01-02 02:42:17 UTC
From: <mike@...>
Topic: 2471 Message: 2471

Just a reminder that next Wednesday night, January 8th, we will be starting Extra Class License training at the Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association.

Once again Tom Bosscher, K8TB, will be coming to The Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association to teach the classes. Tom's classes have been highly
successful in the past resulting in many upgraded licenses.

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For more information and to register, please go to:

http://tinyurl.com/n46jxd3

Or http://www.w8dc.org (and follow the links)

You can also contact Tom Bosscher, K8TB at 616-662-1080 or k8tb@bosscher.org

2472. Re: [GRARA] GRARA Extra Class License Training -- Starts Next Wednesday night!

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-01-03 14:56:30 UTC
From: Al Pineiro
Topic: 2471 Message: 2472

Mike,

I' d like to take the Extra class. Are there books available locally? Might be a bit late to send away for it.

Al Pineiro
KC8OPU

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

2473. Re: [GRARA] GRARA Extra Class License Training -- What book to buy?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-01-03 15:55:48 UTC
From: Mike W8DER
Topic: 2471 Message: 2473

Al, glad to hear you are going to take the Extra license class. If I were you, I would order the book from Amazon.com and you will have it in a couple of days and cheap. Since it is so fast, you might want to wait until after the first class to see what books the other guys are using and what book is best for you.

You will need a book for home study, not necessarily for class participation. Tom has a great overhead presentation for class discussion.

The ARRL Extra License Manual and the Gordon West manual seem to be the most popular books as I remember. Both are available from Amazon along with CD's etc. Don't get carried-away, there are good sites for practice on the web, as Tom will explain.

Mike

On 1/3/2014 9:56 AM, Al Pineiro wrote:
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> Mike,
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> Might be a bit late to send away for it.
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> Al Pineiro
> KC8OPU
>

2474. Re: [GRARA] GRARA Extra Class License Training -- What book to buy?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-01-04 00:38:03 UTC
From: Al Pineiro
Topic: 2471 Message: 2474

Mike:

Ordered the recommended book. Looking forward to the class next week. Will you be there?

Best regards,

al...

On Friday, January 3, 2014 10:55 AM, Mike W8DER <mike@...> wrote:

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were you, I would order the book from Amazon.com and you will have it in
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2475. Re: [GRARA] GRARA Extra Class License Training -- What book to buy?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-01-04 01:18:25 UTC
From: Mike W8DER
Topic: 2471 Message: 2475

You bet, I will be helping with setup and and clean-up afterwards.

(Somebody has to do it!):-)

Mike
Mike@...

On 1/3/2014 7:38 PM, Al Pineiro wrote:
> Mike:
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> Best regards,
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> practice on the web, as Tom will explain.
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> Mike
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2476. Just Worked W1AW/4

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-01-07 05:17:18 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2476 Message: 2476

W1AW/4 about 0351Z on 3526 KHz. They were on 7027 as well, but I heard them loud and clear. Was it K4RO? He knew me. I didn't take time to ask who was op.

W1AW/8 wasn't on. Kept monitoring, but got interested in the BCS football game and missed them on 1817 KHz. Will look for them tomorrow, hope they can muster some RF before 0000Z Wenesday when their stint is over. I'm sure I didn't try hard enough to snag them - they were on 80 quite often, which is usually a sn*p from Michigan.

72/73 de n8xx Hg
QRP >99.44% of the time

2477. Re: [GRARA] Just Worked W1AW/4

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-01-07 15:16:12 UTC
From: RMoe@...
Topic: 2476 Message: 2477

Is W8DC taking part as a W1AW/8 station this year?

In a message dated 1/6/2014 10:17:24 P.M. US Mountain Standard Time,
n8xx@... writes:

W1AW/4 about 0351Z on 3526 KHz. They were on 7027 as well, but I heard
them loud and clear. Was it K4RO? He knew me. I didn't take time to
ask who was op.

W1AW/8 wasn't on. Kept monitoring, but got interested in the BCS
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2478. Re: [GRARA] Just Worked W1AW/4

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-01-07 15:30:21 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2476 Message: 2478

Hi, Bob! Thanks for the note.

Yep, look for W1AW/8 (which will be W8DC in disguise) on 20 and 75 phone on 19 February 2014 between about 7 p.m and about 10 p.m. eastern time (pending acceptance by AA8R for the times and modes). That's 0000Z to about 0300Z 20 February 2014 in UTC. If 20 stays open, we should be able to work you there. Not sure about 75, because of the usual noise level from all the RFI in the neighborhood.

I hope a few more GRARA members will take the bait and operate from their home stations. It's no big deal - operate at one's own pace, with one's own station, and at a time and mode convenient.

72/73 de n8xx Hg
QRP >99.44% of the time

p.s. Today the weather is quite balmy. Low as -7.2 °F on my thermometer, last time I checked it was above -5 °F, and THE SUN IS SHINING! I had to get used to seeing the sun, because it has been all but non existent for three or four days. :)

On 1/7/2014 10:16 AM, RMoe@... wrote:
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> Is W8DC taking part as a W1AW/8 station this year?
> In a message dated 1/6/2014 10:17:24 P.M. US Mountain Standard Time,
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2479. W1AW/8 SSB schedule is beginning to fill up

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-01-07 22:47:28 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2479 Message: 2479

IF we really want to operate the club station W8DC on a "prime band" for Wednesday, February 19, we should contact Randy, AA8R (AA8R@...) at least a couple daze ago. Already 40 meters (one of our prime choices) has been claimed for the 7 p.m to 10 p.m. slot, and one of the hours is claimed for 75/80 meters.

He who waits may be left out in the cold.

72/73 de n8xx Hg
QRP >99.44% of the time

2480. Bit Rate vs. Baud Rate explained

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-01-08 20:58:52 UTC
From: <ka5s@...>
Topic: 2480 Message: 2480

http://electronicdesign.com/communications/what-s-difference-between-bit-rate-and-baud-rate#4

2481. Missed Class #1

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-01-10 22:15:03 UTC
From: <UncleFester@...>
Topic: 2481 Message: 2481

No transportation still, which is why I messed he Bew Extra class. Now that I'm allowed to drive (without glasses! if I don't need to read signs), the car won't run. No gas to engine.

Okay, to keep this radio-related. . . Ebaying "shortwave transceiver kits" comes up with a bunch of identical 7MHZ QRP kits. Any of you have any experience(s) with these? They're pretty inexpensive.

Jerry KD8SRH

2482. Fwd: ATTN: Michigan Clubs! ARRL Centennial Celebration and year-long QSO Party.

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-01-12 22:22:52 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2482 Message: 2482

For those who haven't see this on their local club reflectors.

-------- Original Message --------
Subject: ATTN: Michigan Clubs! ARRL Centennial Celebration and
year-long QSO Party.
Date: Sun, 12 Jan 2014 16:41:24 -0500
From: Chip Locke <WB8ALW@...>
To: undisclosed-recipients:;

Greetings!

For those of you who I haven't had the opportunity to meet, I'm Hollis Locke II, WB8ALW. I go by "Chip" as there are 3 Hollis' in the family!! I am currently attempting to fill the Affiliated Club Coordinator position for the Michigan Section of the ARRL. I am located in Portage, MI and consider the Kalamazoo Amateur Radio Club as my Radio "home". (http://W8VY.Org)

Larry Camp, WB8R, our esteemed Section Manager, has asked that we spread the information about the ARRL's Centennial Celebration and year-long QSO Party to the clubs throughout the section. I have included the information below.

Time is of the essence as we need to get a bunch of volunteers in place and ready to go for February 19!

/(You are receiving this email, as you are currently (as of 1/12/14) listed as either the Club address, or the Club "Contact" address. If you no longer hold that responsibility for the club, please contact the appropriate individual currently holding that responsibility and have them update the club information athttp://www.arrl.org/find-a-club . Search for your individual club information, then click on the word "Edit" in the upper right corner. Update the information, then submit. The information will NOT UPDATE IMMEDIATELY, so please refrain from submitting the info several times while waiting for the info to update. The information will be reviewed by HQ, who will THEN update the information. Give it a few days and check back!!) //*Even if no information has changed, PLEASE re-submit the information annually. This will prevent your club sliding over to "Inactive" status.

*/

Thanks! Please feel free to contact either Larry or myself with any questions. (Contact information below!)

73

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Chip

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Michigan ARRL Section
Affiliated Club Coordinator
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/Now, here's Larry!://*
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Greetings to the hams of MichiganJanuary 1, 2014

For those of you who were on the HF bands on January 1st, you may have heard the chaos accompanying the beginnings of the ARRL Centennial Celebration and year-long QSO Party. The ARRL?s HQ station (W1HQ) is on the air and the main station (W1AW) is on the air as W100AW.All in celebration of the League?s 100th birthday.

In addition, the first two ARRL sections were each on the air (North Carolina and West Virginia) as W1AW/4 and W1AW/8 respectively. The pile ups were enormous.

As part of the year-long QSO Party, each section will have two separate weeks during which operators will be able to work from their home stations as W1AW/8 using CW, SSB, and Digital modes.

There are hundreds of hours of operating time available and we are looking for stations that would like to take this opportunity to be the focus of a bunch of folks who want to work YOU!

All states will be on the air for a week at a time at least twice in 2014. Michigan will first be up to bat on February 19 ? 25. Randy, AA8R, is coordinating the first round of the big dance for us.

Dave, K8CC will be coordinating Michigan?s second go-round October 15 ? 21 and we will hear from him as that time grows near.

What we need are operators from Michigan who are willing to operate using the W1AW/8 call from their home QTH on any of the US bands and modes. No cross band or mode operations are allowed. No repeater contacts are allowed. The modes available are CW, Phone and Digital. Clubs can get in on the fun as well.

A log containing the calls worked, date, time and freq in an "ADIF" format must be maintained. You will need to send your log to Randy and

he will then merge all the logs into one .ADI log that will then be forward to ARRL HQ.

More detailed information is available here: http://www.arrl.org/centennial-qso-party.

Anyone interested can send Randy an email atAA8R@..., with your desired time/band/mode slot(s). Randy will do his best to accommodate your requests, but it is first come first served. Randy will send you a confirmation email of your scheduled operations.

Randy is available to answer your questions as we prepare for this once in a lifetime opportunity!

It is very important for Michigan to have lots of operators available for other hams to contact us. We certainly don?t want to be the section that is discussed as ?we could never find anyone to make a contact with. There are 9 HF bands and 3 modes, so for each hour, there are 27 slots that could be filled. This gives you an idea of just how many folks we can accommodate. Don?t wait, make your plans now. Join the fun!

We have a few weeks yet before we go live, but really the time is short. Please contact Randy right away and make arrangements to spend some time representing your section on the air. What fun it will be to actually BE W1AW for a few hours!

I look forward to hearing you on the HF bands during the Michigan week(s) and I hope you have as much fun as I plan on having.

73,

Larry, WB8R

Larry Camp, WB8R

ARRL Michigan Section Manager

ARRL, the national association for Amateur Radio?

(H) 517.278.0406

(C) 517.617.4883

wb8r@... <mailto:sewald@...>

2483. Words from the Past

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-01-16 21:03:32 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2483 Message: 2483

If you want to read editorials from "The Old Man" - read this one from
January 1917 QST

http://www.arrl.org/news/the-old-man-rotten-qrm

Guess they didn't have 250 Hz filters and transmitting filters on the
sp*rk gap rigs in those daze. :)

Enjoy!

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2484. Morse Code in movies

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-02-01 23:51:19 UTC
From: <UncleFester@...>
Topic: 2484 Message: 2484

While following a story about GPS data accidentally being overlaid on YouTube audio of a police chase, I came across this comment:

So what? It was still fun, as in "this Youtube video contains more data than meets the eyes. Let's find out what it is."
As a ham radio enthusiast, I get the same pleasure decoding the bits of morse code that can be heard in movies from time to time: usually it's pretend morse code, but once in a while you hear a bit of a real transmission that's been overlaid onto the soundtrack by the sound engineer who didn't have a clue that what he used actually meant something totally unrelated to the movie.
In fact, I heard a CQ call followed by a callsign in a scifi B-movie from the 90s once, and sent a QSL card to the owner of the callsign in question. He answered me saying I was one of only 5 people to have done so over the years. How fun is that?
So yes, the code is known, there's nothing special about it, but she had fun digging out unexpected information, and I had fun reading about it. Stop being so jaded.

I've fpund this to be true; Morse in movies is either unrelated or pure BS (L:ike the KORN News on Hee Haw, which is a repeating " . . . . . -" I'd like to gind taht movie mentioned, though.

Jerry

KD8SRH

2485. RE: [GRARA] Morse Code in movies

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-02-02 14:31:34 UTC
From: Bob Hardin
Topic: 2484 Message: 2485

The Mystery show “Morse” used Morse code for the word MORSE as the basis for the theme song. So cool!

From: GRARA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:GRARA@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of UncleFester@...
Sent: Saturday, February 01, 2014 6:51 PM
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [GRARA] Morse Code in movies

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KD8SRH

2486. Suggestions.

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-02-06 14:12:43 UTC
From: <lwmisner@...>
Topic: 2486 Message: 2486

Hello everyone. I am new to this. I am taking a training class for weather spotting and would love suggestions on what mobile radio is good for this. Where is a good place to by equipment etc. thank you for any advice.

Leonard Misner

2487. Re: [GRARA] Suggestions.

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-02-07 02:00:22 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2486 Message: 2487

I'd say that >99.44% of the weather spotting is done from one's home. Almost any handheld rig or mobile rig with a 13.8 volt power supply will do fine.

If you plan on weather chasing, that's a considerably different thing, and you should seek counsel from a psychiatrist or similar because the weather bureau generally discourages such activities.

Come on down to the GRARA meeting tomorrow, beginning with an eyeball QSO session (general chit chat) at 6:30 p.m, and the meeting itself starting at 7:00 p.m. I've been asked to tell a bit about the upcoming W1AW/8 effort we're planning for February 19 and 22, but there will be plenty time for you to get ideas of what kind of rig would be most useful for your interests.

Looking forward to meeting you.

72/73 de n8xx Hg
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On 2/6/2014 9:12 AM, lwmisner@... wrote:
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> Hello everyone. I am new to this. I am taking a training class for
> weather spotting and would love suggestions on what mobile radio is
> good for this. Where is a good place to by equipment etc. thank you
> for any advice.
>
> Leonard Misner

2488. GRARA Meeting, Friday, February 7, 2013 6:30 & 7:00 p.m.

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-02-07 02:09:41 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2486 Message: 2488

The Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association February Meeting will be held, beginning @ 6:30 p.m. with a general eyeball session (chit-chat), and the formal meeting starting a 7:00 p.m., Friday, February 7, 2013. (That's tomorrow as of the time this is being written)

I've been asked to give a run down of our part in the W1AW/8 activation - this will be on Wednesday, 19 February, beginning at 6:00 p.m. or so, and Saturday, 22 February, beginning at ??

We'll have a demo of procedures, (perhaps we can catch one of the W1AW/4 (Georgia), or W1AW/KH6 (Hawaii) stations (these are the currently active states) on the air and observe their tactics. Lettuce prey one or both of them are operating on a band which has sufficient propagation to be received here.

I'll have the latest N1MM logging software up and running for demo.

May we be sure of a computer projector availability? It surely would be nice.

Hope to see everyone there!

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2489. Errata - Meeting Tomorrow Feb 7

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-02-07 02:53:29 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2489 Message: 2489

I forgot to point out that the meeting tomorrow will be at

American Red Cross** of Greater Grand Rapids Chapter House
1050 Fuller Avenue NE
Grand Rapids, Michigan 40503

Ring the bell to alert us to open the door if it is not manned. Ring twice if we don't hear the first buzz.

Please pardon me for this omission. Follows the original message

- - - - Original Message follows - - - -

The Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association February Meeting will be held, beginning @ 6:30 p.m. with a general eyeball session (chit-chat), and the formal meeting starting a 7:00 p.m., Friday, February 7, 2013. (That's tomorrow as of the time this is being written)

I've been asked to give a run down of our part in the W1AW/8 activation - this will be on Wednesday, 19 February, beginning at 6:00 p.m. or so, and Saturday, 22 February, beginning at ??

We'll have a demo of procedures, (perhaps we can catch one of the W1AW/4 (Georgia), or W1AW/KH6 (Hawaii) stations (these are the currently active states) on the air and observe their tactics. Lettuce prey one or both of them are operating on a band which has sufficient propagation to be received here.

I'll have the latest N1MM logging software up and running for demo.

May we be sure of a computer projector availability? It surely would be nice.

Hope to see everyone there!

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2490. Re: [GRARA] Suggestions.

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-02-07 03:17:06 UTC
From: John Streyle
Topic: 2486 Message: 2490

From what little I know, a good 2M FM mobile, and a good mobile antenna are the main things needed (along with proper training). I assume that most of the spotting activity happens from those located at strategic locations, as assigned.
I don't know about any local dealers, as I've bought my gear from local hams, mostly, or at hamfests, along with some from private sellers on QRZ.com.
W8QZ

Sent from my iPad

On Feb 6, 2014, at 9:00 PM, Hank Greeb <n8xx@...> wrote:

> I'd say that >99.44% of the weather spotting is done from one's home. Almost any handheld rig or mobile rig with a 13.8 volt power supply will do fine.
>
> If you plan on weather chasing, that's a considerably different thing, and you should seek counsel from a psychiatrist or similar because the weather bureau generally discourages such activities.
>
> Come on down to the GRARA meeting tomorrow, beginning with an eyeball QSO session (general chit chat) at 6:30 p.m, and the meeting itself starting at 7:00 p.m. I've been asked to tell a bit about the upcoming W1AW/8 effort we're planning for February 19 and 22, but there will be plenty time for you to get ideas of what kind of rig would be most useful for your interests.
>
> Looking forward to meeting you.
>
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> On 2/6/2014 9:12 AM, lwmisner@... wrote:
>> Hello everyone. I am new to this. I am taking a training class for weather spotting and would love suggestions on what mobile radio is good for this. Where is a good place to by equipment etc. thank you for any advice.
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>> Leonard Misner
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2491. Re: [GRARA] Suggestions.

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-02-07 03:24:57 UTC
From: K8TB
Topic: 2486 Message: 2491

Leonard,

You have received some good replies so far, but for a starting radio, one of the $ 50 Chinese handhelds, and a magnet mount 1/4 wave 2 meter antenna will do you well.

Do you have a amateur license yet? I've looked up your name and do not see a match anyplace. If you need to get a license, I would like to recommend that you look at the Ham License in a Day that the Holland club is putting on:

http://www.hollandarc.org/?p=3006

Five hours of studying, and 90% of the people get their license. Then the fun really begins.

Tom K8TB

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2492. RTTY needed for W1AW/8 operation

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-02-08 15:32:17 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2492 Message: 2492

Randy, AA8R says that the RTTY/Digital schedule for W1AW/8 is quite open. Please take a look at the W1AW schedule posted on the web @ http://www.learnerassociates.net/MICHIGAN_W1AW/

If one of the stations @ W8DC can operate RTTY, we could try 80 meter RTTY between 8 and 9 p.m. on Wednesday, February 19. Please let AA8R know if this is possible? I don't operate RTTY, at least not very much, so wouldn't have the faintest idea how to set up N1MM/MMTY so it could be used together. These two programs are often the "way to go" for contesting with RTTY, and would make it very easy to use RTTY at the club station.

On Saturday, there are MANY choices of bands for RTTY/Digital as well as choices for SSB, particularly 17 and 12 meters. 17 "Should" be open at our chose time, so we "could" volunteer for a second band/mode if we have extra ops signed up.

For those who listened to W1AW/KH6 last evening, the op was NOT operating 5Q's per minute, probably 2 Q's or so. This more relaxed mode should be of more interest to our members - we needn't be "top contest" types (we have only a few, if any in this category) - just operate at a pace comfortable to you. I'll be available at least at the start of our 7 p.m. slot on February 19, and it looks like I can be around for much of Saturday. I'm NOT a SSB op, so someone else will have to step up to the mic.

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2493. New Hams Dinner

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-02-08 17:20:34 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 101 Message: 2493

Forwarded from the Lowell ARC reflector. Sorry this did not get
publicized earlier.

The Olde Country Buffet at Roger's Plaza is located at 1038 28th St SW,
Wyoming, MI 49509

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-------- Original Message --------
Subject: [LARC General List] New Hams Dinner
Date: Sat, 8 Feb 2014 11:39:55 -0500
From: Mike Wolthuis <wolthuis@...>
To: w8lrc@...

At 2pm today. Old County Buffett in Rogers Plaza. See you there!

Mike
Kb8zgl

2494. Re: [GRARA] RTTY needed for W1AW/8 operation

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-02-08 17:30:03 UTC
From: John Streyle
Topic: 2492 Message: 2494

FWIW, we did manage to work W1AW/KH6 last nite on 15M SSB. It took about a dozen calls, and the amplifier ;)
The Yaesu 950 at W8DC has a Signalink hooked to it, so we should be able to run sound- card RTTY with that. Not sure how tricky it would be to get the software programs to cooperate, though. I'm willing to give it a try Wednesday night.
I plan to be at W8DC both nights.
John W8QZ

Sent from my iPad

On Feb 8, 2014, at 10:32 AM, Hank Greeb <n8xx@...> wrote:

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2495. GRARA's Friday night VE testing session...

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-02-15 02:28:46 UTC
From: K8TB
Topic: 2495 Message: 2495

A very successful night, and very good news for the West Michigan amateur radio community.

We have some new amateur radio operators.
Congratulations to the following new Technicians:

Leonard Misner of Wyoming
Matthew Rusco of Fremont
Robin Dawe of Fremont

We had two folks walk in to take their Tech, which they passed, and went on to pass their General:

Eric Isenhoff of Newaygo
Edward Curths of Dorr

And then Mike Gregory, KD8MMV, from Newaygo, took and passed his General.

And then we had four dropouts. Yes, four folks who dropped out of their current
GRARA/Holland ARC Extra class, halfway through the class.
But they dropped for a great reason, the following four passed their Extra:

Corey Grahn, KD8SZZ from Grand Rapids
Dustin Olsen, KD8PVZ from Grand Rapids
Mike Stark, KB8KB from Rockford
Bob Sheneman, K8EIO from Grand Rapids

Congratulations to all, and a special thank you to the GRARA VE Team!

Tom Bosscher K8TB

2496. HF equipment for sale and laptop

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-02-15 04:48:40 UTC
From: tomKD8DEG
Topic: 2496 Message: 2496

RADIO EQUIPMENT FOR SALE

Item#

1) Drake TR3 Transceiver & RV3 VFO w/power supply, full 300 watts out, great condition. Asking $375.00 or best offer

2) Yaesu FT-101E w/external spkr, great condition. Asking $400.00 or best offer.

3) Kenwood MC-50 desk mic. $65.00

4) Heathkit HM-102 watt meter like new. $50.00

5) Toshiba Satellite L455-55975 Laptop w/Windows 7, has only 18 hours use. $259.00

Helping fellow ham, Ken KB8PSG, down size. His wife past away this week, and he has to move to a smaller location.

Contact Tom KD8DEG at email; kd8deg@... or phone 616-292-3335

Pictures upon request.

73

Tom KD8DEG

2497. RE: [GRARA] GRARA's Friday night VE testing session...

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-02-15 11:22:40 UTC
From: Doug Luurs
Topic: 2495 Message: 2497

CONGRADS ALL !!

'73

Doug / W8ZUU

From: GRARA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:GRARA@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of K8TB
Sent: Friday, February 14, 2014 9:29 PM
To: k8daa@yahoogroups.com; GRARA@yahoogroups.com;
westMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [GRARA] GRARA's Friday night VE testing session...

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2498. Common channels

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-02-19 14:41:38 UTC
From: <lwmisner@...>
Topic: 2498 Message: 2498

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Leonard Misner

2499. RE: [GRARA] Common channels

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-02-19 15:51:08 UTC
From: Richard MI Ranta
Topic: 2498 Message: 2499

Hope this help’s you out.

Rich k8jx and scooter the cat

Grand Rapids Area Repeater List

(Thanks to the Michigan Area Repeater Council for this data- 1/17/2011)

Frequency Call-Sign PL. Tone Sponsor

52.720 NW8J 136.5 NW8J

52.760 W8DC 94.8 GRARA

145.110 NW8J 94.8 Kent Co. Emg. Mgmt.

145.230 W8USA 94.8 MARA

145.270 W8LRC 94.8 LARC

145.450 KB8IFE 94.8 KB8IFE

145.490 W8CSO 94.8 NOAC

146.620 K8LHS 94.8 ARGYL

146.760 W8DC 94.8 GRARA

146.880 NW8J 141.3 NW8J

146.940 W8ZHO 94.8 MAARC

147.060 K8DAA 94.8 HARC

147.160 W8IRA 94.8 IRA

147.260 W8DC 94.8 GRARA

223.920 N8JPR 94.8 N8JPR

224.140 NW8J 167.9 NW8J

224.440 KB8YNC KB8YNC

224.640 W8DC 94.8 GRARA

224.760 K8SN open K8SN

442.175 K8SN 103.5 K8SN

443.075 NW8J 94.8 NW8J

443.775 W8GVK W8GVK

443.800 KA8YSM 94.8 KA8YSM

443.850 K8LHS 94.8 K8LHS

444.100 N8NET 94.8 N8NET

444.250 KC8EST 114.8 KCEST

444.325 N8WKN N8WKN

444.400 W8DC 94.8 W8DC

444.625 KR8T 94.8 KR8T

444.900 K8IHY 94.8 K8IHY

The repeaters listed above may have scheduled nets or other events occurring, either weekly, or at other times. It is always best to listen first before using a repeater. The above list contains only those repeaters that are either listed as being open, or have given permission for open use.

“Wise sayings often fall on barren ground, but a kind word is never thrown away.”
--Arthur Helps

Rich k8jx & Scooter the cat

From: GRARA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:GRARA@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of lwmisner@...
Sent: Wednesday, February 19, 2014 9:42 AM
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [GRARA] Common channels

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Leonard Misner

2500. RE: [GRARA] Common channels

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-02-19 15:52:00 UTC
From: Bob Hardin
Topic: 2498 Message: 2500

Lust is a pretty strong word for a Ham. :)

Obsession perhaps. Go to the local ham club meetings.

A place to start: http://www.kb8sew.net/cgi-bin/radio.pl?page=repeaters

Many repeaters and other stations are not officially sanctioned by the repeater council so other sources based on user input are better.

http://www.artscipub.com/repeaters/local-repeaters.asp?state=Michigan <http://www.artscipub.com/repeaters/local-repeaters.asp?state=Michigan&city=GRAND%20RAPIDS>
&city=GRAND%20RAPIDS

Around G.R. the call frequency is used as a chat channel.

Packet frequency: 1200 baud 145.070

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2501. Tower Failure incident

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-02-19 19:36:42 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2501 Message: 2501

This is something one NEVER should do with a crank up tower. It's in many books, many instruction manuals, yet it, unfortunately, happens.
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Ham radio operator loses hand and fingers in tower accident.

A52-year-old ham radio operator in Athol lost several fingers and one of hishands Thursday when his amateur radio antenna tower collapsed on him while hewas working on it.

Multiple agencies responded to Bearpaw Galindo's home on Caravelle Road after his wife, Gail Perry, phoned 911 and informed a dispatcher the man was hanging 20 feet in the air with his right arm pinned within a telescoping-type tower. Perry said Galindo was repairing a portion of the 40-foot-tall telescoping tower, when a cable holding it up snapped and caused the top portions of the tower to collapse on his hands.

"I saw his fingers fly off of his right hand," Perry told The Press. "I never want to see something like that again."

According to a press release from the Timberlake Fire Protection District, crews were dispatched to the scene at 11:58 a.m., and proceeded to raise the tower in an effort to free Galindo's arm. After 20 minutes, the man was extricated and lowered to the ground.

Galindo was trapped for a total of 45 minutes.

"I can't say anything better about them," Perry said of the emergency responders. "They were awesome."

Galindo was then transported by Life Flight to Kootenai Health.

Doctors told Perry her husband was in critical condition early Thursday evening. At 3 p.m., Galindo was taken into surgery, where doctors performed a partial amputation on his left hand and a full amputation on the right. Perry said doctors estimated the surgery would last more than four hours.

"They (doctors) said that he will be in the hospital for quite a few days," Perry said.

2502. 2014 skywarn training information

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-02-20 18:16:53 UTC
From: <stprovost@...>
Topic: 2502 Message: 2502

Hello, it is time for skywarn training in march 2014! Here is the information about the training and the website to place your rsvp:
Severe Weather spotter training! This year we have a bigger venue which will give us plenty of room for folks and plenty of space for displays! Make sure to RSVP and tell your friends about the class.

Severe Weather
Spotter Training
Public Welcome
Learn how to spot severe weather and warn your community before
Time: 7pm to 10pm (Doors open at 6pm)
Where: Grandville High School Auditorium
RSVP at:
https://skywarn2014.eventbrite.com https://skywarn2014.eventbrite.com//

2503. GRARA as W1AW/8

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-02-21 01:21:33 UTC
From: streyle.j@...
Topic: 2498 Message: 2503

GRARA members:

GRARA / W8DC was on the air last night (Feb. 19th local time) as W1AW/8, from 7 - 10 PM. Operators included N8DGD, KA5S, KD8SZZ, AB8NB, and W8QZ. There was even a cameo appearance by our on-air director, N8XX. We logged about 30 contacts on 40M SSB, and about 195 contacts on 20M SSB. (Operation on RTTY was considered, but abandoned due to lack of time to get N1MM logger and MMTY to work together.) It was a unique and exciting experience to be on the 'pursued side' of a pileup - at times, on 20M.

GRARA will be operating again as W1AW/8 on Saturday 6 - 8 PM, local time, on 40M SSB. Come join us if you can!
Again, here's the link to the Michigan schedule.

http://www.learnerassociates.net/MICHIGAN_W1AW/

John W8QZ

2504. Another Dumb Question

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-02-21 02:06:48 UTC
From: <lwmisner@...>
Topic: 2504 Message: 2504

My portable asks me for an off set frequency. How do I find this?

Leonard Misner

2505. Re: [GRARA] Another Dumb Question

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-02-21 04:21:11 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2504 Message: 2505

What band/freq/etc?

If it's a 2 meter FM rig, the offset is -600 KHz for 145 MHz repeater range, -600 KHz for 146 MHz range, and +600 KHz for the 147 MHz range.

440 rigs are out of my league. That's daylight to me. :)

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On 2/20/2014 9:06 PM, lwmisner@... wrote:
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> Leonard Misner

2506. Re: [GRARA] Another Dumb Question

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-02-21 12:55:15 UTC
From: Leonard Misner
Topic: 2504 Message: 2506

Thanks Hank

Sent from my iPad

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2507. RE: GRARA as W1AW/8

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-02-21 16:09:57 UTC
From: <ka5s@...>
Topic: 2498 Message: 2507

We did get Mike's Orion II to operating after some false starts. First, RF from, the 920 was turning the rig off, which we fixed by connecting the PS ground stud to the rig's ground stud. Then, it seemed RF getting in set the rig's processor to some impossible states, but that cleared up after rebooting it. The hand mike is a possible problem for RF, as with the headset mike RF no longer bothered the Orion.

40 was not all that productive in the short time I was on tha tposition but at least the Orion proved useful even when both stations are on the air; there is some received noise from the 920, possibly due to ruining high power, but that can be worked around. Local QRN remains a problem and a couple of comments were heard on 40 that we needed to get a receiver. Perhaps we need another remote receive antenna.

Cortland
KA5S

2508. Programming help needed

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-02-22 00:06:55 UTC
From: <lwmisner@...>
Topic: 2508 Message: 2508

My name is Leonard Misner, I just got my tech license. I don't know much LOL.. I have a Kenwood tm-281a in my car and a baofeng UV-5R+ hand held.
Both manuals are very confusing and the online help assumes I have done this before.

Is there ANYONE who can help me PROGRAM these correctly or at least
teach me how. If so let me know when your available and how much you will charge me.

Very Confused
Leonard

2509. Re: [GRARA] Programming help needed

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-02-22 01:40:44 UTC
From: Michael Wolthuis
Topic: 2508 Message: 2509

Leonard,
We regularly program radios at the W8LRC (Lowell Amateur Radio Club) open radio room on Thursday nights at 7pm. The location is at the FROM Outreach building in Lowell on M-21.
If this would help you, we should be there next Thursday. More info at www.w8lrc.org

Mike Wolthuis
kb8zgl

From: <lwmisner@...>
Reply-To: "GRARA@yahoogroups.com" <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Date: Friday, February 21, 2014 at 6:06 PM
To: "GRARA@yahoogroups.com" <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Subject: [GRARA] Programming help needed

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2510. ARRL DX SSB, anyone?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-02-26 23:28:20 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2510 Message: 2510

The ARRL DX SSB contest is this coming weekend, beginning 0000Z Saturday (7 p.m.) Friday and ending at 2400Z Sunday (7:00 p.m. Sunday).

This should be a "natural" for the Jaw Flappers in the club who like to operated SSB - and we could operate multi-single (multiple op, single Transmitter) or even Multi-Multi. Best choice for our otherwise noisey location would be during daylight, but 20 meters stays open many nights until 0300Z (10 p.m. EST) or later, so we could start immediately after the Club meeting and operate until we get tired, or until the band closes. We might operate during the day on Saturday and even Sunday if there's interest.

Is there interest? Let me know, and/or let Tom, N8DGD <n8dgd@...> know. Lettuce discuss this at the meeting.

Oh, yes, the regular meeting is scheduled for Friday, 1 March, beginning with an informal gathering at 6:30 p.m., a business meeting at 7:30 p.m. The program will be a short rundown of operating W1AW/8 Michigan from W8DC during the meeting, and operating W8DC in the ARRL DX SSB contest after we adjourn.

Hope to see everyone there!

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2511. RE: ARRL DX SSB, anyone?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-02-27 02:15:14 UTC
From: <k8ggl@...>
Topic: 2510 Message: 2511

Hank, You're a week early on the business meeting. First Friday in March is the seventh.
Gerry ~ K8GGL

2512. Re: [GRARA] RE: ARRL DX SSB, anyone?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-02-27 02:40:09 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2510 Message: 2512

Gerry:

Thanks for correcting the error of my ways. But, anyway, we still could operate ARRL DX SSB starting Friday at 7 p.m EST February 28 (0000Z Saturday March 1)

Any Takers?????

I always think in UTC, and forgot that Saturday was 1 March - for some reason I thought 1 March was Friday.

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2513. RE: [GRARA] GRARA's Friday night VE testing session...

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-02-27 20:13:08 UTC
From: <lwmisner@...>
Topic: 2495 Message: 2513

Quick question: I called ARRL today asking if they had a call sign for me yet (its been 2 weeks) they said they haven't received anything in the mail yet. Is it usually this slow for mail to reach them? I know its the Government but i thought id ask..

Leonard Misner

2514. RE: [GRARA] GRARA's Friday night VE testing session...

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-02-27 22:52:19 UTC
From: Steven Kaney
Topic: 2495 Message: 2514

Just two weeks? When I got my first license back in the '80s I had to wait more than 3 months. I got my call, N7MUT, on Apr 1st and thought it was a really bad April Fools Joke.

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone (http://overview.mail.yahoo.com?.src=iOS)

2515. 2014 Michigan QSO Party Brochure is out!!!

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-02-28 01:17:27 UTC
From: <mike@...>
Topic: 2515 Message: 2515

The brochure for the 2014 Michigan QSO Party just came out today. You will find a link to the brochure on the GRARA Website.

http://www.w8dc.org http://www.w8dc.org

Mike@w8der.net

2516. Thanks

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-02-28 02:23:04 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2516 Message: 2516

Thanks to all who helped with W1AW/8 Michigan from W8DC recently.

I have as a roster (courtesy N8DGD) - Thanks, Tom!

N8DGD-Tom
AB8ND-Jack
W8QZ-John
KA5S-Cortland
KD8SZZ-Corey
& me

There were a few visitors who gave moral support, but we couldn't convince them to get in front of the microphone.

Note: We will have another opportunity, between October 15 and October 22 to operate once more. So, please think about what bands/modes we'd like to try, so we can get first choice.

Another observation - we didn't have a "massive pileup" which we might have expected, so one needn't be a "crack" operator to handle the traffic. Please consider helping - the ops found it was a fun, rewarding event!

72/73 de n8xx Hg
QRP >99.44% of the time
Except while operating W1AW/8 Michigan

2517. Re: [GRARA] GRARA's Friday night VE testing session...

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-02-28 02:32:42 UTC
From: Leonard Misner
Topic: 2495 Message: 2517

Steven, Did you walk up hill 10 miles in each direction in the snow with no shoes to get it??

Sent from my iPad

> On Feb 27, 2014, at 5:52 PM, Steven Kaney <sfkaney@...> wrote:
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> Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone
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> From: lwmisner@... <lwmisner@...>;
> To: <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>;
> Subject: RE: [GRARA] GRARA's Friday night VE testing session...
> Sent: Thu, Feb 27, 2014 8:13:08 PM
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2518. FLDIGI and N1MM?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-02-28 23:17:06 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2518 Message: 2518

Anyone on this reflector use FLDIGI in conjunction with N1MM logger who would care to Elmer this novice at Digital Modes so I could experiment with PSK-31 and other digital modes and have a way to log and make an ADI file from the log?

Please do NOT just refer me to the N1MM/digital setup pages from the N1MM manual. Just call me a LID (I'll admit it within a heartbeat) but I've read these pages and need an Elmer to interpret the prose therein.

Thanks in advance.

72/73 de n8xx Hg
QRP >99.44% of the time

2519. RE: FLDIGI and N1MM?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-02-28 23:40:21 UTC
From: <k8ggl@...>
Topic: 2518 Message: 2519

FLDIGI itself has a pretty capable logging feature, and with properly configured macros can be set up very similar to N1MM for both run and s&p operation. It does a a great job of exporting adi log files. FLDIGI does not have the degree of contest specific exchange capture that N1MM has, however. I started into making FLDIGI and N1MM work together for the W1AW/8 operations, but quickly realized it was much simpler to just use FLDIGI alone.
Are you looking to do contesting, or just general operation?

Gerry ~ K8GGL

2520. Marshall Hamfest?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-03-01 20:54:07 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1633 Message: 2520

Anyone going to the Marshall Hamfest, Marshall, Michigan, March 15?

I'd like a ride over to the place. Any opening in a carpool?

I'd chip in for the petrol.

Tnx es 73 de n8xx Hg
QRP >99.44% of the time

2521. Fwd: INFO: W1AW/7 in Idaho

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-03-05 00:31:40 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2521 Message: 2521

Reminder - W1AW/7 from Idaho, and W1AW/4 from Kentucky are on NOW for
the next 7 daze!

The Reverse Beacon Network http://www.reversebeacon.net/for CW RTTY,
etc., and http://www.dxwatch.com/ are good places to keep track of W1AW/*

72/73 de n8xx Hg
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-------- Original Message --------
Subject: Re: INFO: W1AW/7 in Idaho
Date: Tue, 4 Mar 2014 16:36:38 -0700
From: Tod <tod@...>
To: Hank Greeb <n8xx@...>

Hank,

There are good stations and good operators committed to operate on all
of the bands and modes from Idaho. That does include the WARC bands. I
am not too familiar with the plan for PSK and other digital operation,
but I do know there are about 30 stations involved so that all of the
bands and modes can be covered.

Tod

2522. Weather Spotter Training

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-03-05 13:47:52 UTC
From: David DeVos
Topic: 2522 Message: 2522

I'm looking for someone who would be willing to give John Kaye N8VLJ and Bob DeBoer N8QOL a ride to weather spotter training this week. They live in the Alger Heights area in Grand Rapids. I'm unable to attend this year. Contact me at kf8ql@... is you can help. Thanks!

David DeVos

2523. And now, they have licenses

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-03-07 17:21:32 UTC
From: K8TB
Topic: 2523 Message: 2523

Their licenses/call signs were posted to the FCC yesterday.
Congratulations to the following on their new calls:

Leonard Misner of Wyoming KD8WSC
Matthew Rusco of Fremont KD8WSD
Robin Dawe of Fremont KD8WSE
Eric Isenhoff of Newaygo KD8WSF
Edward Curths of Dorr KD8WSG

Tom Bosscher K8TB

2524. And now, they have licenses

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-03-07 11:03:15 UTC
From: K8TB
Topic: 2495 Message: 2524

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2525. RE: [GRARA] And now, they have licenses

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-03-08 01:17:31 UTC
From: Doug Luurs
Topic: 2495 Message: 2525

Congrats all!

'73 Doug / W8ZUU

From: GRARA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:GRARA@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of K8TB
Sent: Friday, March 07, 2014 6:03 AM
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [GRARA] And now, they have licenses

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Tom Bosscher K8TB

2526. SWR meter for sale

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-03-08 14:30:19 UTC
From: streyle.j@...
Topic: 2518 Message: 2526

I've been asked to sell a "Calrad" SWR meter for a friend from my model airplane club.
It's a basic SWR (single) meter - in the original box (box in poor shape, though). Includes a short coax jumper, instructions. Says it's rated for 1kw.
The meter has been checked, and works. The screws on the back have corroded (but it looks OK otherwise).

I can provide pictures, if interested. Asking $10, picked up.
John W8QZ 616-791-9411
----- Original Message -----

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2527. Liquid Helium noise figure at room temperature

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-03-13 17:21:15 UTC
From: <ka5s@...>
Topic: 2527 Message: 2527

Tiny Drums Turn Faint Radio Signals Into Light
A laser and a membrane make a detector that could hear the radio whispers of the early universe

excerpt: "... signals detected by the antenna cause oscillations of current in the circuit, which in turn exerts a mechanical force on the capacitor. “In a normal capacitor, this force is completely irrelevant and very small,” Polzik explains. But the team made its capacitor more sensitive to the force by replacing one of its plates with a flexible sheet of silicon nitride about 100 nanometers thick, creating, in essence, a tiny woofer. They coated one side of the membrane with a 50-nm-thick layer of aluminum, turning it into a mirror. When the researchers bounced a laser beam off the metal, they could measure shifts in the reflected light caused by the membrane’s movement. Not only does that allow them to detect a weak signal, it also means ..."

http://spectrum.ieee.org/semiconductors/optoelectronics/tiny-drums-turn-faint-radio-signals-into-light/?utm_source=techalert&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=031314

2528. Five More Extras, and a whole bunch of new techs'

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-03-18 00:25:40 UTC
From: K8TB
Topic: 2528 Message: 2528

At the GRARA VE testing session last Friday night, there was a flurry of activity.

From the joint Holland ARC-GRARA Extra class, four students dropped out to test, successfully.

Congratulations to:

Stephen Provost KC8WQL
Dennis Christian N8CUF
Jerry Elya KD8SRH
David Stycos KD8RPX

and to Paul Rock, N8KDF who walked in and took and passed his Extra.

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Mark Farver, KB9JMZ and Jeff Keene, KC8ZPD

And then, the eight new techs:

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Deborah Cushman
Richard Shanty
Michael Stengel
Nathan Hardman
Jeff Keene
Daniel Culhane
and Alexander Pearson

15 new hams and/or upgrades. That made for a busy night.

Tom K8TB

2529. Re: [GRARA] Five More Extras, and a whole bunch of new techs'

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-03-18 12:34:34 UTC
From: Jim Leys
Topic: 2528 Message: 2529

Congrats guys..great job

On Mon, Mar 17, 2014 8:25 PM EDT K8TB wrote:

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2530. Re: Five More Extras, and a whole bunch of new techs'

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-03-18 13:20:02 UTC
From: <ka5s@...>
Topic: 2528 Message: 2530

Outstanding! Congratulations to all. Have a drink.
"Cheers!" (clink)

Cortland

2531. Re: Five More Extras, and a whole bunch of new techs'

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-03-18 13:39:10 UTC
From: Leonard Misner
Topic: 2528 Message: 2531

Congrats to all..

Leonard KD8WSC

Sent from my iPad

2532. Re: [GRARA] Re: Five More Extras, and a whole bunch of new techs'

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-03-18 14:30:38 UTC
From: Douglas Luurs
Topic: 2528 Message: 2532

Grats all

(New Drinking Game)
3 drinks for each new Extra
2 for General
1 for Tech

whoa .. I'm feeling a bit wasted atm .. *hics*

From: "ka5s@..." <ka5s@...>
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Tuesday, March 18, 2014 9:20 AM
Subject: [GRARA] Re: Five More Extras, and a whole bunch of new techs'

Outstanding! Congratulations to all. Have a drink.
"Cheers!" (clink)

Cortland

2533. A shameless plug

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-03-19 18:29:55 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2533 Message: 2533

If you're an ARRL member, please read the article by my friend and
former work colleague, Jay Slough, K4ZLE.

"A 10 Meter Moxon Antenna" QST, April 2014, page 44

If you like it, please vote for it as your favorite article, at the
Cover Plaque polling site

http://www.arrl.org/cover-plaque-poll <cid:part1.01060409.01060908@...>

Remember, vote early, and vote often (As they say in Chicago and
elsewhere. :)

72/73 de n8xx Hg
QRP >99.44% of the time

2534. Re: [GRARA] A shameless plug

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-03-19 18:52:33 UTC
From: Douglas Luurs
Topic: 2533 Message: 2534

Nice .. what coax is that in Figure 2? Looks like it's pretty thick. LMR-400 maybe ?

From: Hank Greeb <n8xx@...>
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Wednesday, March 19, 2014 2:29 PM
Subject: [GRARA] A shameless plug

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2535. Two VE testing sessions right around the corner.

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-03-21 15:08:55 UTC
From: K8TB
Topic: 2535 Message: 2535

If you are thinking about upgrading your license, or you know someone who has been studying for their technician license, there are two VE testing sessions coming up.

Tomorrow, Saturday, March 22, at the Holland Red Cross at 270 James St. in Holland, at 6 pm there will be a VE testing session. While it was scheduled to handle 12+ technician applicants, any walks in for any grade license are encouraged.

And then next week Wednesday, March 26, at 7 pm at the Grand Rapids Red Cross, there will be a special test session to handle the HARC-GRARA extra class class. Walk-ins for technician, general or extra are encouraged.

If you are testing for your technician, please bring two pieces of ID, one pictured, and $ 15.00 for the test. Cash is preferred.

If you are upgrading, please take your original license, and a copy of it, along with a picture ID, and $ 15.00. You also might want to bring a couple of pencils. (Erasers are allowed !)

Tom Bosscher K8TB

2536. Anyone for Michigan QSO Party?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-03-24 17:30:38 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2536 Message: 2536

I see that the folks have put up a "planned operation entry form" for the 2014 Michigan QSO Party, to be held on Saturday, April 19, 2014 from noon EDST to Midnight EDST (1600Z April 10, to 03:59::59Z April 20).

This page is at http://www.miqp.org/plannedOpsEntryMiQP.html

I'd urge that GRARA fire up one or two transmitters for this event, and make W8DC's presence known.

Fortunately, I must be visiting our grand kiddoze when y'all are having your April meeting - Friday, April 4 - so I shan't be able to propose this formally at the meeting. I'm sending a private copy to our Esteamed Chief, President, (N8DGD) and I trust he will bring the subject up at the meeting. (Sidebar, Grand Kiddoze take precedence over most anything other than Death or Taxes, so I hope you understand.)

It has been a fun event in past years, so lettuce prey that we can get a good turnout on April 19!

72/73 de n8xx Hg
QRP >99.44% of the time

2537. GRARA-HARC Extra Class, 3 more..

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-03-27 01:00:20 UTC
From: K8TB
Topic: 2537 Message: 2537

The joint GRARA-HARC Extra class has had 8 students test out, and pass their extra.

Tonight, at a special VE session, the three more students took their extra.

And all three passed.

Congratulations go to:

Paul Jackson, KD8OPD of Alto
Jim Leys, KD8CAN of Kentwood
and Al Pineiro, KC8OPU of Allendale.

That's eleven for eleven.

A special thank you to the GRARA VE team, and a special tip of the hat to Mike Hill, W8DER, who was at every class and test session to help everyone along.

Tom K8TB

2538. Cadillac Hamfest/Swap May 3, 2014

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-03-27 17:40:06 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2538 Message: 2538

*I just received a copy of the flyer for the "Cadillac Amateur Radio and Computer Swap" - which will be held on Saturday, May 3th, 2014, between 8 a.m. and about noonish. It will be held at the Cadillac Junior High School, 500 Chestnut Street, Cadillac, Michigan.

Admission is $5.00, tables are $10.00, everything indoors.

A map with directions may be found on the following link:
http://goo.gl/A3Uifa
(I LOVE to tell people where to go!)

This would be a great opportunity to publicize the GRARA hamfest/swap, so please consider having flyers available at the next meeting (or certainly no later than the May Meeting on the tooth of May, for distribution.

I've been to this meet at least once, maybe twice, and it's a nice place!

72/73 de n8xx Hg
QRP >99.44% of the time*

2539. We have call signs..

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-03-27 22:35:58 UTC
From: K8TB
Topic: 2539 Message: 2539

And the results are in.

Issued by the FCC to the following folks who passed their tech exam this past March 14 at the GRARA testing session:

Brian Boomgaard from Grand Rapids is KD8WYX
Deborah Cushman from Byron Center is KD8WYW
Richard Shanty from Grand Haven is KD8WYV
Michael Stengel from Comstock Park is KD8WYU
Nathan Hardman from Clarksville is KD8WYT
Daniel Culhane from Hastings is KD8WYS
and Alexander Pearson from Grand Rapids is KD8WYR

2540. Extra Class License Now Listed

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-03-27 23:28:27 UTC
From: <UncleFester@...>
Topic: 2540 Message: 2540

I checked the database when the batch of new licenses were posted. Zilch. Just checked again, three hours later, and found I'm now AC8QC.

Always wanted a call that either started with an A, or had an X, Z or Q in it. I got both.

Jerry, ex-KD8SRH

2541. grahamfest.org website?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-03-28 21:30:58 UTC
From: streyle.j@...
Topic: 2541 Message: 2541

Any thoughts on whether we should do a 'special' webpage for the GRARA swap? Our brochure currently refers people to "www.grahamfest.org for . . .. additional information" - but there isn't such a webpage as this.

Which would be better - just refer people to w8dc.org, or to set up another webpage?

W8QZ

2542. Re: [GRARA] grahamfest.org website?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-03-28 23:11:32 UTC
From: Mike W8DER
Topic: 2541 Message: 2542

John, that is a great idea. It is a good time to let www.grahamfest.org die. We have used it every year for a long time and it took some special programming each year. Once you get the brochure ready, Dave can put a link to the pdf file on the website at an appropriate spot, hopefully on the home page. Just write on the brochure to go to http:www.w8dc.org for more information.

A note to Rich, we could save the $10/year domain fee if we officially release the www.grahamfest.org URL at www.qth.com, our host server.

Mike@...

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> W8QZ
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2543. Re: [GRARA] grahamfest.org website?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-03-29 03:27:59 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2541 Message: 2543

Well, grahamfest.org is good until 2015, so if we have any flyers out there directing people to it, we should, as a minimum, put a "redirect page" to our W8DC page concerning the current hamfest. Details from "onewhois.com" as to "ownership,etc" are:

Registry Expiry Date: 2015-04-09T00:30:09Z
Sponsoring Registrar:eNom, Inc. (R39-LROR)
Sponsoring Registrar IANA ID: 48
WHOIS Server:
Referral URL:
Domain Status: ok
Registrant ID:72CD9C19A35ADD25
Registrant Name:William Cahill
Registrant Organization:Grand Rapids Area Hamfest
Registrant Street: 3736 Chanute Ave SW
Registrant City:Grandville
Registrant State/Province:MI
Registrant Postal Code:49418
Registrant Country:US
Registrant Phone:+1.6162610338

Since AD8BC is now in Texas, perhaps we should obtain a user name and password to get to the redirect information for that website, and, until it expires, redirect it to our W8DC.org website.

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2544. Re: [GRARA] grahamfest.org website?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-03-29 04:53:20 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2541 Message: 2544

2nd Try - first try seemed to hit the bit bucket.

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2545. FCC TO REINSTATE MORSE CODE TEST

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-04-01 05:03:15 UTC
From: K8TB
Topic: 2545 Message: 2545

FCC TO REINSTATE MORSE CODE TEST
"It was a big mistake eliminating the Morse Code test," admits FCC official

By Dan Romanchik, KB6NU

Washington, D.C. – April 1, 2014 - Today, the Federal Communications Commission (Commission or FCC) approved Report and Order 14-987af which reinstates the Morse Code test for General Class and Amateur Extra Class licensees. "It was a big mistake eliminating the Morse Code test," admits Dotty Dasher, the FCC's director of examinations. "We now realize that being able to send and receive Morse Code is an essential skill for radio amateurs. As they say, it really does get through when other modes can't."

Not only will new applicants have to take the test, but General Class licensees who have never passed a code test will have one year to pass a 5-wpm code test. Similarly, Amateur Extra class licensees that never passed a code test will have one year to pass a 13-wpm test. Those amateurs that fail to pass the test will face revocation of their operating privileges. Materials for administering the examinations will be distributed to Volunteer Examiner Coordinators by the end of April, so that they can begin the testing on May 1, 2014.

"This isn't going to be one of those silly multiple-choice type tests," noted Dasher. "We're going to be sending five-character random code groups, just like we did in the old days. And, applicants will have to prove that they can send, too, using a poorly adjusted straight key."

Technician Class licensees will not be required to take a Morse Code test, nor will a test be required for new applicants. "We discussed it," said Dasher, "but decided that since most Techs can't even figure out how to program their HTs, requiring them to learn Morse Code seemed like cruel and unusual punishment."

When asked what other actions we might see from the FCC, Dasher hinted that in the future applicants taking the written exam may be required to draw circuit diagrams, such as Colpitts oscillators and diode ring mixers, once again. "We're beginning to think that if an applicant passes an amateur radio license exam it should mean that he or she actually knows something," she said.

For further information, contact James X. Shorts, Assistant Liaison to the Deputy Chief of Public Relations for the FCC at (202) 555-1212 orjim.shorts@fcc.gov. For more news and information about the FCC, please visitwww.fcc.gov.

2546. Re: [GRARA] FCC TO REINSTATE MORSE CODE TEST

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-04-01 07:50:43 UTC
From: Bob Robinson
Topic: 2545 Message: 2546

Nice try Tom.
KD8HNF
On Apr 1, 2014 1:03 AM, "K8TB" <k8tb@...> wrote:

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2547. RE: [GRARA] FCC TO REINSTATE MORSE CODE TEST

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-04-01 14:35:56 UTC
From: Richard MI Ranta
Topic: 2545 Message: 2547

If only this were true...

"Wise sayings often fall on barren ground, but a kind word is never thrown away."
--Arthur Helps

Rich k8jx & Scooter the cat

From: GRARA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:GRARA@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of Bob Robinson
Sent: Tuesday, April 01, 2014 3:51 AM
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: Re: [GRARA] FCC TO REINSTATE MORSE CODE TEST

Nice try Tom.
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2548. 74 Xenia tornado article

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-04-03 12:13:59 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2548 Message: 2548

This is one of the most memorable events in my life. The building where I was employed had the north wall moved about 6", though no other major damage had occurred. The apartment complex just to the north of the our office complex was heavily damaged. Our building was only about 1/2 occupied because it was only a year or so old, so our company opened it up for storage of furniture and other valuables from residents of the apartments.

Our home, about 15 miles away, suffered no damage, though we traveled in a carpool across the route of the tornado. Fortunately we traveled a few minutes before the tornado hit. We arrived at a shopping center, which was our rendezvous site, and tornado sirens were blaring, so I dodged into a Radio Shack store and we huddled near the back wall which was the "tornado shelter" area. Luckily for us, the tornado hit about a 1/2 mile south of where we were, an no damage was done to the shopping center. When I arrived home a few minutes later, there was a large chunk of insulation in our yard, and bits of other debris.

I was called out by Red Cross to help with disaster relief efforts, though details escape due to a blur of such activity from time to time. This may be the time I was dispatched to Newtonsville, Ohio, where I met a Red Cross ERV. The operator of the ERV said he needed communications with Red Cross. He had a 50 watt FM rig on 47 MHz, but couldn't raise the base station. I contacted our club's Net Control on our 6 meter FM Net (53.05 MHz, not significantly different from the 47 MHz Red Cross frequency). Our NCS was equally distant as the Red Cross base station, but instead of parking next to the school building (between us and Cincinnati), I moved to the middle of a ball field with a clear shot toward NCS. I was able to request aid, etc. Later I found that the power output of my rig was probably less than 5 watts because a resistor in the screen grid supply of the final tube had opened up! It just shows to go that a bit of knowledge of radio propagation can make the difference between solid copy and absolutely no copy.

I advised the ERV operator of such necessity, and stayed until a telephone circuit was established to Red Cross HQ.

One NEVER wants to be within 1/2 mile of a tornado, except in a properly constructed storm shelter. I will vouch for that!

========== Original Message follows, thanks to W8LLY, Dayton, Ohio ==========

Today is the 40th anniversary of the April 3rd 1974 "Xenia Tornado." Below is a link to an article at NWS website.

Subject: 74 Xenia tornado

http://www.erh.noaa.gov/iln/events/19740403/

2549. Radio Gear will be for sale at the GRARA meeting Friday

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-04-04 01:38:49 UTC
From: <kf8ql@...>
Topic: 2549 Message: 2549

My friend Rob Mulligan will be bringing a load of radio gear from his father's estate to the club meeting tomorrow, with hopes of selling most or all of it. He said "very low prices - I want to sell it all". He's going to set the equipment up on a table at the club meeting. Hope you can find some new/old gear at a good price!

Thanks - Dave KF8QL

2550. Latest status of Local ERV project

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-04-04 18:24:55 UTC
From: <stprovost@...>
Topic: 2550 Message: 2550

Hello, I have received all the parts for the 12v volt phase of this project. I am planning on getting the local erv out at the red cross this saturday April 5th at 10am.
If you want to help, I will have the erv warmed up if needed :)

I will have at the meeting all parts except the heavy power supply..

I am planning on brining some led light kits that I have created to sell at the grara meeting tonight.

stephen

2551. Re: [GRARA] Latest status of Local ERV project

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-04-07 02:57:31 UTC
From: wd8usa@...
Topic: 2550 Message: 2551

I am sorry I couldn't make this! I wanted to but I just don't have but 24 hrs in a day to get all done!
Good job on doing this overdue stuff- Hope it went well! JB

-----Original Message-----
From: stprovost <stprovost@provtechs.com>
To: GRARA <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Fri, Apr 4, 2014 2:24 pm
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2552. Michigan QSO party?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-04-15 12:32:26 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2552 Message: 2552

I haven't heard much about plans to operate W8DC during the Michigan QSO Party this weekend. The event starts at Noon (Eastern Time) and ends at Midnight (Eastern Time). Rules are at http://www.miqp.org/

This is a "laid back" easy contest, which is a great way for a newcomer ham to become familiar with the station and HF contesting. It also has enough excitement for the Old Timer!

Please let Tom, N8DGD <1n8dgd@... <mailto:1n8dgd@...>>
know of your interest and availability.

I'll be out in Casnovia, just into MUSKegon County, attempting to beat the current QRP category record. Since that record currently is zero, it shouldn't be very difficult. Who knows? Unless there's another station in the category, I might even win a certificate for high score in the category for that county! :)

72/73 de n8xx Hg
QRP >99.44% of the time

2553. It's North Dakota and Mississippi tonight

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-04-15 18:05:19 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2553 Message: 2553

And for the next week - W1AW/? and W1AW/5 will be on from ND and MS!

Rare DX, but usually reachable, at least after the first couple daze of giant pileups, even a signal from a station running 5 watts or less can squoke through the cacophony of the massive pileups - and sometimes there's no pileup at all!

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2554. M-57 Cleanup a Go?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-04-17 18:52:41 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2554 Message: 2554

I gather the weather is good enough to tackle the part of M-57 which we postponed on Tuesday?

I should be able to hobble along well enough to cover part of the event.

Hope to see a bunch of others, because as someone said, "many hands make easy work." (or, in this case, "many feet, grabbers, and sacks, make a quick cleanup.")

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2556. X-flare Causes Radio Blackout, CME Misses Earth

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-04-26 04:55:32 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2556 Message: 2556

Courtesy Frank, N8UVI and the Lowell (Michigan) Amateur Radio Club, W8LRC

Space Weather News for April 25, 2014
From: http://spaceweather.com X-FLARE:
On April 25th, an active region near the sun's western limb erupted, producing an impulsive X-class solar flare. A pulse of extreme UV radiation from the flare ionized Earth's upper atmosphere and caused a shortwave radio blackout on the dayside of Earth. However, a CME hurled into space by the explosion will miss our planet.
Check http://spaceweather.com for updates.

Editorial note by N8XX: I wondered why W1AW/2 and W1AW/1 were weak on 7 MHz at about 5 p.m. local! Now I know!

2557. Get ready for W1AW/1 CT, and W1AW/7 NV

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-04-28 02:22:34 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2557 Message: 2557

Beginning at 0000z Wednesday, April 30 and continuing to 2359Z Tuesday, May 6, W1AW/1 will be operating from Connecticut, and W1AW/7 will be on from Nevada.

W1AW/1 NH and W1AW/2 NJ seemed rather easy to snag on several bands.

Lettuce prey that the gods of propagation smile upon the signals from CT and NV this coming week.

Perhaps we can try to work these two station from W8DC after the GRARA Meeting Friday evening? Might be an interesting challenge to find a suitable band and mode for these two hops?

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p.s. This is a sneaky way to announce that the Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association will be holding their monthly meeting on Friday, May 2 beginning with a gathering at 6:30 p.m. Business session beginning at 7:00 p.m. and program with a special presentation by "Who will be doing this presentation?" about the subject "To be announced?" immediately following the usual very short (you must be kidding - we generally have a long, drawn out, boring) business meeting,

2558. Anyone going to the Cadillac Hamfest this Saturday?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-04-30 04:06:25 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2558 Message: 2558

I'm going, but I need to stay for a luncheon meeting, so probably can't leave until 1:30 p.m. or so. Anyone is welcome to join the Olde Fogeys who are hosting this luncheon meeting, the Chapter 10, Michigan, Quarter Century Wireless Association.

QCWA folks generally know hospitality, and choosing places with good food AND moderate prices. The very first QCWA dinner I attended was back in the dark ages @ the Dayton Minivention - I think we paid $15 for a very nice meal at a local place which the Olde Fogeys knew from antinquity, whilst other banquets were charging $30 or more - that was in the early 1980's when a dollar was worth a dollar!

So, if any other olde fogey is going, I'd be glad to share a ride, either as driver of my vehicle, or ride with someone else.

Please let me know via private response.

Tnx es 73 de n8xx Hg
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p.s. you needn't be an olde fogey to join the QCWA luncheon - we just order off the menu at a local "Big Boy" restaurant and it's Dutch treat.

2559. K8DMR, where are you?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-05-02 23:23:07 UTC
From: K8TB
Topic: 2559 Message: 2559

Ron Fredericks

If you are on this list, please contact me. Both email address's I have on you bounce.

Tom Bosscher K8TB

2560. Re: [GRARA] K8DMR, where are you?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-05-03 01:40:43 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2559 Message: 2560

Try
Ron Fredricks <ron_fredricks@...>

a message which originated from that address came just yesterday into my
inbox.

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>
> Tom Bosscher K8TB

2561. New England, 7th Area, and Indiana QSO Parties this weekend

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-05-03 04:54:58 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2561 Message: 2561

If you're looking to fill out some "rare" states, or just like to work state QSO parties, there's a trifecta of QSO Parties this weekend

Indiana QSO party - at http://www.hdxcc.org/inqp/
7th Area QSO Party - at http://ws7n.net/7QP/new/page.asp?content=start
New England QSO Party - at http://www.neqp.org/

There are several logging programmes which you can use to facilitate logging and log submission. The one I use is N1MM, which has a module called IN7QPNE which allows you to operate in all three QSO parties. It makes a combined log, which can be submitted to all three entities, and the organizers of each will figure out which Q's belong to which QSO party, and do the scoring for you.

There are a few others, but I've lost track of them.

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2562. Organized day trip to Dayton Hamvention®

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-05-05 16:27:23 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 2562 Message: 2562

For anyone interested in a day trip to the Dayton Hamvention®, there are two Michigan clubs providing transportation. The Arrow Communication Association in Ann Arbor and the Southwest Michigan Amateur Radio Team in Kalamazoo. Details below.

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Dear Fellow Radio Amateur,

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There is more. If you want to sell your stuff in the flea market, we have reserved a space there just for you! Every year, Arrow reserves a swap spot just for the bus trip crowd. You save $70.00.

The cost is $65.00 for the round trip. That?s $60.00 if we receive your application before April 1.
Please mail all applications to ARROW Communication Association, 3322 Yellowstone Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48105. Please note that this does not include the Hamvention ticket. That one you?ll have to do yourself! You may also use the link below to purchase a seat using Paypal.

We are trying to generate as much publicity as possible, which is why we are writing you. If you can, please share this information as widely as you are able. If you have a web page, please consider adding a paragraph about the trip and a link to http://www.w8pgw.org/activities/dayton-bus-trip/ or simply http://www.w8pgw.org. Talk it up on the air! If you check into a state

wide or regional net, please mention it there, also. Feel free to include us in your publications.

We at Arrow deeply appreciate your help in this matter and we thank you.

73,

John Wasciuk,
WA8TON / VO1TON
Activities Coordinator, ARROW Communication Association

The ARROW Communication Association is
once again proud to sponsor a motor coach
trip to the 2014 Hamvention in Dayton, Ohio.
Started in 2002, this annual club activity has
grown in size and reputation with hams across
Michigan. We have been host to over 400 hams
for this event.

Join us Saturday, May 17, 2014, when
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We arrive at Dayton early enough so that you
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When Hamvention closes at 5:00 p.m., return
to the bus with your purchases for the ride
back home. No standing in lines waiting for a
shuttle bus or fighting traffic!
Got stuff to sell? We can help!
We will have an attended booth space in the
flea market. If you buy a bus ticket, you can sell
your stuff at our booth. All we ask is that you
volunteer for one hour at the booth. The cost of
the booth alone is $70.00, more than the cost of
the bus ticket, which makes the ARROW trip a
GREAT value!

For our out-of-town guests
If your QTH is too far away to drive to meet our
bus which leaves at 4:30 a.m., and you need
information about hotels in Ann Arbor, contact
us at the information listed below for details.
This is no ordinary bus trip ☐
it's an ADVENTURE!
Tickets are $65. This does NOT include your
admission to the Hamvention. We suggest
that you purchase your 2014 Hamvention

ticket(s) in advance to take advantage of the discount and enjoy the day without waiting in line for your tickets, or see how you can win one of two free Hamvention tickets below! When you add it all up, taking the bus with the ARROW is the most economical and relaxing way to attend Dayton. For more information on the 2014 trip, go to our website and click the Dayton bus trip link under Activities.
All ticket purchases RECEIVED by 4/9/2014 will be entered into a raffle drawing to win one of two free tickets to the Hamvention. Winners will be drawn at the April ARROW meeting on 4/9/2014 and winners will be contacted.

Contact information:
John Wasciuk, WA8TON
Phone: (616) 560-3365
e-mail: activities@...
Yes!!! Sign me up!!!
Name/Call Sign
Address
City/State/Zip
Telephone
E-mail (correspondence via e-mail)
Will you need hotel information for the night of 5/16/14?
How did you hear about us?
# of tickets $ amount enclosed
☐ I would like to join the ARROW for $20.00 a year.
Make check/money order payable to:
ARROW Communication Association
Send Order Form and payment to:
ARROW Communication Association
3322 Yellowstone Drive
Ann Arbor, MI 48105
PayPal is available through the website:
www.w8pgw.org
Prices
Ticket Price $65 ($60*)
Member Discount Price $55 ($50*)
ARROW Yearly Membership $20
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I'm Mike Greis President of the Kalamazoo Amateur Radio S.M.A.R.T. Club. Each year for the last five years we have hosted a bus trip to Dayton for the Hamvention and we are hoping to make this a sixth year.

I would like to past along the flyer to you for distribution amongst your membership. The flyer explains everything about the trip. Should you have a question please contact me.

Mike Greis KD8GTX
kd8gtx@btc?bci.com
269-998-2358

7th Annual Dayton Hamvention Excursion
Saturday, May 17, 2014
Sponsored by the Southwest Michigan Amateur Radio Team in Kalamazoo

Spend a day at the Dayton Hamvention in 2014 and enjoy the entire experience: No driving worries, parking inconveniences or ticket lines. No hauling your new treasures long distances. Lots of fun and fellowship

Price: $100.00 per person. Payment(s): $20.00 down payment to reserve your spot ☐ payable any time, non-refundable! The remainder of the payment is due by May 1, 2014.

All payments are non-refundable but may be transferred to another ham. In the event of the cancellation of the trip, all payments will be refunded.

Make checks payable to S.M.A.R.T. and send to: S.M.A.R.T.
PO Box 993
Portage, MI 49081-0993

Questions? Contact ☐ Mike Greis ☐ KD8GTX 269-998-2358 OR KD8GTX@...
Times (approx): Leave Kalamazoo at 3:45 am.
Pickup in Battle Creek (if required) at 4:05 am.
Arrive in Dayton at 8:00 AM.
Leave Dayton at 4:30 PM.
Arrive back in Kalamazoo at 10:45 pm.

Included: Luxury motor coach travel to and from the Hara Arena in Dayton, OH
Continental breakfast on bus.
Door-side drop off and pick up in Dayton.
Hamvention tickets.
Opportunities to place your purchases on the bus throughout the day.
Dinner on the return trip.

2563. Re: [LARC General List] Organized day trip to Dayton Hamvention®

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-05-05 16:29:24 UTC
From: Michael Wolthuis
Topic: 2562 Message: 2563

If anyone is interested, I have 6 spare Vendor class tickets. They are cheaper then the $25 you pay there, they are only $20 and allow Thursday access and earlier morning access then general admission.

I somehow ended up with 6 extra this year not accounted for.

Please contact me at 616-299-1700 or email kb8zgl@... and I will get them mailed to you. Payment in person or via PayPal.

Thanks,
Mike Wolthuis

On 5/5/14, 12:27 PM, "Jack Amelar" <jamelar@...> wrote:

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>Contact information:
>John Wasciuk, WA8TON
>Phone: (616) 560-3365
>e-mail: activities@...
>Yes!!! Sign me up!!!
>Name/Call Sign
>Address
>City/State/Zip
>Telephone
>E-mail (correspondence via e-mail)

>Will you need hotel information for the night of
>5/16/14?
>How did you hear about us?
># of tickets $ amount enclosed
>☐8; I would like to join the ARROW for
>$20.00 a year.
>Make check/money order payable to:
>ARROW Communication Association
>Send Order Form and payment to:
>ARROW Communication Association
>3322 Yellowstone Drive
>Ann Arbor, MI 48105

>PayPal is available through the website:
>www.w8pgw.org
>Prices
>Ticket Price $65 ($60*)
>Member Discount Price $55 ($50*)
>ARROW Yearly Membership $20
>*If received by 4/1/2014.
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>_____
>for Meeting times see our Web site www.w8lrc.org Talk-in will be 145.270
>- 94.8 PL or 147.42 simplex
>
>Our Address is: 11535 Fulton St E, Suite 112, LOWELL, MI 49331-9609
>_____
>Visit our Web Site at: www.w8lrc.org
>W8lrc mailing list
>W8lrc@...
>http://lists.w8lrc.org/mailman/listinfo/w8lrc

2564. Re: [GRARA] Organized day trip to Dayton Hamvention®

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-05-09 17:41:54 UTC
From: streyle.j@...
Topic: 2562 Message: 2564

de W8QZ - - - I got this reply r/e the bus trip out of Kalamzoo:

Good Morning John,

The bus trip was cancelled May 2nd only 15 HAMs signed up. It takes a minimum of 35 riders to make the trip happen. The bus company wanted their money on May 3rd and we didn't have enough for the payment.

The SMART club has reserved the bus again for the 2015 Dayton Hamvention which should be the third weekend in May. This will be a one day Saturday trip. Hopefully there will be enough riders for that trip.
If you are associated with a club please let them know that we are making plans for next year and would welcome any HAM wanting to join in on the fun.

We will put your name on a mailing list and send you a flyer.

Should you have questions please contact me.

Mike Greis KD8GTX
SMART Club President

----- Original Message -----

From: "Jack Amelar" <jamelar@...>
To: "GRARA" <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2014 11:27:23 AM
Subject: [GRARA] Organized day trip to Dayton Hamvention®

For anyone interested in a day trip to the Dayton Hamvention®, there are two Michigan clubs providing transportation. The Arrow Communication Association in Ann Arbor and the Southwest Michigan Amateur Radio Team in Kalamazoo. Details below.

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Dear Fellow Radio Amateur,

Once again, it is that time of year when lots of hams around the world start thinking of the Dayton Hamvention. After all, with 25,000 attendees from all amateur radio interest areas, what?s not to like!

Don?t you wish you were going? You?re not looking forward to that long drive? Don?t drive! Take the Arrow bus! It?s inexpensive and easy.

As in years past, The Arrow Communication Association is sponsoring a bus trip from Ann Arbor to Hara Arena and back. The date is Saturday, May 17. We leave the park-and-ride at 4:30 am and get to the show at 8:00 am. We come back comfortably at 5:30 pm. A continental breakfast

is included on board. What more could you ask for?

There is more. If you want to sell your stuff in the flea market, we have reserved a space there just for you! Every year, Arrow reserves a swap spot just for the bus trip crowd. You save $70.00.

The cost is $65.00 for the round trip. That?s $60.00 if we receive your application before April 1.
Please mail all applications to ARROW Communication Association, 3322 Yellowstone Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48105. Please note that this does not include the Hamvention ticket. That one you?ll have to do yourself! You may also use the link below to purchase a seat using Paypal.

We are trying to generate as much publicity as possible, which is why we are writing you. If you can, please share this information as widely as you are able. If you have a web page, please consider adding a paragraph about the trip and a link to http://www.w8pgw.org/activities/dayton-bus-trip/ or simply http://www.w8pgw.org. Talk it up on the air! If you check into a state

wide or regional net, please mention it there, also. Feel free to include us in your publications.

We at Arrow deeply appreciate your help in this matter and we thank you.

73,

John Wasciuk,
WA8TON / VO1TON
Activities Coordinator, ARROW Communication Association

The ARROW Communication Association is
once again proud to sponsor a motor coach
trip to the 2014 Hamvention in Dayton, Ohio.
Started in 2002, this annual club activity has
grown in size and reputation with hams across
Michigan. We have been host to over 400 hams
for this event.

Join us Saturday, May 17, 2014, when
we depart from Ann Arbor at 4:30 a.m.,
arriving in Dayton around 8:00 a.m. On
board, you can stretch out, relax, take a
nap, chat with other hams and enjoy a
continental breakfast with coffee as the
coach takes you directly to the country's
largest amateur radio event!
We arrive at Dayton early enough so that you
can enjoy a full day!
- Visit exhibits
- See what's new from major manufacturers
- Attend seminars

- Take license tests
- Shop the largest outdoor swap meet in the United States

When Hamvention closes at 5:00 p.m., return to the bus with your purchases for the ride back home. No standing in lines waiting for a shuttle bus or fighting traffic!
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2565. day trip to Dayton Hamvention®

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-05-14 01:58:53 UTC
From: John Streyle
Topic: 2562 Message: 2565

Anybody interested in car-pooling for a day trip to Dayton?
W8QZ

2566. Ottawa County: Red Cross Conducting Disaster Drill With Multiple Community Organizations

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-05-14 15:00:28 UTC
From: WB8ALW@...
Topic: 2566 Message: 2566

FYI!

American Red Cross of Ottawa County
270 James St.
Holland, MI 49424
redcross.org/ottawa

Media Contact:
Kelly Hudson
(616) 862-9185
kelly.hudson@redcross.org

Red Cross Conducting Disaster Drill With Multiple Community Organizations

HOLLAND, Mich., May 13, 2014 – The American Red Cross of Ottawa County is inviting the media to attend a disaster drill at an assisted living facility on May 21.

The Red Cross is partnering with multiple organizations and agencies including Ottawa County Emergency Management, The City of Holland Public Safety, Holland Victim Advocates, and AMR Ambulance. The drill will take place at a retirement facility in Holland from 5:30-8:00 p.m. A mock Red Cross shelter will also be established near the facility as part of the drill.

“By conducting drills of this nature, organizations can provide an opportunity for their staff to work with each other and learn how they can rely on each other to service the needs of our community when disaster strikes,” said Mike Mitchell, Chapter Executive for the American Red Cross of Ottawa County. “This is the right time to find how we can improve our services, to respond should a disaster strike.”

This drill is the first of many exercises that will occur over the next few months as the Red Cross embarks on a community resiliency project. Several weeks of preparation have already taken place.

Media outlets interested in attending this disaster drill are asked to notify the Red Cross by 3:00 p.m. on May 21 by contacting Kelly Hudson, at Kelly.Hudson@redcross.org or by calling 616-862-9185. Details on the media staging area and arrival times will be shared upon media outlets RSVP.

For more information on how to donate funds or blood, get trained in lifesaving skills or become a volunteer with the American Red Cross, visit redcross.org or call 1-800-RED-CROSS.

About the American Red Cross: The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides emotional support to victims of disasters; supplies about 40 percent of the nation's blood; teaches skills that save lives; provides international humanitarian aid; and supports military members and their families. The Red Cross is a not-for-profit organization that depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to perform its mission. For more

information, please visit redcross.org or visit us on Twitter at @RedCross.
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2567. Zoning regulation changes in Lowell Township

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-05-14 15:52:00 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2567 Message: 2567

This last Monday, three ham radio operators attended the planning commission meeting at the Lowell Township offices on Alden Nash Avenue. One of the subjects was zoning changes for radio towers (including ham radio towers) over 35 feet in height. The proposal under consideration said that these would require a special use permit, with public hearing and review by the planning commission, which might result in up to $1000 expense, plus expenses involved with a building permit, to anyone who is considering putting up a tower over 35 feet in height.

We were able to convince them that they had not thoroughly considered FCC's PRB-1, so the subject was tabled until their June 9 meeting, where it will be brought up again.

I presented excerpts from zoning regulations for the several townships in Kent County, and gave them a copy of PRB-1. The grabbed hold of the two or three of the zoning regulations which mention "special use permits" for any such tower. The majority of the townships have height restrictions of 70 to 100 feet, or blanket exception of any tower for amateur radio use. Several of the township regulations which have no mention of "special use permits" have weasel words which say that the zoning administrator may waive the height restrictions upon certification by the amateur radio operator that 35 feet would not meet his needs (very vague language).

We were disappointed that there were no hams from the township present. With some 5200 residents (according to the 2010 census), there should be over 50 hams in Lowell township. I'm sure that if we could flood the chambers with even a dozen or more local hams, this would make a much bigger dent in the planning commission's decision.

The meeting will be Monday, June 9, 2014, 7:00 p.m, at 2910 Alden Nash Avenue SE, Lowell. Please pass the word along to any ham radio operator who lives in Lowell Township and encourage them to attend, whether or not they plan to put up a tower. Even if you aren't a resident, your presence will help.

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2568. Re: [GRARA] Ottawa County: Red Cross Conducting Disaster Drill With Multiple Community Organizations

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-05-14 18:43:14 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2566 Message: 2568

& what is the specific involvement of Amateur Radio in this drill? Does the Ottawa Chapter Need More Help? If so, how many volunteers? In what capacity (i.e. HF, VHF, UHF, digital)? For the entire length of the drill (5:30 to 8:00 p.m), or if someone can't devote that much time, would a portion of that time be useful? If a portion of that time is more critical for amateur radio communication, what time period is most needed?

This is quite short notice for many (most?) hams.

Just a few questions from a possibly interested amateur radio operator.

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2569. Fwd: Bring this email to ARRL EXPO at Dayton Hamvention

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-05-14 18:44:45 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2569 Message: 2569

For those who are going to the Dayton Minivention. (if possible could
someone pick up a Centennial coin for me?)

-------- Original Message --------
Subject: Bring this email to ARRL EXPO at Dayton Hamvention
Date: Wed, 14 May 2014 09:49:16 -0400 (EDT)
From: ARRL Web site <memberlist@...>
To: hgreeb@...

Bring this email to Dayton Hamvention
<http://www.arrl.org/centennial#regional>

Visit the *ARRL Booth*at Dayton Hamvention?***
**
***.* Meet ARRL Officials and Staff*
***. Free ARRL Centennial Coin*/...while supplies last!/*
**. Join ARRL or Renew your Membership and get a FREE GIFT!*
***. Support the Second Century Campaign for the ARRL Endowment*
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For more information visit www.hamvention.org
<http://www.hamvention.org>
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***ARRL 100 Years** <http://www.arrl.org/centennial#regional>JOIN ARRL*
To join ARRL, please use the links in this message to visit ARRL's
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time [Outside US telephone (860) 594-0355].

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2570. Fwd: [MWA] Ham Radio in the New!!

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-05-19 21:12:53 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2570 Message: 2570

Link from another ham reflector. Pretty good publicity.

http://www.foxnews.com/tech/2014/05/19/ham-radio-old-technology-gets-new-respect/?intcmp=features
if the above gets truncated, try this itty bitt URL
http://goo.gl/24NOS9

Enjoy!

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2571. Tower available

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-05-22 02:17:23 UTC
From: streyle.j@...
Topic: 2571 Message: 2571

If someone's looking for a tower, this might be worth checking out - a free 40 footer. Doesn't say whether free-standing or guyed.

https://grandrapids.craigslist.org/zip/4467424036.html

W8QZ

2572. Announcing the "It's about stinking time for a Foxhunt" Foxhunt, June 7

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-05-23 00:03:48 UTC
From: K8TB
Topic: 2572 Message: 2572

May is almost over and we have not had a foxhunt yet this year.

Well, put June 7 on your calendar. The starting point will be the
parking lot of the IRA swap on June 7, 2014 in Hudsonville.

Details on that at www.w8ira.org

The starting time will be approximately 22.22 minutes after the last
prize drawing. (Usually around 12-12:30 PM).

This hunt will be targeted for beginning hunters. That is, the vixen and
fox will be in a vehicle in plain sight.
No changing of power or rotating antenna parts.

The most difficult question will be, what is the K8AJ-K8TB team up to?
Heh heh.

Sheila, K8AJ and Tom, K8TB

2573. CQ WPX Contest this weekend

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-05-23 12:40:25 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1757 Message: 2573

Actually, starts at 8 p.m. EDST (0000Z) tonight. Runs until 2359Z
Sunday (7:59 p.m. EDST)

Nice contest. One gets a multiplier for each unique prefix worked.
And there are thousands of these prefixed here in the Untied States.
Plus many foreign countries have special event type prefixes or optional
prefixes which may be used for contests.

Details and rules may be found at http://cqwpx.com/

I'll be running with the "almost unique" prefix WQ8 as WQ8RP with my
"mighty 5 watts to a wet noodle antenna." Look me up!

A few folks have asked about getting 100 points for working me in the
ARRL Centennial QSO party. If you find me as WQ8RP this weekend, just
ask me to change to N8XX, and I'll do that in a flash! You can get a
two-fer within minutes. :)

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2574. National 24 Hour Challenge, Saturday, June 14

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-05-24 00:08:48 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 2574 Message: 2574

To all Amateur Radio Operators

The National 24 Hour Challenge (N24HC) http://www.n24hc.org is a 126 1/2 mile bicycle route through Barry County that takes place on the day / Saturday before Fathers Day that attracts about 400 riders plus their support crews. Amateur Radio communications is an important part of the logistics of this annual event taking place this year on June 14. Communications positions are in need of volunteers for 4 check points and 3 vehicles (supplied with driver).

CHECK POINT 1, Lakewood Middle School, 8699 Brown Rd, west of Velte Rd., 9:15AM to 10:40AM - Reports to net control passing traffic from the check point to ground zero.
CHECK POINT 2, Baseline UM Church, south end of Barry County, 10:45 AM to 1:45PM - Reports to net control passing traffic from the check point to ground zero.
CHECK POINT 3, Delton Library, Delton, 11:00 AM to 3:35 PM - Reports to net control passing traffic from the check point to ground zero.
CHECK POINT 5, near Yankee Springs State Park (NOT in the park, no permit required), 1:30 PM to 4:45 PM first shift, 4:45 PM to 8 PM second shift - Reports to net control passing traffic from the check point to ground zero.
LEAD CAR, 7:30 AM to 12:45 PM. Vehicle and driver supplied.
SAG 1, 9AM to 2PM, vehicle and driver supplied.
SAG 2, 11AM to 6PM, vehicle and driver supplied.

The event coordinators provide shirts, limited refreshments, and Friday evening spaghetti dinner. Please contact the Ham Radio Communications Director if you are willing to help.
Jack Amelar NY8D
mailto:jamelar@...?subject=N24HC
Phone home (616)438-5412, cell (616)438-1464

More details at the event website http://www.n24hc.org

Thanks

73 Jack NY8D

2575. Day of YL 2014

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-05-24 07:17:13 UTC
From: tomkd8deg
Topic: 2575 Message: 2575

http://www.ylrl.org/index.php/upcoming-events

DAY OF YLs May 24-25th

HF/VHF CONTEST THE DAY OF YLs 2014 RULES

Aim of this day : To promote YLs activity around the world

THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE YL'S - 2014

Time : 2014-05-24 06h00 UTC to 2014-05-25 18h00 UTC

Bands : 3,5 - 7 - 14 - 21 - 28 MHz & for the first time VHF also but outside the relays, of course.

To help competitors to find each other we propose to use frequencies +/- 10 kHz

from the following activity center frequencies:

CW: 3.533, 7.033, 14.033, 21.033 and 28.033 MHz

RTTY: 3.588, 7.044, 14.088, 21.088 and 28.088 MHz

SSB: 3.733, 7.133, 14.213, 14.240, 14.300, 21.233, 21.400 and 28.433 MHz

Modes : CW, SSB, RTTY

Exchanges : RS(T) + YL/OM (e.g. 59(9)+ YL/OM)

The same station may be worked once on each band and mode Award : An award will be issued to all participants (SWLs also) who has contacted or heard for the 33 points with YLs (pdf file):

For OM / YL 2 points

For YL/ YL 3 points

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2576. Coming events, Morley, Hamfests, meeting, etc.

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-05-24 15:40:11 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 2576 Message: 2576

Calendar reminder of events.

Grounds cleanup at the Morley receive site is Saturday, May 31. Details below.

The annual IRA Hamfestival is Saturday, June 7 at the Hudsonville Fairgrounds. We'll have outside club tables for members to sell at. And don't forget the evening before the "Road Side Chilli" potluck. Also on Friday will be the June meeting of the Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association following the potluck.
Check out http://www.w8ira.org or http://www.arrl.org/hamfests/ira-hamfest-w8ira-r for more details

The June meeting of the Lowell Amateur Radio Club (LARC) will be held on THURSDAY, June 12, 7PM. This is to avoid conflicting with the National 24 Hour Challenge (N24HC) on the 14th where some active members are volunteering communications help.

Saturday, June 14 is the N24HC. E-mail previously sent.

Saturday, June 21 is the West Michigan Youth Club Hamfest at Lowell High School. Again we plan to have inside club tables. Check out http://www.westmichiganyouthclub.org/Hamfest.html or http://www.arrl.org/hamfests/west-michigan-youth-club-hamfest for details.

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The following is an LARC event / responsibility, but certainly anyone inclined to participate is welcome.

Morley receive site grounds maintenance.

It's time once again for grounds maintenance at the 250ft commercial tower NE of Morley owned by T&W Electronics which, among other radio services, hosts the Lowell 145.27- (94.8Hz) Morley remote receiver 144.67 MHz. And now includes the K8SN 442.075 (103.5Hz) repeater!

Part of LARC's arrangement with T&W is upkeep of the grounds.

Being the site is a mix of field and woods located in a rural area near Amish families, this can also double as camping trip.

The main cleanup day will be Saturday, May 31. Figure start around 10AM. Rolls and coffee will be provided in the morning, and lunch provided. The "better half" and kids are certainly welcome.

There are no toilet facilities here, but I will have the rest room in my motorhome available. **It's not a problem, really!**

I plan to arrive Thursday and not leave "until I'm ready to".
Anyone else interested in a cheap non-crowded campsite is welcome.
Electricity is available. Questions? E-mail jamelar@... or
phone home: (616)438-5412 or cell: (616)438-1464. It's best to call the
"home" phone as it will be ported to Morley and connected to an outside
roof antenna.

On the cleanup agenda.
Work on the shed, replacing the roof / shingles, and siding will take
place, actually the priority for this trip. The usual mowing and light
trimming to keep it all clean.
If practical, bring an extra mower (in case the one I bring breaks
down, been there, done that) as well Extra chain saw a BIG plus.
BUT MOST IMPORTANT, YOURSELF!

HOW TO GET THERE?

Use your preferred mapping program and input: 3800 155th Ave, Morley,
MI 49336 Or follow the Google Maps with the links below.

Directions from Grand Rapids via US-131 Expressway are simple. If you
are arriving from Lowell, the "from Lowell" direction use paved county
roads and is really the shortest, quickest way.

FROM GRAND RAPIDS to Morley receive site.
http://goo.gl/maps/acPpw
Head north on US-131 expressway to Morley exit 125, Jefferson Rd.

FROM LOWELL to Morley receive site
http://goo.gl/maps/0BBL0

73 Jack NY8D

2577. Alpha 9500 linear amp

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-06-05 01:22:03 UTC
From: edwallace38@...
Topic: 2577 Message: 2577

Tom,
On ebay it sold on 4/12/2014 for $5900. 3 years old.
Dave
AC8AB

2578. Re: [GRARA] Alpha 9500 linear amp

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-06-05 01:37:21 UTC
From: Mike Wolthuis
Topic: 2577 Message: 2578

One forsale?
Mike
Kb8zgl

Sent from my iPhone

> On Jun 4, 2014, at 9:22 PM, "edwallace38@... [GRARA]" <GRARA@yahoogroups.com> wrote:
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2579. Re: [GRARA] Alpha 9500 linear amp

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-06-05 12:00:07 UTC
From: stprovost@...
Topic: 2577 Message: 2579

Mike: Tom N8DGD has another estate sale he is selling. Some of the items are a Alpha 9500, Flex 5000, Kenwood B2000, tuners, etc.
Stephen

2580. Trying to reach Dustin

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-06-05 12:01:29 UTC
From: stprovost@...
Topic: 2580 Message: 2580

Hello, I have fixed Dustin's computer and need to email him a product key.
Does anyone have his email address?
mine is stprovost@provtechs.com

thanks
stephen

2581. Re: [GRARA] Alpha 9500 linear amp

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-06-05 13:07:02 UTC
From: Michael Wolthuis
Topic: 2577 Message: 2581

What is the best email for Tom? I have interest in multiple items.
Mike

From: "GRARA@yahoogroups.com" <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Reply-To: "GRARA@yahoogroups.com" <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Date: Thursday, June 5, 2014 at 8:00 AM
To: "GRARA@yahoogroups.com" <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Subject: Re: [GRARA] Alpha 9500 linear amp

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Some of the items are a Alpha 9500, Flex 5000, Kenwood B2000, tuners, etc.
Stephen

2582. June Meeting

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-06-05 19:50:37 UTC
From: Jack Kunnen
Topic: 978 Message: 2582

The June meeting will be held at the Hudsonville Fairgrounds following the Roadkill chile potluck.

Jack,AB8ND

2583. Re: [GRARA] Alpha 9500 linear amp

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-06-05 21:56:08 UTC
From: stprovost@...
Topic: 2577 Message: 2583

Mike: I have texted Tom about your interest in his list of items. I will be at the radio room tonight as well.
stephen

2584. It is Now Official, GRARA now has a field day site!

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-06-05 22:12:46 UTC
From: stprovost@...
Topic: 2584 Message: 2584

Hello, I have finally got approval for us to use the Cannonsburg Elementary grounds for our Field Day 2014!

Click the link below to bring up the maps.google.com location.
The address is 4894 Sturgis Avenue Rockford, MI 49341

https://www.google.com/maps/place/4894+Sturgis+Ave+NE/@43.0525389,-85.4689438,17z/data=!3m1!4b1!4m2!3m1!1s0x881857af64d44e8f:0xc0363753cfb19f65 https://www.google.com/maps/place/4894+Sturgis+Ave+NE/@43.0525389,-85.4689438,17z/data=!3m1!4b1!4m2!3m1!1s0x881857af64d44e8f:0xc0363753cfb19f65

We have the site from friday night to sunday pm.
We will have access to the bathrooms in the school.
I have asked for the Local ERV from the red cross.

Please spread the word to all you know about this location for our field day!

Stephen AC8QE

2585. Re: [GRARA] June Meeting - ~ 7;30 P.M. Friday, Hudsonville Fairgrounds

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-06-06 01:58:35 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 978 Message: 2585

And, one (maybe the ONLY) item on the agenda will be a discussion of our day in the Field (otherwise known as Field Day), this year being held at Canonsburg Elementary School grounds, just off Canonsburs Road, in "downtown" Canonsburg. :)

If the Road Kill Chili doesn't kill you, be sure to show up for the meeting!

72/73 de n8xx Hg
QRP >99.44% of the time

On 6/5/2014 3:50 PM, Jack Kunnen ab8nd@... [GRARA] wrote:
> The June meeting will be held at the Hudsonville Fairgrounds following the Roadkill chile potluck.
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> Jack,AB8ND

2592. Steam train

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-06-11 03:52:46 UTC
From: Mike Kc8wja
Topic: 2592 Message: 2592

Fellow hams,

On June 28th and 29th.(Yes on the holy day for hams -field day) The Coopersville and marne railroad will be host a steam engine to pull the train. they are in need of volunteers that can provide eyes and ears along the 8.5 mile route, help keep people off the track, etc and above all communicate. only one group i can think of meets that need - HAMS!

i'm look for 10 -14 hams on saturday starting at 08:00 ish going to 5pm and sunday 09:00 ish going to 5pm.
may get a free train ride out of it and or even a chance to drive a real loco...
if some one what to get very creative - you could set up a field day stations, have tons of public, GOTA would be a great and may be even point for mobile.
you could also work part of this time and still make your field location

what'ca say? can we show what we can do - field day is to be a field op showing our capabilities to operate under adverse conditions and a moments notice

Please pass this on to all hams you know.
please get back to me by june 17th if you can help

thanks

MWS
KC8WJA

Sent from my iPad

2593. Contests this weekend

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-06-14 01:49:59 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1260 Message: 2593

A few "sorta popular" and/or "specialty" contests are this weekend.

GACW WWSA CW DX Contest South American World Wide CW DX contest
1500Z Saturday to 1500Z Sunday
English rules at: http://www.wwsatest.org/basesingles.htm

West Virginia QSO Party:
1600Z, Jun 14 to 0200Z, Jun 15
CW, SSB, Digital
Rules @ http://www.qsl.net/wvsarc/wvqp/2014wvqsorules.h

ARRL June VHF Contest:
1800Z, Jun 14 to 0259Z, Jun 16
This one for the VHF op! CW SSB whatever
50 MHz to Daylight
Rules @ http://www.arrl.org/june-vhf

2594. 2014 Field Day Discussion

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-06-16 11:54:52 UTC
From: stprovost@...
Topic: 2594 Message: 2594

Hello, I just posted our field day information on the arrl field day locator. The submission is being reviewed and hopefully will be on the page soon.
Look below this message for the url for the arrl field day locator.

I checked our website and notice there is "NO" mention of the field day!

We need the location and any information about GRARA's field day activities on our web page!
The location for field day is:

Cannonsburg Elementary School
4894 Sturgis Ave NE, Rockford, MI 49341

We need information on how many stations, etc posted on the web page!
I will post more information later today.
stephen

http://www.arrl.org/field-day-locator http://www.arrl.org/field-day-locator

2595. Re: [GRARA] 2014 Field Day Discussion

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-06-16 12:31:42 UTC
From: Jack Kunnen
Topic: 2594 Message: 2595

I will try to keep the Facebook page up to date.

Jack
AB8ND

On Jun 16, 2014, at 7:54 AM, stprovost@... [GRARA] <GRARA@yahoogroups.com> wrote:

> Cannonsburg Elementary School
> 4894 Sturgis Ave NE, Rockford, MI 4934

2596. Re: [GRARA] 2014 Field Day Discussion

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-06-16 16:46:03 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2594 Message: 2596

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Cannonsburg Elementary?

As an executive decision, as On Air *Dictator, errrrr.,* director, how
about this Wednesday, June 18, 7:00 pm (the usual open radio room time)?

If agreeable, could someone drop by the Chapter House and put a big note
on the door to meet us for a Field Day discussion at

Cannonsburg Elementary School
4894 Sturgis Ave NE
Rockford, MI 49341

And, NOTE, that HoneyCreek Avenue "probably" will still be under
construction and closed between 5 mile Road and Cannonsburg Road.

If someone has a better idea, please advise immediately so we can
publicize it here and on the membership list.

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2597. Re: [GRARA] 2014 Field Day Discussion

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-06-16 16:57:57 UTC
From: Jim Leys
Topic: 2594 Message: 2597

Good idea.
Jim Kd8can

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2598. Re: [GRARA] 2014 Field Day Discussion

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-06-16 17:12:38 UTC
From: Jack Kunnen
Topic: 2594 Message: 2598

Now if it was Thursday, we could all go over to the ski area for a hamburg, brat or wiener and a beer.
Jack

AB8ND

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2599. Tower for sale

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-06-16 23:44:42 UTC
From: streyle.j@...
Topic: 2594 Message: 2599

For sale:
68' free-standing tower, Wade DMX-68. Has already been taken down - excellent shape, includes cut-off base stubs, and all bolts. $580
Pictures at: http://grandrapids.craigslist.org/ele/4523886241.html

More info at: http://www.wade-antenna.com/Wade/DMX.pdf

John W8QZ
streyle.j@...
616-791-9411
----- Original Message -----

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2600. Field Day

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-06-17 12:30:04 UTC
From: Jim Leys
Topic: 999 Message: 2600

John and myself are going to meet at the Red Cross garage Wed night at 6:30
We plan to take 3 tower sections out to the site and try out the base that John made.
Anyone wishing to help, please feel free to do so. Not sure how much they weight.
Thanks
Jim KD8CAN

2601. RE: question about antenna requirement

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-06-17 18:16:19 UTC
From: Richard MI Ranta
Topic: 2601 Message: 2601

Good afternoon folks.

I just received this inquiry and knew you guys were on top of antenna restrictions, and zoning stuff, so I thought I'd pass it on to you. Can you help hm out?

Rich K8JX

Email:

kc8aco@...

Subject:

GR Antenna Restrictions

Message:

Looking for someone with knowledge of city, zone, or neighborhood

antenna restrictions in GR. The location is in the city of GR on

Leonard NW zoned as Traditional Business Area. The antennas would be

on top of a business roof where the roof is appx 35ft and the desired

antennas would be on masts of abt 20ft. The masts and antennas would

be clearly visible from much of the street.

The only thing I can find so far is Grand Rapids Zoning Ordinance

Article 9 Section 5.9.37 paragraph C Subparagraph 2 which simply

indicates that the section doesnt apply to amateur radio antennas

under 70'.

Somewhere i saw a limitation of antennas being at least their height

from the edge of a roof, but can't find that reference any more and

that would impact us as our desire is to affix the masts to the side

of the building rather than on the roof itself.

Any pointers to anything that would impose further restricitons would

be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely

Leon Salisbury, KC8ACO

2602. Free Steelcase Desk for Super Shack

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-06-17 21:44:36 UTC
From: Schu@...
Topic: 2602 Message: 2602
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

I've got a great-condition, high-quality Steelcase desk -- the type that will hold about anything. Perfect for a ham station, including any and all heavy rigs. It has drawers on both sides and plenty of room in between for stretching out. This is not the cheap kinds sold at discount places.

Colors are brown and beige. Neutral tones to fit your fine interior decorating. ;}

I've attached a photo of the desk, but it has a lot of junque on the top right now because I am painting, etc. Imagine the desk with your Alpha amp on it. And a couple of fine boat anchors. No problem.

You have to pick up at my SE GR location by the end of this coming weekend. I have a towing hitch if on my van, if needed.

Fire me an email if interested: qschultze@gmail.com

Quin, K8QS

2603. Re: [GRARA] 2014 Field Day Discussion

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-06-19 02:59:17 UTC
From: streyle.j@...
Topic: 2594 Message: 2603
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

FYI: 5 of us met at the Cannonsburg school this evening, and made some plans for the Field Day setup. (3) sections of tower from GRARA's stash in the Red X garage were brought out (including one with a rotator on top), assembled onto the experimental tilt base, and raised into position. The full setup, with an tribander beam, will take a larger crew, but the basic idea appears workable. Operating spots have been planned. The Red Cross ERV will power the CW station, and the 'Tom' station; a generator borrowed from KA5S will power the phone station. There should be room near the phone station for the KF8QL VHF / UHF setup. See below (please pardon the crude picture - I don't have good graphics capture tools at home!) If you're bringing a computer for field day, meet at the school Thursday evening, the 26th, to get the computer networking set up with Steve Provost (having troubles remembering his new call). We will meet at the school 7 PM on the 27th (Friday evening) to set up the antennas, etc. On behalf of Führer Greeb a.k.a. N8XX (who is currently without internet service). W8QZ ---------- From: "GRARA" To: "GRARA" Sent: Monday, June 16, 2014 11:46:03 AM Subject: Re: [GRARA] 2014 Field Day Discussion When would be a good time to survey the GRARA Field Day site @ Cannonsburg Elementary? As an executive decision, as On Air Dictator, errrrr., director, how about this Wednesday, June 18, 7:00 pm (the usual open radio room time)? If agreeable, could someone drop by the Chapter House and put a big note on the door to meet us for a Field Day discussion at Cannonsburg Elementary School 4894 Sturgis Ave NE Rockford, MI 49341 And, NOTE, that HoneyCreek Avenue "probably" will still be under construction and closed between 5 mile Road and Cannonsburg Road. If someone has a better idea, please advise immediately so we can publicize it here and on the membership list. 72/73 de n8xx Hg QRP >99.44% of the time On 6/16/2014 8:31 AM, Jack Kunnen ab8nd@... [GRARA] wrote: I will try to keep the Facebook page up to date. Jack AB8ND On Jun 16, 2014, at 7:54 AM, stprovost@... [GRARA] < GRARA@yahoogroups.com > wrote:
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2604. Re: [GRARA] 2014 Field Day Discussion [1 Attachment]

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-06-19 09:33:31 UTC
From: Phillip J Mikula
Topic: 2594 Message: 2604

I remember a Field Day we had at the Red Cross. We set up in the parking lot. The heat was very bad coming off the pavement.
I hope everyone has a great time!
Remember, BE SAFE!

73
Phil, WU8P

Sent from my iPad

> On Jun 18, 2014, at 10:59 PM, "streyle.j@... [GRARA]" <GRARA@yahoogroups.com> wrote:
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> [Attachment(s) from streyle.j@... included below]
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2605. Re: [GRARA] 2014 Field Day Discussion

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-06-19 17:05:17 UTC
From: streyle.j@...
Topic: 2594 Message: 2605

Phil - this place has lots of trees - it shouldn't be so hot (temperature wise). Come join us! W8QZ ----- Original Message ----- From: "GRARA" To: "GRARA" Sent: Thursday, June 19, 2014 4:33:31 AM Subject: Re: [GRARA] 2014 Field Day Discussion I remember a Field Day we had at the Red Cross. We set up in the parking lot. The heat was very bad coming off the pavement. I hope everyone has a great time! Remember, BE SAFE! 73 Phil, WU8P Sent from my iPad On Jun 18, 2014, at 10:59 PM, " streyle.j@... [GRARA]" < GRARA@yahoogroups.com > wrote: FYI: 5 of us met at the Cannonsburg school this evening, and made some plans for the Field Day setup. (3) sections of tower from GRARA's stash in the Red X garage were brought out (including one with a rotator on top), assembled onto the experimental tilt base, and raised into position. The full setup, with an tribander beam, will take a larger crew, but the basic idea appears workable. Operating spots have been planned. The Red Cross ERV will power the CW station, and the 'Tom' station; a generator borrowed from KA5S will power the phone station. There should be room near the phone station for the KF8QL VHF / UHF setup. See below (please pardon the crude picture - I don't have good graphics capture tools at home!) If you're bringing a computer for field day, meet at the school Thursday evening, the 26th, to get the computer networking set up with Steve Provost (having troubles remembering his new call). We will meet at the school 7 PM on the 27th (Friday evening) to set up the antennas, etc. On behalf of Führer Greeb a.k.a. N8XX (who is currently without internet service). W8QZ ---------- ---------- From: "GRARA" < GRARA@yahoogroups.com > To: "GRARA" < GRARA@yahoogroups.com > Sent: Monday, June 16, 2014 11:46:03 AM Subject: Re: [GRARA] 2014 Field Day Discussion When would be a good time to survey the GRARA Field Day site @ Cannonsburg Elementary? As an executive decision, as On Air Dictator, errrrr., director, how about this Wednesday, June 18, 7:00 pm (the usual open radio room time)? If agreeable, could someone drop by the Chapter House and put a big note on the door to meet us for a Field Day discussion at Cannonsburg Elementary School 4894 Sturgis Ave NE Rockford, MI 49341 And, NOTE, that HoneyCreek Avenue "probably" will still be under construction and closed between 5 mile Road and Cannonsburg Road. If someone has a better idea, please advise immediately so we can publicize it here and on the membership list. 72/73 de n8xx Hg QRP >99.44% of the time On 6/16/2014 8:31 AM, Jack Kunnen ab8nd@sbcglobal.net [GRARA] wrote:
I will try to keep the Facebook page up to date. Jack AB8ND On Jun 16, 2014, at 7:54 AM, stprovost@provtechs.com [GRARA] < GRARA@yahoogroups.com > wrote:
Cannonsburg Elementary School 4894 Sturgis Ave NE, Rockford, MI 4934

2606. Re: [GRARA] 2014 Field Day Discussion

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-06-20 15:24:26 UTC
From: stprovost@...
Topic: 2594 Message: 2606

Hello, great job on meeting at the field day site to test out antenna placements. We can also borrow a generator from the red cross if needed.
Not sure how many generators can be running at one time before neighbors get upset.
Can anyone let us borrow their nice honda small generators?
They don't make much noise.
The two generators I have make loud noise!
I can meet people at the field day site next thursday or we can switch to the radio room.
Let me know.
I am planning on having the red cross ERV stationed sometime friday before 4pm on the site.
I am hoping to have the 12 volt project done on this erv before next thursday.

thanks
stephen

2607. WMYC Hamfest TOMORROW

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-06-20 18:16:50 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 2607 Message: 2607

Be sure to attend the West Michigan Youth Club Hamfest Tomorrow,
Saturday, June 21, at the Lowell High School.
http://www.westmichiganyouthclub.org/Hamfest.html

Keep in mind Field Day, June 28 - 29, will be at Cannonsburg Elementary
School in Cannonsburg. http://www.arrl.org/field-day-locator

2608. WMYC Hamfest TOMORROW

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-06-20 20:53:41 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2607 Message: 2608

Be sure to attend the West Michigan Youth Club Hamfest Tomorrow,
Saturday, June 21, at the Lowell High School.

http://www.westmichiganyouthclub.org/Hamfest.html

Location is the Lowell High Sechool
11700 Vergennes St.
Lowell, MI

It's great to have a bunch of youth becoming hams!

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2609. Re: [GRARA] 2014 Field Day Discussion

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-06-21 14:51:58 UTC
From: stprovost@...
Topic: 2594 Message: 2609

Hello, I am meeting with Hank N8XX today around 12pm at the field day site.

We are now in the ARRL Field Day Locator!

Please have people look us up via this locator at
http://www.arrl.org/field-day-locator http://www.arrl.org/field-day-locator

Have them enter "W8DC" in the location or call sign area.
The map will show a "Green" map point that will have our information.

Need to know for thursday night, where to meet for the N1MM setup.
Since we need power, the radio room would be easier,
The choice is yours by tuesday night.

thanks
stephen

2610. new rig?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-06-22 20:39:46 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2594 Message: 2610

We have a new rig which we recently bought from an estate.

Does that rig have a 500 Hz filter for operating CW? Or a DSP filter which does the same thing?

Does that rig have a cable to connect it to a computer for use with N1MM software?

If the above exist, could we snarf that rig for use as a CW rig during Field day?

If so, I'd like to get a tutorial session on it at the open radio room this coming Wednesday.

Please advise.

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2611. Re: [GRARA] 2014 Field Day Discussion

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-06-24 00:48:03 UTC
From: stprovost@...
Topic: 2594 Message: 2611

Hello, working N1MM logger program tonight. I plan on being at the red cross radio room this thursday at 7pm to help setup the program and work with my network access points with your laptop.

I am setting up a master laptop that will collect all the data during the field day. That way no laptop will be doing more than one station's activity.

Thus, I need to know by thursday the following:

How many stations are we running N1MM (not including mine)?
What each station will do?

Please update N1MM to the latest version with the latest update on your laptop:

Latest Installer is the "Full installer" located at

http://n1mm.hamdocs.com/tiki-list_file_gallery.php?galleryId=7
http://n1mm.hamdocs.com/tiki-list_file_gallery.php?galleryId=7

Latest update is V14.0.6

More details to come
Stephen

2612. Re: new rig?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-06-24 00:49:24 UTC
From: stprovost@...
Topic: 2594 Message: 2612

Hank: don't know what goodies are installed in the TS2000 we bought from the silent key family.

Can someone answer what options are installed.
We should be able to use it for Field Day.
See my posting for latest field day info
stephen

2613. Re: [GRARA] 2014 Field Day Discussion

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-06-24 01:44:38 UTC
From: RMoe@...
Topic: 2594 Message: 2613

Stephen,
I will be at the Red-Cross Thursday with my laptop. Last year Mike's radio
station used my computer. And I just updated to the last N1MM release.
Also there is a great video for Field Day users at:
http://n1mm.hamdocs.com/tiki-index.php?page=Video+-+Operating+N1MM+Logger+on+Field+Day#Vid
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ing_N1MM_Logger_on_Field_Day
Bob ac8zx

In a message dated 6/23/2014 8:48:08 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time,
GRARA@yahoogroups.com writes:

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More details to come
Stephen

2614. Re: [GRARA] 2014 Field Day Discussion

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-06-24 02:18:57 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2594 Message: 2614

As far as I know, and I'm supposed to know, we have two confirmed stations (one CW and one Phone) and we believe that Tom, N8DGD, will bring a second SSB rig. KF8QL will be self contained, he doesn't want to be hooked to the network.

I trust that the folks arranging stations are encouraging folks to operate. I'm short at least two CW ops, so anyone who is interested in CW, please speak up!

Note, I ate a sandwich @ the gas station/general store in Canonsburg last Saturday, and the food was excellent. While it won't be free breakfast as it was last couple years at Calvin, we'll have a close by source of nourishment.

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On 6/23/2014 9:44 PM, RMoe@... [GRARA] wrote:
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> Stephen,
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> radio station used my computer. And I just updated to the last N1MM
> release.
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2615. Re: [GRARA] 2014 Field Day Discussion

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-06-24 04:22:45 UTC
From: stprovost@...
Topic: 2594 Message: 2615

Hello, thanks for the feedback.

Also need more info on who will be bringing their laptop to thursday nights N1MM setup. I will be getting information from each laptop and changing machine names so the use is transparent.
I am thinking about the master laptop being connected to the live internet at the same time.

Here is two videos to review on youtube about N1MM and Field Day that are more current:

This video was created in 2013
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s6wQK4c1s7M

This video goes over the basics of N1MM
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KxHOCMAxyVQ

Stephen AC8QE

2616. Re: [GRARA] 2014 Field Day Discussion

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-06-24 04:28:02 UTC
From: stprovost@...
Topic: 2594 Message: 2616

Hello, If you want to watch a bunch of videos about N1MM, here is the link to the website:
N1MM Logger Website | Instructional Videos
http://n1mm.hamdocs.com/tiki-index.php?page=Instructional+Videos

N1MM Logger Website | Instructional Videos
http://n1mm.hamdocs.com/tiki-index.php?page=Instructional+Videos © Copyright 2004-2014 - N1MM Logger. All rights reserved

View on n1mm.hamdocs.com http://n1mm.hamdocs.com/tiki-index.php?page=Instructional+Videos
Preview by Yahoo

stephen AC8QE

2617. The GRARA Website is updated

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-06-25 12:58:19 UTC
From: David DeVos
Topic: 2617 Message: 2617

The field day info is up on the website. If you see anything in error, please let me know.

Also, I will be setting up a VHF station for the field day. Please pass the word to all 6m, 2m, and 432 equipped hams to make a point to get on the air Saturday morning! Thanks!

Dave DeVos - KF8QL
http://www.davedevos.com
http://www.mythinplace.com

2618. FW: Mowing at WLAV

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-06-25 18:58:48 UTC
From: Michael Wolthuis
Topic: 2618 Message: 2618

GRARA,
I believe this is something you would want passed on. Dave knows me from LARC and WBBL and I advised him I would pass it on.

Thanks,

Mike Wolthuis
KB8ZGL
LARC Treasurer

From: Dave Grant <Dave.Grant@...>
Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2014 at 2:50 PM
To: Michael Wolthuis <mwolthuis@...>
Subject: Mowing at WLAV

On this topic, I was at WLAV today, grass inside the fence is knee high!

Thanks

DG

2619. Re: [GRARA] FW: Mowing at WLAV

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-06-25 20:31:27 UTC
From: RMoe@...
Topic: 2618 Message: 2619

I will try to get there tomorrow if it ever quits raining.
Bob AC8ZX

In a message dated 6/25/2014 2:59:01 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time,
GRARA@yahoogroups.com writes:

GRARA,
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LARC and WBBL and I advised him I would pass it on.

Thanks,

Mike Wolthuis
KB8ZGL
LARC Treasurer

From: Dave Grant <_Dave.Grant@..._ (mailto:Dave.Grant@...) >
Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2014 at 2:50 PM
To: Michael Wolthuis <_mwolthuis@freedomnet.com_
(mailto:mwolthuis@...) >
Subject: Mowing at WLAV

On this topic, I was at WLAV today, grass inside the fence is knee high!

Thanks

DG

2620. Re: [GRARA] FW: Mowing at WLAV

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-06-25 20:56:25 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2618 Message: 2620

If people would tell me where WBBL and WLAV towers are, I might be able to do some mowing there. As is, I know of two towers, which were described to me as "On Pettis Road" and the tower where W8LRC/R is located at about 3 mile Rd and Lincoln Lake road. But IDing them as WBBL or WLAV makes zilch in the (lack of) synapses between my ears.

Since I'm retired, if notified a few daze in advance of such need, the probability is somewhere between 0.0000 and 0.9944 that I'd be able to bring a riding mower to bear on the subject.

However, since I don't do mental telepathy, I cannot help in this current sitiuation.

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> KB8ZGL
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> From: Dave Grant <Dave.Grant@...
> <mailto:Dave.Grant@...>>
> Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2014 at 2:50 PM
> To: Michael Wolthuis <mwolthuis@...
> <mailto:mwolthuis@...>>
> Subject: Mowing at WLAV
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2621. Re: [GRARA] FW: Mowing at WLAV

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-06-25 21:00:51 UTC
From: Mike Wolthuis
Topic: 2618 Message: 2621

WBBL is where w8lrc/r is it at.
Mowing is all set there.

Mike

Sent from my iPhone

> On Jun 25, 2014, at 4:56 PM, "Hank Greeb n8xx@... [GRARA]" <GRARA@yahoogroups.com> wrote:
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2622. Speaking of Field Day

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-06-25 21:45:40 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2618 Message: 2622

I should be "in the loop" but there are several loose ends.

PLUS, today is our 53th anniversary of wedded bliss, so I won't make it to the open radio room. My wife and I will be celebrating otherwise.

I'd like to confirm that we have a third rig and team leader. We've been talking about Tom, N8DGD, as that person and using the rig which was used last year as the second SSB rig.

For CW, I'd like to snarf the new rig which we bought from an estate, but I can bring my ancient Drake TR-5 if needed. I understand, but need to confirm, that the DSP in this rig will have acceptable selectivity for CW (500 Hz or so). Bob, AC8ZX, is bringing his very nice tower and tri band antenna for our use.

Did we find a rotor box for the antenna and tower which W8QZ is bringing? This was not clear last week when we were at Cannonsburg Elementary School.

Cortland, KA5S, has offered his Honda generator for one rig (best use would be behind the school which is nearer houses. He will tell me where it can be found tomorrow - probably at the W8LRC radio room.

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Any other comments? Please advise.

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2623. Field Day setup begins 7 p.m. Friday, June 27.

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-06-26 00:58:12 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2618 Message: 2623

Yes, the rules now permit us to set up beginning almost anytime on Friday, so it behooves us to start setup Friday evening. I'll be on site from about 6 p.m. until dark.

As others have said in the past, many hands make light work.

The setup will continue beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday, with a goal of having all stations in checked out and in operating conditions by the 2 p.m. start of Field Day.

We plan to have two (primarily) SSB station and one (primarily) CW station. If anyone would like to run PSK-31 or RTTY, please work things out with one of the station leaders.

To refresh memory, the address is:

Cannonsburg Elementary School
4894 Sturgis Ave NE
Rockford, MI 49341

Sturgis is one block east of Honey Creek Avenue, off of Cannonsburg Road. There are two parking lots available.

Hope to see many people for field day 2014!

72/73 de n8xx Hg
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p.s. Rules pertaining to setup are:
3.3. No class A or B station may begin its set-up earlier than 0000 UTC on the Friday (Thursday afternoon or evening local time) preceding the Field Day period. Cumulative set-up time shall not exceed a total of 24 hours.

2624. Re: [GRARA] Speaking of Field Day

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-06-26 02:22:13 UTC
From: streyle.j@...
Topic: 2618 Message: 2624

As to the rotor control box - N8DGD has agreed to bring one, suitable cable, and a complete spare rotator / control. It may take some wrenching on things, but we should have enough pieces to get that working. Tom - if you see this, bring a set of rotator instructions too, if you have them.

I spent some time Monday evening checking out the tuning of the club's tribander - 10M was way off, so I re-adjusted all 3 bands for the phone end of things. It worked predictably, which was a good sign. It *should* be all set to reassemble and install.

W8QZ

----- Original Message -----

From: "GRARA" <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
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2625. Re: Field Day setup begins 7 p.m. Friday, June 27.

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-06-26 17:54:33 UTC
From: stprovost@...
Topic: 2618 Message: 2625

Please remember I will be at the radio room tonight around 7pm to help setup laptops to use our network for the N1MM. Need details about how many stations and who is doing what activity to create the network list. thanks
stephen

2626. Change of plans Field Day SETUP begins 5 p.m. Friday, June 27.

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-06-27 02:18:43 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2618 Message: 2626

At our setup meeting for the computers, several of us decided to be @ Cannonsburg Elementary by*5 p.m. tomorrow (Friday)*. We will welcome others to join us.

For those who have "paid work" there will be plenty going on at later times. If you want to be sure, you may contact us via the W8DC repeater, 147.26 MHz +600 94.8 CTSS tone squelche.

Or, if we're distracted, my cell phone number is 616 828 9663.

As someone said, "Many hands make short work."

And, as a reminder, on Saturday setup begins no later than 10 a.m., with a goal to have all stations ready to operate before the 2 p.m. official start time.

Address of the school:

Cannonsburg Elementary School
4894 Sturgis Ave NE
Rockford, MI 49341

We hope the predicted rain for Saturday evening doesn't happen, but we have shelters available for all rigs.

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2627. ARRL FD W8DC 2A LP

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-06-30 19:31:37 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2627 Message: 2627

ARRL Field Day

Call: W8DC
Operator(s): KA5S KD8CAN KD8HNF N8DGD N8LRF N8UXN N8VLJ N8XX W8QZ
Station: W8DC

Class: 2A LP
QTH: Rockford, MI
Operating Time (hrs): 22

Summary:

Band	CW Qs	Ph Qs	Dig Qs
160:	0	0	0
80:	81	69	0
40:	238	38	0
20:	252	135	0
15:	23	54	0
Total:	594	296	0 Total Score = 1,484

Club: Grand Rapids ARA

Comments:

This does NOT include a VHF station, provided for and manned by Dave, KF8QL which had "expected results when no sporadic E nor Tropo inversions occur" (quote from KF8QL), and the Get on the Air Station provided by and otperated by members of the Grand Valley University Radio Club! Nor does the score include bonus points for copying ARRL Bulletin, sending a message to the Section Mangler, using 100% emergency power for the stations, being in a public place with a "Greetings Table", et. cetera.

We had a great event, beating last years # of Q's of 682 handily with 3 stations vs 890 Q's with two stations. When we add the VHF and GOTA Q's we may reach 1000 Q's! Mother Nature gave us two of her frequent gifts of a pouring rain late on Saturday evening and a lighter but still a nice refreshing rain on Sunday morning!

The list of Operators does NOT include members who did NOT used the CNTL O (O as in Oh) or those who just came to visit. Editorial note: We should work to get more of the new ops to whom we give licensing tests to come out and make some HF contacts. There's nothing like making a few contacts on HF to whet the appetite for more contacts!

2628. Canada Day contest

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-06-30 21:49:01 UTC
From: n8xx@...
Topic: 2628 Message: 2628

Tired of all the QRM from weekend contests? Are you rested up from Field day? How about a mid-week contest?

Yup, the Canadians are celebrating the founding of the Canadian Confederation in 1867.

Rules may be found at
https://www.rac.ca/en/rac/programmes/contests/files/2011%20Canada%20Day%20Rules%20-%20English.pdf https://www.rac.ca/en/rac/programmes/contests/files/2011%20Canada%20Day%20Rules%20-%20English.pdf
or, if that if the above gets truncated in transmission, try this itty bitty URL
http://goo.gl/7Brt9p http://goo.gl/7Brt9p'

the contest runs from 0000Z to 2359Z July 1, 2013. That means it begins this evening in many parts of these United States.

72/73 de n8xx Hg
QRP >99.44% of the time

2629. Re: ARRL FD W8DC 2A LP

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-07-01 13:45:53 UTC
From: kf8ql@...
Topic: 2627 Message: 2629

Hank,

I'll get you the 20 contacts we made on VHF shortly.

We had fun even though the god of propagation did not smile upon us.

Dave - KF8QL

2630. Re: [GRARA] Re: ARRL FD W8DC 2A LP

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-07-01 14:05:13 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2627 Message: 2630

Thanks, Dave:

We have time, unless we let it slip away. :)

Propagation on VHF is fickle!

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2631. MR. LID, a GREAT idea for us LIDS

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-07-01 17:25:56 UTC
From: n8xx@...
Topic: 2631 Message: 2631

Not exactly specific to Ham Radio, but some (many?) of us LIDS (including this admitted LID) might find this one useful

Mr Lid - The Food Storage Container With An Attached Lid
Web page
http://goo.gl/y26SZj http://goo.gl/y26SZj

Note, I have no stock in Mr. Lid, but figured that some entrepreneurial ham might figure out how to put some sort of test gear, or a QRP rig inside one of the "Mr. LID" boxes and have a built in market with all us LIDS in the roster of this reflector.

Note #2 There are also references on the web that one may find MR LID boxes @ Wally World (Walmart), and other stores. YMMV, I haven't looked for them in Grand Rapids area.

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QRP >99.44% of the time
And, an admitted LID

p.s. I hope you aren't on the mailing list of MR LID. I've received at a least a half dozen ads for Mr. Lid. After the 5th one I figured out that my fellow LIDS deserved to know about this great invention.

2632. Re: [GRARA] MR. LID, a GREAT idea for us LIDS

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-07-01 17:59:48 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 2631 Message: 2632

Reminds me of back when we use to do Operation C.A.R.E. coffee stops. The 8 oz Styrofoam cups that came 1000 to the case, on the cardboard box the statement "USE W8LID". The part # for the lid that went with the cups.

----- Message from GRARA@yahoogroups.com ---------
Date: 01 Jul 2014 10:25:56 -0700
From: "n8xx@... [GRARA]" <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Reply-To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [GRARA] MR. LID, a GREAT idea for us LIDS
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com

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----- End message from GRARA@yahoogroups.com -----

2633. July Meeting

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-07-03 00:04:52 UTC
From: ab8nd@...
Topic: 1386 Message: 2633

Due to the Holiday the July GRARA meeting will be Friday, 11 July. 7:30 PM coffee clutch with the meeting starting at 8:00 PM

Jack
AB8ND

2634. Re: [GRARA] July Meeting

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-07-03 02:33:22 UTC
From: streyle.j@...
Topic: 1386 Message: 2634

Now, there's a new one for those that drive a stick shift - I've heard of 'double clutching', or 'riding the clutch', but a 'coffee clutch' ?
W8QZ

----- Original Message -----

From: "GRARA" <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
To: "GRARA" <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 2, 2014 7:04:52 PM
Subject: [GRARA] July Meeting

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Jack

AB8ND

2635. Klatsch is German, but misspelled klatch by some, and now clutch

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-07-03 10:46:17 UTC
From: Marc Veeneman
Topic: 2635 Message: 2635

In any event it means gossip. Goes well with coffee.
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Marc AC8QR/1 in Vermont for the summer

2636. Re: [GRARA] July Meeting

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-07-03 12:49:15 UTC
From: Jack Kunnen
Topic: 1386 Message: 2636

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On Jul 2, 2014, at 10:33 PM, streyle.j@... [GRARA] <GRARA@yahoogroups.com> wrote:

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2637. Wanted: General Coverage Receiver

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-07-03 22:36:49 UTC
From: Schu@...
Topic: 2637 Message: 2637

Dear GRARA-ites:

I'm looking for a general coverage receiver -- perhaps something like a Kenwood R-1000. Must be solid state with good SSB coverage. Please let me know if you have something to sell or trade. Thanks.

Quin, K8QS
qschultze@gmail.com

2638. Holland ARC's Ham License in a Day Class, August 9

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-07-06 20:47:42 UTC
From: K8TB
Topic: 2638 Message: 2638

If you know anyone who would like to get their technician class license, the Holland ARC will be holding another "Ham License in a Day" class, on August 9, 2014, starting at 1 Pm. The locations will be the Ottawa Red Cross, at 270 James St, Holland, MI.

This class consists of a five hour study hall, followed by a VE testing session.

For more information, and to register, please go to:

http://tinyurl.com/hiad2014aug9

Tom K8TB

2639. Fall General Class

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-07-06 21:08:59 UTC
From: K8TB
Topic: 2639 Message: 2639

If you have your technician license and would like to upgrade to general, this fall the Holland ARC and the Grand Rapids ARA will host an eight week general class.

The class will start September 24, 2014, on a Wednesday night, and meet for the next eight weeks, on Wednesday. On November 19 there will be a special VE testing session.

The cost for the class is $ 20.00

For more information, and to register, please go to:

*http://tinyurl.com/2014genclass
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Tom K8TB
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2640. GRARA July meeting Friday, July 11

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-07-10 22:20:00 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 2640 Message: 2640

In an earlier message, it was announced the Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association (GRARA) would not have a July meeting. Change of plan to hold the meeting one week latter.
From Jim KD8CAN:
We will hold a short meeting July 11. Eye ball QSO's will start at 7:30, short meeting at 8.
The reason for the delayed times is because of VE testing.
Hope to see you all there.

GRARA meetings are at the American Red Cross building on Fuller Ave between I-196 expressway and Leonard St.

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Lunch bunch resumes Friday, June 11, at Schnitz Deli South. Details previously sent.

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The July meeting of the Lowell Amateur Radio Club is this Saturday, July 12. Social 9:30 AM, meeting 10, at the "LARC Shack" in the Flat River Outreach Ministries (F.R.O.M.) building, 11535 Fulton St E., just west of the Lowell Meijer. Look for the 100 foot free standing tower.

73 Jack NY8D

2641. Lunch Bunch moved

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-07-11 14:08:22 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 2641 Message: 2641

From Jeff N8JSN:
Jack, FYI I believe the Deli took on some major damage during the tornado on Sunday. I do not know if its open.

From James K8JHR:
The Deli will be closed indefinitely. Guys are meeting at the 44th Street Diner, located in a little strip mall on the N side of 44th St, just West of the intersection of Burlingame and 44th.

---------- JR ----------

2642. Fwd: [HARC] Good News for Hams with expired General and Extra Licenses

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-07-11 15:44:57 UTC
From: Mike W8DER
Topic: 2642 Message: 2642

-------- Original Message --------
Subject: [HARC] Good News for Hams with expired General and Extra Licenses
Date: 11 Jul 2014 08:41:29 -0700
From: mike@... [k8daa] <k8daa@yahoogroups.com>
Reply-To: k8daa@yahoogroups.com
To: <k8daa@yahoogroups.com>

Hey guys, this is cool news for those hams who have expired licenses
over the 2-year limit.

Reference: QST Magazine, August 2014, page 68.

"The FCC has revised the Amateur Service rules to grant credit for
written examinations Elements 3 (General) and 4 (Amateur Extra) to
holders of "expired licenses that required passage of those elements."

A June Report and Order (R&O) detailed the changes. The FCC will
require former licensees -- those falling outside the 2-year grace
period -- to pass Element 2 (Technician) in order to be re-licensed.

"Our decision to grant credit for written examination Elements 3 and 4
for expired licenses that required [of those elements] will provide some
relief to former General, Advanced and Amateur Extra class licensees,"
The FCC said.

The Commission said that requiring applicants holding expired licences
to pass Element 2 addresses concerns about lost proficiency and
knowledge and would deter any attempts by someone sharing the name of a
former licensee to obtain a ham ticked without examination.

Pass this along guys and gals. Imagine taking the "Ham in a Day" class
on Saturday August 9th and ending-up with your old expired Amateur Extra
license back.

2643. Fwd: W4DXCC DX and Contest Convention, September 2014 Announcment

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-07-11 20:35:00 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2643 Message: 2643

Any DXers in the club who might be interested in this event?

Please respond to the W4DXCC@... if you have any questions.
I've been a ham for 63 years and have yet to work 100 countries - at least I never kept track until LOTW came along and has done it for me. I now have about 90 confirmed, so before I kick the bucket I might get 100. Whether or not I think it worth whatever it would cost to apply for the paper is a question I haven't asked myself yet, because I have no idea what the going rate for such an application. (From the preceding you may guess correctly that I don't generally hunt for DX. If I stumble across them I'll work 'em.)

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-------- Original Message --------
Subject: W4DXCC DX and Contest Convention, September 2014 Announcment
Date: Fri, 11 Jul 2014 10:21:06 -0700
From: W4DXCC Convention 2014 <w4dxcc@...>
Reply-To: W4DXCC Convention 2014 <w4dxcc@...>
To: undisclosed recipients: ;

Hi Club Official,

As you know W4DXCC DX and Contest Convention is in its 10th year and happens again September 26th and 27th, 2014.

Please help distribute the following announcement to your club members via your club newsletter or club email. Please forward this email to your club newsletter person for distribution.

For Immediate Release

The W4DXCC DX and Contest Convention is the South East's largest and best attended ham radio event for 10 years running. Located at the MainStay Suites in Pigeon Forge Tennessee September 26-27th. A full schedule of popular presenters speak on DX and Contest subjects throughout the main convention with prize drawings between presenters, drinks and snacks included. Major equipment manufacturers are on hand to demonstrate new products and answer your equipment questions face to face. A banquet rounds out the day where the grand prizes are drawn.

The Convention is just a easy drive from Michigan.

A full range of shopping for the family is located nearby along with water parks, go cart tracks and Dollywood for the kids. Bring the family for a wonderful weekend full of Fun.

Check out the WEB site for more details, filling fast, book early
www.W4DXCC.com

We look forward to seeing you attend this year.

Thank You in advance, 73
Dave Anderson, K4SV
W4DXCC by SEDCO Inc
www.W4DXCC.com <http://www.w4dxcc.com/>
828-777-5088

2644. W4DXCC DX and Contest Convention

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-07-11 21:48:32 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2644 Message: 2644

Any members who are DXers in the audience who might be interested in
this event?

Please respond to the W4DXCC@... if you have any questions.
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least I never kept track until LOTW came along and has done it for me.
I now have about 90 confirmed, so before I kick the bucket I might get
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for the paper is a question I haven't asked myself yet, because I have
no idea what the going rate for such an application. (From the
preceding you may guess correctly that I don't generally hunt for DX. If
I stumble across them I'll work 'em.)

Note - A short trip to W4Land? Even if they had it in Covington, KY,
about as short a distance from here to 4-land as is possible, it would
still be a 6 hour drive or so. But, time and disance are relative, so YMMV.

72/73 de n8xx Hg
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2645. Wanted: floppy disk reader -- no kidding

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-07-14 01:59:07 UTC
From: Schu@...
Topic: 2645 Message: 2645

I've got some old files on last of the floppies that I need to import. Anyone have a an old drive/reader that I can use? We hams are great packrats. What say?

Quin, K8QS

2646. Re: [GRARA] Wanted: floppy disk reader -- no kidding

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-07-14 02:08:36 UTC
From: Michael Wolthuis
Topic: 2645 Message: 2646

Quin,
3.5 or 5.25? I have a 3.5 USB drive, still use it all the time, I usually keep 2-3 at work. You could borrow, it works with Win7, XP and possibly Win8 (but I haven¹t tried).

Mike
kb8zgl

From: "GRARA@yahoogroups.com" <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Reply-To: "GRARA@yahoogroups.com" <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Date: Sunday, July 13, 2014 at 9:59 PM
To: "GRARA@yahoogroups.com" <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
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2647. Re: Wanted: floppy disk reader -- no kidding

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-07-14 03:45:46 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 2645 Message: 2647

----- Message from GRARA@yahoogroups.com ---------
Date: Sun, 13 Jul 2014 22:08:36 -0400
From: "Michael Wolthuis wolthuis@... [GRARA]" <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Reply-To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: Re: [GRARA] Wanted: floppy disk reader -- no kidding
To: "GRARA@...m" <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>

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----- End message from GRARA@yahoogroups.com -----

Otherwise, I have some 3.5 drives in the basement.

I also have a ton of 3.5 disks if anybody can think of a use for them.

Jack NY8D
E-mail: jamelar@localnet.com

2648. ARRL Legislative Update July 2014

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-07-16 16:50:35 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2648 Message: 2648

The American Radio Relay League (ARRL) has encouraged introduction of HR 4969 ? The Amateur Radio Parity Act of 2014, by Representative Adam Kinzinger (R-IL -16th), with Representative Joe Courtney (D-CT-02) as cosponsor, thus ensuring bipartisanship.

The underlying principle of this legislation is to direct FCC to write regulations which preclude homeowners associations to from prohibiting and any all amateur radio antennae. The reasoning is that the FCC has overturned blanket restrictions to satellite TV antennae, and UHF/VHF TV antennae in homeowner's covenants, so they have the power to regulate amateur radio antennae.

ARRL is asking hams to write to their legislators to ask they be co-sponsors of the legislation. The rationale is contained in a 6 page Legislative Action bulletin available at

http://www.arrl.org/files/file/Legislative%20Update%20Newsletters/Issue%206.pdf

One does not need to live within a homeowner's association, nor be a member of the ARRL to express your opinion on this matter. Please look over the legislative bulletin, and contact your US representative with your comments. A sample letter is included in the bulletin, and it is always recommended to add personal comments. When you do, send a copy to the address at ARRL, which will forward it to our legal counsel in Washington for hand delivery. The best way to contact your congressional representative directly is via FAX or e-mail, because regular mail sent directly to Washington is intercepted and screened by security personnel which may delay delivery for up to 7 weeks. Some of the representatives, like my representative, Justin Amash, only accepts e-mail via his web site, which restricts the size and formatting of messages.

72/73 de n8xx Hg
Local Government Liaison, Michigan Section, ARRL

2649. ARRL Legislative Update July 2014

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-07-16 17:00:00 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2648 Message: 2649

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Local Government Liaison, Michigan Section, ARRL

2650. ARRL President Issues Call to Action for HR.4969,

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-07-17 12:26:45 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2650 Message: 2650

From the ARRL Letter, 17 July 2014

ARRL President Issues Call to Action to Gain Support for HR.4969, the Amateur Radio Parity Act!

In a video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ema5FcIt-1Q&feature=youtu.be>, ARRL President Kay Craigie, N3KN, has issued an urgent call to action to all radio amateurs to get behind a grassroots campaign to promote co-sponsorship of HR.4969, "The Amateur Radio Parity Act of 2014." HR.4969 would require the FCC to extend PRB-1 coverage to restrictive covenants. It was introduced in the US House with bipartisan support on June 25 at the request of the ARRL, which worked with House staffers to draft the legislation. The measure would require the FCC to apply the "reasonable accommodation" three-part test of the PRB-1 federal pre-emption policy to private land-use restrictions regarding antennas. The bill's primary sponsor is Rep Adam Kinzinger (R-IL). It had initial co-sponsorship from Rep Joe Courtney (D-CT).

President Craigie also exhorted all radio amateurs regarding support for HR.4969 in remarks appearing in the /The ARRL Legislative Update Newsletter/ <http://www.arrl.org/files/file/Legislative%20Update%20Newsletters/Issue%206.pdf>. Craigie stressed in the /Newsletter/ that the legislation stands to benefit not just today's radio amateurs but those in the future.

"Chances are, those Americans of the future will grow up in communities having private land use restrictions," she said "That is the way the country is going, and it is very bad for Amateur Radio. How can Amateur Radio thrive, if more and more Americans cannot have reasonable antennas at home? You and I have to stand for the Amateurs of the second century."

If the measure passes the 113th Congress, it would require the FCC to amend the Part 97 Amateur Service rules to apply PRB-1 coverage to include homeowners' association regulations and deed restrictions, often referred to as "covenants, conditions, and restrictions" (CC&Rs). At present, PRB-1 only applies to state and local zoning laws and ordinances.

An HR.4969 page <http://www.arrl.org/hr-4969> now is open on the ARRL website. It contains information and resources for clubs and individuals wishing to support efforts to gain co-sponsors for the measure by contacting their members of Congress.

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2651. I'm not a kid any more

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-07-19 05:44:02 UTC
From: UncleFester@...
Topic: 2651 Message: 2651

A week ago I went with friends zip-lining near Boyne Falls. It was a rain check from a year ago, and my friends went to great lengths to make sure I could afford it-- meals, place to stay, etc. and they wouldn't let me pay for anything.

So how did I repay them? By sliding sideways into the receiving platform on the very first line, knocking both shoes off in the process. No pain or even a hint of trouble when it happened, but by the end of the course, I could barely walk, and by the time I got home, I couldn't at all.

Diagnosis was a very bad sprain, contusions, and a separation of some kind. I have a tubular ace bandage and a walking boot with a 6-week expected recovery time. Needless to say, I'm in agony no matter what the position or activity. Not a good thing to have happen right now, as it's brought my job search to a standstill.

I wanted to come down Wednesday, mainly for stir-crazy reasons, but it's extremely difficult for me to get around, and I've heard scary stories about the Red Cross elevator.

Maybe next week.

Jerry Elya AC8QC

2652. Re: [GRARA] I'm not a kid any more

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-07-19 08:17:49 UTC
From: Bob Robinson
Topic: 2651 Message: 2652

Man, when it rains it pours.

Hope you get feeling better

Bob KD8HNF
On Jul 19, 2014 1:44 AM, "UncleFester@... [GRARA]" <
GRARA@yahoogroups.com> wrote:

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2653. Re: [GRARA] I'm not a kid any more

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-07-19 11:04:25 UTC
From: Frank McClelland
Topic: 2651 Message: 2653

Hope you heal fast, and get back on your feet! I sure know getting older is a lot of fun,got to watch what ever I do so I don`t hurt myself. was not like this when I was young. !!!

On Saturday, July 19, 2014 1:44 AM, "UncleFester@... [GRARA]" <GRARA@yahoogroups.com> wrote:

A week ago I went with friends zip-lining near Boyne Falls. It was a rain check from a year ago, and my friends went to great lengths to make sure I could afford it-- meals, place to stay, etc. and they wouldn't let me pay for anything.

So how did I repay them? By sliding sideways into the receiving platform on the very first line, knocking both shoes off in the process. No pain or even a hint of trouble when it happened, but by the end of the course, I could barely walk, and by the time I got home, I couldn't at all.

Diagnosis was a very bad sprain, contusions, and a separation of some kind. I have a tubular ace bandage and a walking boot with a 6-week expected recovery time. Needless to say, I'm in agony no matter what the position or activity. Not a good thing to have happen right now, as it's brought my job search to a standstill.

I wanted to come down Wednesday, mainly for stir-crazy reasons, but it's extremely difficult for me to get around, and I've heard scary stories about the Red Cross elevator.

Maybe next week.

Jerry Elya AC8QC

2654. Field Day Pictures

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-07-25 03:38:59 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2654 Message: 2654

I'm about to send in a Field Day report to ARRL.

I need a picture of the info booth, which also served as a GOTA station site while the GVSU club operated the GOTA station.

Cortland took several pictures, put them on a DVD, which seems to be in limbo between W8DC shack and KF8QL's location.

I think I have enough other pictures to convince ARRL that we actually did run emergency power, did set up in a public place, etc.

If anyone else has pictures of Field Day, please send a copy to me. It doesn't need to be high resolution, even 480 x 640 would do find.;

Note: My e-mail can handle an attachment of up to 10 megabytes, so send what you have.

72/73 de n8xx Hg
QRP >99.44% of the time

2655. Re: Field Day Pictures

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-07-25 13:20:17 UTC
From: David DeVos
Topic: 2654 Message: 2655

I don't have the pictures DVD - not received at my QTH.

Dave DeVos - KF8QL - 616-706-8736
http://www.davedevos.com
http://www.mythinplace.com

2656. Fwd: W8DC Field Day 2014 Log submissions

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-07-27 20:25:13 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2656 Message: 2656

We done right good, fellers and gals, we done right good!

KC9ZYZ and the W8GVU bunch need a round of applause for their stellar efforts at QRP operation with a KX3 and lash-up antenna!

Even though we got wet at times from a couple of big thunderstorms, the weather otherwise cooperated - and no one suffered heat exhaustion.

Lettuce prey we can continue to do as well in the future!

72/73 de n8xx Hg
QRP >99.44% of the time
Except I was forced to operated at the ungodly power of 100 watts during Field day (and, I survived!) :)

p.s. I was unsure whether we had a "GOTA Coach" so I didn't claim it. Cortland, KA5S was conversing at length with KC9ZYZ and his contingent. Cortland, does this qualify as a GOTA coach?

-------- Original Message --------
Subject: W8DC
Date: Sun, 27 Jul 2014 20:06:18 +0000
From: webform@...
Reply-To: n8xx@...
To: n8xx@...

ARRL Field Day Entry Form

Datestamp: 2014-07-27 13:06:16 PDT

Call Used: W8DC GOTA Station Call: W8GVU ARRL/RAC Section: MI Class: 2A

Participants: 25 Club/Group Name: GRAND RAPIDS AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION

Power Source(s): Generator

Power Multiplier: 2X

Bonus Points:
100% Emergency power 200
Set-up in Public Place 100
Information Booth 100
NTS message to ARRL SM/SEC 100
W1AW Field Day Message 100
GOTA Bonus 20
Submitted via the Web 50
Total Bonus Points 670

Score Summary:
CW Digital Phone Total
Total QSOs 636 343 35
Total Points 1272 686 35 1993 Claimed Score = 3,986

Submitted by:
HENRY R GREEB, N8XX
5727 11 MILE RD NE
ROCKFORD, MI 49341-9502
E-mail: n8xx@...

Comments:
(blank)

Band/Mode QSO Breakdown:
CW Digital Phone
QSOs Pwr(W) QSOs Pwr(W) QSOs Pwr(W)
160m
80m 81 100 69 100
40m 238 100 50 100 1 5
20m 294 100 145 100 1 5
15m 23 100 55 100
10m
6m 14 100
2m 8 100
1.25
Other
Satellite
GOTA 2 5 33 5
TOTAL 636 343 35

GOTA Bonus: No GOTA Coach
Name/Call QSOs Bonus Points
William Neuson, KC9ZYZ 35 20

Supporting documentation for Bonus Points will be sent via e-mail to: fieldday@...

2657. Feild day results 2014 through 2010

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-07-27 23:33:26 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2657 Message: 2657

Just for the fish (halibut) I searched archives of the ARRL contests,
and found the following for GRARA's Field day

Year Call score category Q's Multiplier GOTA QTH # Ops Club
2014
W8DC 3986
2A
1993
2
W8GVU
MI
25
Grand Rapids ARA
2013 W8DC 2,976 3A 682 2 MI 25 Grand Rapids ARA
2012 W8M 3,634 3A 1,167 2 MI 20 Grand Rapids ARA
2011 W8M 2,486 3A 772 2 MI 16 Grand Rapids ARA
2010 W8DC 2,978 3A 680 2 MI 25 Grand Rapids ARA
2009 W8DC 2,190 2A 529 2 MI 25 Grand Rapids ARA
2008 W8DC 2,798 3A 784 2 W8GVU MI 50 Grand Rapids ARA
2007 W8DC 2,918 2A 1,192 2 MI 15 Grand Rapids ARA
2006 W8DC 3,978 2A 1,036 2 N8DGD MI 40 Grand Rapids ARA
2005 W8DC 1,708 2A 629 2 AD8BC MI 10 Grand Rapids ARA
2002 W8DC 1,438 2A 394 2 MI 18 Grand Rapids ARA

Couldn't find W8DC for 2003 or 2004 anyone remember which club we worked
with and the call used?

2658. Holland ARC's "Ham License in a Day", August 9

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-07-31 23:50:21 UTC
From: K8TB
Topic: 2658 Message: 2658

If you have a spouse, a neighbor, a coworker or a friend who has always wanted to get their amateur radio license, now is the time to point them to this five hour class to pass their technician class license.

This class will be next Saturday, August 9, starting at 1 PM, a the Holland Red Cross. A VE testing session will start at 6 pm. This testing session is opening to anyone for any class license testing.

/"Give us an afternoon, and we'll give you the world"/ :)

More information and online registration is at:

http://tinyurl.com/hiad2014aug9

Tom K8TB

2659. GRARA August meeting

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-08-01 02:43:19 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 2659 Message: 2659

Reminder, the first Friday in August is August 1.
The Monthly meeting of the Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association (GRARA) is at the American Red Cross building on Fuller Ave between the I-196 Ford Freeway and Leonard St. Social 6:30PM, meeting at 7. All are welcome.

2660. Tracking W1AW/4

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-08-02 10:50:31 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2660 Message: 2660

If one is interested in working W1AW/4, in Kentucky, the following link will work for their spreadsheet.

http://goo.gl/5IQZKE

They're on Phone and Data considerably more than on CW, so, until I looked this one up, I was having a hard time finding them on the bands. I'd forget to check the RBN until AFTER they had quit a CW sked slot!

72/73 de n8xx Hg
QRP >99.44% of the time

2661. Pettis Tower Mowing

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-08-04 14:01:59 UTC
From: RMoe@...
Topic: 2661 Message: 2661

QST-QST-QST,
On 08/05/2014 at 3:00 PM, I will be at the Pettis repeater site to mow the grass. If anyone would like to help out, please join us. If you need directions email me at _rmoe@..._ (mailto:rmoe@...)
73, Bob AC8ZX

2662. Paperwork Requirements for Non-ID'ed Minors

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-08-05 18:00:31 UTC
From: UncleFester@...
Topic: 2662 Message: 2662

Two of my Scouts will be "probably" taking their Technician tests Friday. They're 12 & 13. so they don't have any legal ID. So how's this handled? Do parents have to attend and THEY provide ID? One Scout has a passport.

Jerry
AC8QC

2663. Re: [GRARA] Paperwork Requirements for Non-ID'ed Minors

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-08-05 18:37:07 UTC
From: Jack Kunnen
Topic: 2662 Message: 2663

School ID, Birth Certificate. I think, but not sure, a parent will have to sign the 605 form so they should be present.
They should also go the FCC web site and get an FRN number, so they don't have to give the kids SS number on the 605 form, one or the other is required.
http://www.fcc.gov/encyclopedia/licensing

Jack , ab8nd

On Aug 5, 2014, at 2:00 PM, UncleFester@CasaDelGato.com [GRARA] <GRARA@yahoogroups.com> wrote:

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> Jerry
> AC8QC
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2664. Re: [GRARA] Paperwork Requirements for Non-ID'ed Minors

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-08-05 18:58:48 UTC
From: Mike W8DER
Topic: 2662 Message: 2664

Jerry, if for some reason your scouts don't pass the technician test on Friday, please note that there is a "Ham in a Day" class at the Holland Club on Saturday followed by a license testing session.

Your scouts could take the whole afternoon class for review and then take the test at 6:00 pm, or just show up at 6:00 for the VE testing session.

For more information see http://www.hollandarc.org (Scan down the home page. Click the signup link for more specific information on the times and place.)

Mike
Mike@...

On 8/5/2014 2:00 PM, UncleFester@... [GRARA] wrote:
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> Friday. They're 12 & 13. so they don't have any legal ID. So how's
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> has a passport.
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> AC8QC
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2665. Re: [GRARA] Paperwork Requirements for Non-ID'ed Minors

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-08-05 20:33:47 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2662 Message: 2665

A passport issued by the US is "golden ID."

On 8/5/2014 2:00 PM, UncleFester@... [GRARA] wrote:
> One Scout has a passport.

2666. Re: [GRARA] Paperwork Requirements for Non-ID'ed Minors

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-08-06 01:51:04 UTC
From: John Streyle
Topic: 2662 Message: 2666

The rule is 2 pieces of non-photo ID (which for minors can be things such as a report card, some mail addressed to them, SS card, etc.) School ID cards are good - many of the have photos - only one form of ID needed if it has a photo. For minors, some 'reasonable judgement' has to be exercised.

I'm not aware of any requirement for a parent to sign the 605.

W8QZ

Sent from my iPad

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> AC8QC
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2667. RE: [GRARA] Paperwork Requirements for Non-ID'ed Minors

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-08-06 06:18:59 UTC
From: tomkd8deg
Topic: 2662 Message: 2667

If a photo ID is not available, then any two (2) of the items listed below, presented at the time of testing is acceptable .

· Non-photo ID/driver's license (some states still have them);

☐ Social Security Card;

☐ Birth certificate (must have the appropriate seal);

☐ Minor's work permit, school report card, school ID card or library card;

☐ Utility bill, bank statement or other business correspondence that specifically names the person; or

☐ Postmarked envelope addressed to the person at his or her current mailing address as it appears on the Form 605

From: GRARA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:GRARA@yahoogroups.com]
Sent: Tuesday, August 05, 2014 9:51 PM
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: Re: [GRARA] Paperwork Requirements for Non-ID'ed Minors

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Jerry
AC8QC

2668. Re: [GRARA] Paperwork Requirements for Non-ID'ed Minors

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-08-06 15:18:39 UTC
From: Jack Kunnen
Topic: 2662 Message: 2668

Like a picture of their teeth from a dentist, no joke this happened.

My bad on the parent signature, wasn't sure on this one.

Jack, ab8nd

On Aug 5, 2014, at 9:51 PM, John Streyle streyle.j@... [GRARA] <GRARA@yahoogroups.com> wrote:

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>> AC8QC
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2669. Alan Scott W8KIZ SK memorial service

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-08-07 18:21:51 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 2669 Message: 2669

Alan Scott W8KIZ SK memorial service

SCOTT, ALAN Alan W. Scott, born on April 22, 1935, went to be with the Lord on March 25, 2014. He is survived by his wife, Bernice; and four of his children, Beverly, David, Alan, Jr., and Edmund; as well as six grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren and proceeded in death by his daughter, Tammy. Memorial services will be held this summer.

Memorial is scheduled Saturday, August 9, 1PM, Rosedale Memorial Park, O-50 Lake Michigan Dr, Grand Rapids, MI. Hwy M-45 just west of Hwy M-11 / Wilson Ave.
Back of cemetery in the Military section.
Gathering afterward, 3-5PM, at Ed Scott's home, 1037 Muskegon NW, Grand Rapids.

Source: Bernice Scott via Carl Thompson WA8AAT

2670. need help to pick up ham equipment

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-08-22 02:13:55 UTC
From: stprovost@...
Topic: 2670 Message: 2670

Hello, this saturday at 10am, I will be picking up ham equipment that Dwain Mitchell wants to sell at our swap meet in september.

He will give the club 30% of the proceeds.

His address is
3741 Shoshone Dr SW
Grandville, 49418

He has equipment in the basement and antennas.

thanks
stephen

2671. Next Week Saturday afternoon, Spark in the Park

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-08-23 13:33:29 UTC
From: Tom
Topic: 2671 Message: 2671

This email is an invitation for you to join other amateur radio operators on August 30, 2014 for a "Spark in the Park".

The general start time is 5 PM, till o' dark hundred. The park is locked at 10
PM. &

This is a new event. It is not a hamfest, it is not a club meeting. You might want to call it a "science fair" for amateur radio. The event is free, courtesy of the four sponsoring clubs, Holland ARC, Lowell ARC, the Grand Rapids ARA and the Allegan County ARC.That said, donations will gratefully be accepted to help defray remaining expenses.

There is more information at: http://www.k8tb.org/sitp.htm.

In addition to the indoor and outdoor presenters, the newly revived Michigan VHF-UHF Society will be holding an informal meeting starting at 4 PM. I suggest that they grab an area around a few picnic tables. Maybe someone can bring a 6 meter halo on a ten foot pole as a "flag" for the group.

And a request. While there are many presenters scheduled to be holding continuous demonstrations, I encourage each of you who has a home-brew antenna tuner, or a cute QRP transmitter, or a portable low band antenna, to please bring it along, and grab a picnic table for your very own show and tell. Yes, just like in the first grade. Except that pet turtles don't count. Of note, we would like to see people's bug-out bags/go kits. Everyone has a different idea of what they want, and it is very interesting to see the solutions that other people come up with.

There will be no food supplied, as we are not allowed to sell any food or drinks at this county park. The GRARA club will be serving coffee, free of charge. I would suggest that you bring something along to drink and eat if you are so inclined.

Talk in will be on the 145.27 (-600, 9.8 PL) Lowell repeater.

Directions:

The Douglas Walker Park is located at 1195 84th St., Byron Center, MI.
The GPS coordinates are
42-48-43 by 85-41-35 or
42-48.71 by 84-41.583 or
42.801183 by 85.69305

If you are coming from the south, go north on US 131 and get off at the 84th St exit, exit74. Turn left (going west) and go 1.25 miles and the

park is on your right (north side). Coming from the north, exit 84th St. exit, #74, turning right (going west) and go 1.25 miles and the park is on your right (north side).

If you are coming from the east, either take I-94 to northbound US-131, or if you are coming using I-96, cut over to westbound M-6, exit #46 and continue to US-131 southbound, exit #8 on M-6. Then follow the instructions for coming from the north. If you are coming from the east, say I-96 eastbound, swing over to southbound US-131, and follow those instructions. If coming from Holland, you jump on M-6, and then to southbound US-131, or simply follow 84th St. (Byron Rd in Ottawa county) and go east to the park. Make sure to honk your horn at K8IHY when you go by his house. :-)

If you have any other questions, please contact me.

This event is a first for all of us. There will be concerns and issues, but we should be flexible. The emphasis is to show other amateur radio operators the facet of the hobby you enjoy. Have fun and talk up a storm.

Tom Bosscher K8TB

2672. Ohio QSO Party today (Saturday, 23 August) Noon to mIdnight!

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-08-23 14:09:48 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2672 Message: 2672

Yup, and I'll be running as W1AW/8 from DELAware County, Ohio, on 20, 40, and 80 meter CW at various times. There are four other ops who are covering SSB and CW at other times and bands. And, there's even some RTTY operation, though OHQP doesn't have a RTTY category.

The full schedule of W1AW/8 is at
http://www.madriverradioclub.org/w1aw/index.php

If you need W1AW/8 OHio, this is the weekend to do this.

Note that the spreadsheets are listed first in UTC, but local time is right under. So, if you want to find the entire schedule for the OHQP, you'll need to choose August 23 and then August 24.

When I'm not scheduled for operating as W1AW/8 I'll be operating QRP as N8Q/DELAware, mainly CW but some SSB.

Hope to work many of my Michigan Friends!

72/73 de n8xx Hg
QRP >99.44% of the time

2673. W1AW/8 is going to Hell

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-08-28 16:57:24 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2673 Message: 2673

Talking about weird things about ham radio, look at this on the ARRL web site:

Not exactly a contest, but the ARRL Centennial Celebration has a few "contest" aspects to it;

See
http://www.arrl.org/news/w1aw-8-to-take-the-snowball-s-chance-this-fall
if that gets truncated in transcription try this itty bitty url
http://goo.gl/SJ1rtm

Thanks to Rick Lindquist, WW1ME, for polishing my prose.

72/73 de n8xx Hg
QRP >99.44% of the time
Except when running or running as W1AW/Portable

p.s. Note that I'm looking for a few more *suckers... errr....*
volunteers to join the effort.

2674. Spark in the Park Photos

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-08-31 18:10:24 UTC
From: Jack Kunnen
Topic: 2674 Message: 2674

I uploaded shots Spark to my FLickr Gallery

https://www.flickr.com/photos/slingshotjack/sets/72157647068549732/

Jack
AB8ND

2675. RE: [GRARA] Spark in the Park Photos

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-08-31 21:06:13 UTC
From: Richard MI Ranta
Topic: 2674 Message: 2675

And a wonderful job you did, too!

Rich k8jx and scooter

From: GRARA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:GRARA@yahoogroups.com]
Sent: Sunday, August 31, 2014 2:10 PM
To: GRARA Yahoo
Subject: [GRARA] Spark in the Park Photos

I uploaded shots Spark to my FLickr Gallery

https://www.flickr.com/photos/slingshotjack/sets/72157647068549732/

Jack
AB8ND

2676. New vendor coming to our swap

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-09-04 02:31:41 UTC
From: streyle.j@...
Topic: 2676 Message: 2676

FYI:

I received a phone call this evening from a new vendor we've not had at our swap within recent memory: "Dit and Dash Radio Antennas and Accessories". While this is a good thing in general, the thing that caught my ear was this: they are 'reps' for Cable X-perts. While they will apparently not be bringing large amounts of cable - they can bring cable(s) etc. that are pre-ordered sufficiently in advance (not sure what the time limit is).

For 'Dit and Dash. . . ." the phone number of 815-462-0080. They do not have a business website.

(Cable x-perts website is: http://www.cablexperts.com

W8QZ

2677. September GRARA meeting Friday 5th, GRAHamfest Saturday 13th

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-09-04 15:27:01 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 2677 Message: 2677

Reminder the September meeting of the Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association is tomorrow (Friday, Sept 5), 6:30 PM social, 7PM meeting, at the American Red Cross Building on Fuller Ave between the I-196 expressway and Leonard St. All welcome.

GRAHamfest (Grand Rapids Area Hamfest), Saturday, September 13, 8AM until about Noon, at the Home School Building, NW corner of Burlingame and Gezon Parkway.
Http://www.w8dc.org

2678. Fwd: ARLB016 New Amateur Radio Vanity Call Sign Fee Set at $21.40

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-09-04 18:09:30 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2678 Message: 2678

Perhaps there are people contemplating a vanity call in this bunch?

-------- Forwarded Message --------
Subject: ARLB016 New Amateur Radio Vanity Call Sign Fee Set at $21.40
Date: Thu, 4 Sep 2014 09:55:20 -0400 (EDT)
From: ARRL Web site <memberlist@...>
To:

SB QST @ ARL $ARLB016
ARLB016 New Amateur Radio Vanity Call Sign Fee Set at $21.40

ZCZC AG16
QST de W1AW
ARRL Bulletin 16 ARLB016
>From ARRL Headquarters
Newington CT September 4, 2014
To all radio amateurs

SB QST ARL ARLB016
ARLB016 New Amateur Radio Vanity Call Sign Fee Set at $21.40

The FCC has adjusted very slightly downward - to $21.40 - its proposed Amateur Service vanity call sign regulatory fee for Fiscal Year 2014. In a June Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM), the Commission said it was planning to hike the current $16.10 vanity fee to $21.60 for the 10-year license term. The FCC released a Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (R&O) in the proceeding on August 29, in which it recalculated the fee to $21.40 for the 10-year license term. The $5.30 increase still represents the largest vanity fee hike in many years.

The new $21.40 fee does not go into effect until 30 days after the R&O is published in The Federal Register.

In the R&O, the FCC said it considered eliminating the regulatory fee for Amateur Radio vanity call sign applications but decided not to do so "at this time," because it lacks "adequate support to determine whether the cost of recovery and burden on small entities outweighs the collected revenue; or whether eliminating the fee would adversely affect the licensing process." The Commission said it would reevaluate this issue in the future to determine if it should eliminate other fee categories.

The FCC's Wireless Telecommunications Bureau sets the vanity call sign regulatory fee using projections of new applications and renewals, taking into consideration existing Commission licensee databases, such as the Universal Licensing System (ULS) database.

The FCC reported there were 11,500 "payment units" in FY 2014. The Commission said the vanity program generated an estimated $230,230 in FY 2013 revenue, and it estimated that it would collect nearly $246,100 in FY 2014.

The vanity call sign regulatory fee is payable when applying for a new vanity call sign or when renewing a vanity call sign, although some older vanity call signs are not subject to the regulatory fee.
NNNN
/EX

2679. Re: [GRARA] Fwd: ARLB016 New Amateur Radio Vanity Call Sign Fee Set at $21.40

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-09-04 18:25:22 UTC
From: Douglas Luurs
Topic: 2678 Message: 2679

Interesting .. My understand was it was a one-time fee for a Vanity call.
(In my case N8ZUU -> W8ZUU) .. So I should plan on $ when I renew
my license?

What happens if you don't renew it I wonder - Not that $20 bucks is a killer
They restore you to your original call ?

From: "Hank Greeb n8xx@... [GRARA]" <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
To: grara@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Thursday, September 4, 2014 2:09 PM
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The vanity call sign regulatory fee is payable when applying for a new vanity call sign or when renewing a vanity call sign, although some older vanity call signs are not subject to the regulatory fee.
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/EX

Yahoo Groups Links

https://info.yahoo.com/legal/us/yahoo/utos/terms/

2680. Re: ARLB016 New Amateur Radio Vanity Call Sign Fee Set at $21.40

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-09-04 20:28:34 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 2678 Message: 2680

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----- Message from GRARA@yahoogroups.com ---------
Date: Thu, 4 Sep 2014 11:25:22 -0700
From: "Douglas Luurs n8zuu@...
> Interesting .. My understand was it was a one-time fee for a Vanity call.
> (In my case N8ZUU -> W8ZUU) .. So I should plan on $ when I renew
> my license?
>
>
> What happens if you don't renew it I wonder - Not that $20 bucks is a killer
> They restore you to your original call ?
>

If you renew your vanity license without paying the fee, the FCC will
issue a new call from the sequential callsign list. The only way to get
your old callsign, if you wanted it, is apply for, yes you guessed it,
a vanity call. Assuming it's still available.

IMO, it would have made much more sense if it were a one time fee. The
way the original bill was written, as passed by congress, allowing the
FCC to recover expenses related to operating a vanity call system, it
had to be an ongoing fee. I have a feeling there are those at the FCC
that would have just as well had it a one time fee. The way the law was
written otherwise.

73 Jack NY8D

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> _______________________________
> From: "Hank Greeb n8xx@... [GRARA]" Perhaps there are people
> contemplating a vanity call in this bunch?
>
> -------- Forwarded Message --------
> Subject: ARLB016 New Amateur Radio Vanity Call Sign Fee Set at $21.40
> Date: Thu, 4 Sep 2014 09:55:20 -0400 (EDT)
> From: ARRL Web site <memberlist@...>
> To:
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>
>
> SB QST @ ARL $ARLB016
> ARLB016 New Amateur Radio Vanity Call Sign Fee Set at $21.40
>
> ZCZC AG16
> QST de W1AW
> ARRL Bulletin 16 ARLB016
>> From ARRL Headquarters
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> Newington CT September 4, 2014
> To all radio amateurs
>
> SB QST ARL ARLB016
> ARLB016 New Amateur Radio Vanity Call Sign Fee Set at $21.40
>
> The FCC has adjusted very slightly downward - to $21.40 - its
> proposed Amateur Service vanity call sign regulatory fee for Fiscal
> Year 2014. In a June Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM), the
> Commission said it was planning to hike the current $16.10 vanity
> fee to $21.60 for the 10-year license term. The FCC released a
> Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (R&O) in
> the proceeding on August 29, in which it recalculated the fee to
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> new vanity call sign or when renewing a vanity call sign, although
> some older vanity call signs are not subject to the regulatory fee.
> NNNN
> /EX
>

2681. Fwd: [MiQP-Mail] 2014 MiQP Plaques Available at the Findlay Hamfest

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-09-05 13:51:14 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2681 Message: 2681

Anyone going to the Findlay Hamfest? I have a MIQP plaque there, and it would save MRRC postage if someone could pick it up for me.

Please advise and I'll let Dave know so he'll release it to you.

72/73 de n8xx Hg
QRP >99.44% of the time

-------- Forwarded Message --------
Subject: [MiQP-Mail] 2014 MiQP Plaques Available at the Findlay Hamfest
Date: Fri, 05 Sep 2014 01:39:59 -0400
From: David Pruett <k8cc@...>
To: miqp-mail@...

MiQPers:

The plaques from the 2014 Michigan QSO Party have been received from the manufacturer, and I will have these with me at the Findlay Hamfest this coming Sunday. Any of the winners should will be at Findlay can receive their plaque in person, for instant gratification and helping the MiQP committee avoid shipping costs. If you can pick up your plaque, give me a call during the hamfest between 9:00 AM and 1:00 PM at the cell number shown below and will coordinate a hand-off.

All plaques that are not picked up at Findlay will be delivered to the MiQP Awards Manager, Mike Van Buren, WD8S the week after the Hamfest. Mike will ship the remaining plaques to the respective winners shortly afterwards, so everyone should have their plaques around mid-to-late September.

WD8S is a professional printer, and is starting on printing the 2014 MiQP certificates now. The should be in the hands of the winners in the same time frame (e.g. by late September).

73, Dave/K8CC
cell: 734-276-K8CC (i.e. 5822)

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MiQP-Mail mailing list
MiQP-Mail@...
http://mail.miqp.org/mailman/listinfo/miqp-mail_miqp.org

2682. Equipment list that will be GRARA's Hamfest 9-13-14

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-09-08 01:51:24 UTC
From: <stprovost@...>
Topic: 2682 Message: 2682

Hello, the following equipment that is not listed with "Sold" will be available for sale at the annual
Ham Radio Swap "GRAHamfest" on 9-13-14. Go to www.w8dc.org (http://www.w8dc.org) for more "Grahamfest" details.

Note: I will be adding more equipment to this list over the week until 9-13-14.
Any questions or offers, please email to stprovost@...

Thanks
Stephen AC8QE

KD8QQ estate ham equipment

Description

Condition

Sold

Notes

Hygain TH11DX beam

needs repair

to be removed 9-13-14

T2X Tailtwister rotator and control

to be removed 9-13-14

Approx. 45 feet of Rohn 45 tower

good

to be removed 9-13-14

MFJ-259 HF/VHF Antenna analyzer

Sold

Kenwood PS-40 power supply (20A)

Kenwood SP-950 speaker

Zenith Z-noteflex laptop

w/ power supply

Kenwood TS-870S

Radio Shack HTX-212 2m FM

Mobile Unit

Radio Shack Pro-2020 scanner

no power supply or manual

(2) 6-position antenna switches

to be removed 9-13-14

Tempo FM handheld S-1

no power supply or manual

Cushcraft R3 controller and base

most of antenna missing

to be removed 9-13-14

Rigblaster

MFJ-262 1kW dummy load

to be removed 9-13-14

Coax cables - used

to be removed 9-13-14

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Equipment Mfr

Name

Model

Sold

CDE

Rotor Controll and Rotor

Ham-II/CD44

Alpha Power

HF Linear Amp (Manual)

Alpha 99

Sold

Icom

144Mhz FM 45 Watt Mobile

IC-27H

Icom

144Mhz FM? HT

IC-02AT

Icom

BC-30 Batt Charger

BC-30

Kenwood

HF Transceiver

TS-570D

Yaesu

HF/50 Mhz Auto Antenna Tuner

FC-20

Yaesu

HF/VHF/UHF Transceiver

FT-100

MFJ Enterprises

Versa Tuner II

MFJ-941E

Icom

144 Mhz FM Transceiver

IC-2100H

Sold

Icom

144 Mhz FM Transceiver

IC-2000H

Icom

Dual band HT-the 2/222 version of the W21AT.

IC-V21AT

MFJ Enterprises

TNC/MIC Switch for KAM VHF/KPC3

MFJ-1272MYV

Yaesu

HT Unit

VX5R

Sold

Icom

144 Mhz FM Transceiver

IC-2100H

Sold

Misc

Digital speaker with dsp

Sold

Swan Electronics

HF SWR Power Meter

HF SWR-1

Sold

Advanced Electronics Applications

The Morse Machine

MM-3

Advanced Electronics Applications

PakRatt 232

PK232MBX

Bux Comm Co

Rascal R-KW13RY

R-KW13RY

Heil Sound

Headset with HC-5 Mic

Heil Sound

Foot Switch with 1/4 inch plug

Icom

Cloning Software for IC-2100

Maha

MH-C777 Desktop Rapid Charger

MH-C777

Maha

MH-C204F Rapid Charger

Speaker

4 inch with brackets and 3.5mm plug

Astron

SS-12 Power Supply

SS-12

Nye Viking

Phone Patch Unit

250-0046-001/3

Cushcraft

R7 Half Wave Antenna with Mast

R7

Icom

CP-13 Cig Lighter Power Supply

Kenwood

Round 8 pin Dynamic Microphone

Daiwa

CN-103L 140Mhz to 525Mhz Cross Needle SWR and Powermeter

CN-103L

2683. Pettis Mowing

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-09-08 11:13:30 UTC
From: RMoe@...
Topic: 2683 Message: 2683

QST-QST-QST,
On 09/09/2014 at 3:00 PM, I will be at the Pettis repeater site to mow the grass. If anyone would like to help out, please join us. If you need directions email me at _rmoe@..._ (mailto:rmoe@...)
73, Bob AC8ZX

2684. RE: [GRARA] Pettis Mowing

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-09-08 12:28:30 UTC
From: Dave Ed
Topic: 2683 Message: 2684

Bob,
I will be leaving for Pentwater tomorrow 9/9 for 3 days.

Sorry I can not help.
See you Saturday,
Dave
AC8AB

To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
From: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Date: Mon, 8 Sep 2014 07:13:30 -0400
Subject: [GRARA] Pettis Mowing

QST-QST-QST,

On
09/09/2014 at 3:00 PM, I will be at the Pettis repeater site to mow the grass.
If anyone would like to help out, please join us. If you need directions email
me at rmoe@...
73,
Bob AC8ZX

2685. Re: [GRARA] Pettis Mowing

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-09-08 13:25:50 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 2683 Message: 2685

From: "RMoe@... [GRARA]" <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
> QST-QST-QST,
> On 09/09/2014 at 3:00 PM, I will be at the Pettis repeater site to mow the
> grass. If anyone would like to help out, please join us. If you need
> directions email me at _rmoe@..._ (mailto:rmoe@...)
> 73, Bob AC8ZX
>

The WLAV-FM tower and 147.26+ GRARA repeater site, on Pettis between 4 Mile Rd and 5 Mile Rd.
Look for 3966 Pettis Ave NE, a green "911" sign on the East side.
Head down the driveway. Keep going strait for about 1/2 mile, passing a house and barn. There is a fairly steep hill along the way. The drive makes a right turn, then a right turn again. You're there.

2686. Fwd: GRAHamfest (Grand Rapids Area Hamfest) Saturday September 13

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-09-09 02:17:04 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 2686 Message: 2686
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See you at our Annual Ham Radio Swap - GRAHamfest 2014!

Saturday, September 13th, 2014 Doors Open at 8:00 AM

Seller setup is Friday 6-11PM and Saturday at 7AM. VE exams at 10AM

Free Trunk Sales with Entry Ticket ($6)

Inside 6 foot tables $5ea.

Location: The Home School Building, 5625 Burlingame Avenue SW, Wyoming, MI 49509

+++QSL Card Checking +++ An ARRL Sanctioned Hamfest +++

ESTATE SALES, we know of at least three that will be displayed at the swap

Among the dealers and folks like you!

Talk-In: 147.26 +600 (PL 94.8)

General questions: KC8NKA 616-531-6218

Table reservations: W8QZ 616-791-9411 (evenings) or streyle.j(at) comcast.net

See our GRAHamfest Flyer 2014 <http://www.w8dc.org/attachments/2014GRAHamFestFlyer.pdf>

2687. RE: Latest Issue of "The Open-Feed-Line'

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-09-09 15:50:14 UTC
From: Richard MI Ranta
Topic: 2687 Message: 2687

Good Tuesday afternoon.

The latest issue of MARA’s Newsletter, “The open feed line” is now available at the Mara web site.

http://www.w8usa.org

we’ve included the GRARA Hamswap flyer for your convenience.

Thanks and have a great week and weekend.

Rich K8JX and the cat

Rich k8jx and the cat scooter

“To teach is to learn twice.” -- Joseph Joubert

2688. LARC ANNUAL meeting this SUNDAY, September 14

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-09-10 19:05:57 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 2688 Message: 2688

To avoid conflict with GRAHamfest 2014 http://www.w8dc.org on
Saturday, Sept 13

The September meeting of the Lowell Amateur Radio Club will be SUNDAY,
September 14.
This is our "ANNUAL MEETING", with election of officers for October 1,
2014 thru September 30, 2015.
LARC is sponsoring a potluck picnic. Festivities begin at 1PM at the
Flat River Outreach Building in the court yard. LARC is providing the
meat and beverages (no alcohol). Bring something to pass. If you don't
have anything, no problem -Really- there will be plenty to go around.
As with all meetings, you do not have to be an LARC member to attend,
in other words, come on out.

In case of rain, we have the main board room available.

73 Jack NY8D

http://www.w8lrc.org

2689. September VHF Contest Saturday and Sunday

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-09-11 21:02:30 UTC
From: kf8ql@...
Topic: 2689 Message: 2689

A reminder that the ARRL Sept VHF contest starts at 2:00PM local on Saturday, and runs until 11:00PM on Sunday night. Several of our members will be on the air for this event. So please get those radios turned on.

This contests is for all bands 6 meters and up, and all modes, including FM! 146.55 is the most common 2M FM frequency, and 144.200 is the SSB calling frequency. The 6M calling frequency is 50.125 on SSB.

The exchange is your grid square (probably either EN72 or EN73).

73 and Good Luck in the contest!

de KF8QL/R Listening 144.230 SSB

2690. GRAHamfest - trunk sales help needed

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-09-12 02:15:10 UTC
From: streyle.j@...
Topic: 2690 Message: 2690

I need someone willing to oversee the trunk sale area - this should be primarily Saturday morning.
Who can help with this?

Thanks in advance!
W8QZ

2691. Spark in the Park Pictures

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-09-16 00:27:09 UTC
From: Tom
Topic: 2691 Message: 2691

I put up a few pictures of the August 30th inaugural event for Spark in the Park:

http://www.k8tb.org/sitpp/sitpp.htm

We are planning on a site and a date for next year.

Tom K8TB

2692. Last Man Standing details on how to participate in this cool event!

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-09-21 00:00:43 UTC
From: stprovost@...
Topic: 2692 Message: 2692

“Last Man Standing” Special Event Set for September 28 TAGS: amateur radio http://www.arrl.org/news/search/Tag.name:amateur%20radio, Amateur Radio component http://www.arrl.org/news/search/Tag.name:Amateur%20Radio%20component, d-star reflector http://www.arrl.org/news/search/Tag.name:d-star%20reflector, Emergency Amateur Radio http://www.arrl.org/news/search/Tag.name:Emergency%20Amateur%20Radio, Employees Amateur Radio http://www.arrl.org/news/search/Tag.name:Employees%20Amateur%20Radio, Mike Baxter http://www.arrl.org/news/search/Tag.name:Mike%20Baxter, Rob Antonacci http://www.arrl.org/news/search/Tag.name:Rob%20Antonacci, special event http://www.arrl.org/news/search/Tag.name:special%20event, special event station http://www.arrl.org/news/search/Tag.name:special%20event%20station, SSB stations http://www.arrl.org/news/search/Tag.name:SSB%20stations, Tom Medlin http://www.arrl.org/news/search/Tag.name:Tom%20Medlin

09/16/2014 A Hollywood-style Amateur Radio special event is set for later this month from the so-called “Seinfeld Stage” on the CBS Studio Center lot in Studio City, California. The K6H “Hollywood Hamnado” special event station will be on HF and D-STAR, September 28, from 1400 until 2200 UTC. Hosts for the event will be Amateur Radio crew members of the ABC television series “Last Man Standing.” On the show, actor Tim Allen plays Mike Baxter, KA0XTT. The show’s producer is John Amodeo, NN6JA

The Southern California-based PAPA Repeater System, in association with the Broadcast Employees Amateur Radio Society (BEARS) and Disney Emergency Amateur Radio Service (DEARS) are sponsoring the special event.
Operation will take place on 10, 20, and 40 meters on HF and D-STAR reflector 12A. Rob Antonacci, AA6RA, said K6H is planning to run three SSB stations, operating on or around 28.420, 14.250, and 7.260 MHz. The PAPA http://www.papasys.com/ website, the W5KUB http://w5kub.com/ chat room, and the Mike Baxter KA0XTT Facebook https://www.facebook.com/KA0XTT page will provide up-to-the-minute updates.
K6H also will use the Disney Amateur Radio Interconnect to link the WB6AJE repeater in Los Angeles to Disney/ABC-sponsored repeaters in Manhattan-Bristol, Connecticut; Washington, DC, and Orlando, Florida. Various IRLP and EchoLink nodes will be available. Those contacting K6H will receive a limited-edition QSL card.
Tom Medlin, W5KUB http://w5kub.com/, will be on Stage 9 to interview the participants and report on the special event activity. The PAPA http://www.papasys.com/ website will stream video directly from the operating stations. So far, 26 members of the “Last Man Standing” crew have been inspired by the show’s Amateur Radio component to get licensed. — Thanks to Rob Antonacci mailto:sideshowbob0374@yahoo.com, AA6RA

2693. General Class starts this Wednesday...

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-09-21 18:58:40 UTC
From: Tom
Topic: 2693 Message: 2693

A reminder that this coming Wednesday night, there will be a general class that will be held for eight weeks. The location will be the Red Cross on Fuller ave in Grand Rapids.

More details at:

"*http://tinyurl.com/2014genclass"

Tom K8TB

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2694. Fwd: Legislative Call to Action

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-09-22 17:31:33 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2694 Message: 2694

-------- Forwarded Message --------
Subject: Legislative Call to Action
Date: Mon, 22 Sep 2014 09:58:20 -0400 (EDT)
From: ARRL Members Only Web site <memberlist@...>
To: hgreeb@...

To the hams of Michigan:

Subject: Michigan PRB -1 Call to Action – Michigan Senate

On September 16, 2014, members of the Michigan PRB -1 Committee attended a Senate Hearing in Lansing regarding Senate Bill 0493. We are extremely pleased to report that SB 0493 Substitute S-2 to codify the language of 47 CFR Part 97.15 into state law was unanimously passed out of the Energy and Technology Committee. You can see SB 0493 S-2 on our PRB-1 website located here:http://www.miarrlprb1.org/

It is time for us to begin our letter writing campaign targeting our Michigan Senators in a effort to encourage them to look closely at SB 0493 and to vote in favor of the bill when it comes up for a vote on the Senate floor. A very important part of communication with our elected officials is that we need to keep our focus on the positive side. This is not the place to discuss his or her voting record or what other legislation they have supported or not supported. It is vital that we stay on topic and deal with only the subject at hand.

The appropriate documentation has been prepared on our Michigan PRB-1 website located athttp://www.miarrlprb1.org/ and you can read more and find sample letters there.

It is very important that we concentrate ONLY on the Senate right now. When and if the Senate passes the bill, then we will change the emphasis to the members of the House. The letters are identical except for the appropriate changes to reflect where the letters are going.

All you need to do is to copy the prepared letter from our website, add your Senator’s information and your information to the letter and email it to your Senator asking for his or her support. You can find out who your Senator is and how to reach him or her here: http://www.senate.michigan.gov/findyoursenator/michiganfys.asp

The website noted above will give you a direct email address for your Senator. When your letter is customized with your Senator’s information and your information, you can send your letter direction to your Senator. The lack of a physical signature is not important here. By the very nature of the method of contacting them, an actual signature is difficult to accomplish.

Please send me a copy of your letter (wb8r@...) as this will help our committee to gauge our effectiveness.

If things work the way we would like them to, our efforts will turn to the Michigan House once our bill passes the Senate. And when and if our bill passes the House, then we will turn our attention to the Governor’s office to urge him to sign our bill into law.

This is the very best opportunity we have to make a difference for the hams of Michigan. Talk it up, and step forward to make sure that your friends (ham and non-ham) have the information and that they are encouraged to act. We need to add our voices to this bill to help ensure that our representatives act on our behalf.

Thank you in advance and 73!

Larry, WB8R

Michigan ARRL Section Manager

ARRL Michigan Section
Section Manager: Larry Camp, WB8R
wb8r@...

2695. 2014 SET

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-09-22 19:07:04 UTC
From: kd8lzu@...
Topic: 2695 Message: 2695

Hi everyone:

Quick question: Will W8DC be participating in the 2014 SET exercise coming up on October 4 this year?

Thanks in advance.

Mitch Johnson
KD8LZU

2696. Re: [GRARA] 2014 SET

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-09-23 03:17:14 UTC
From: wd8usa@...
Topic: 2695 Message: 2696

As far as I know we will not be nor will the 6th District play either- No official role for Kent co either that I know of-

They do need net controls on the HF bands if interested- JB

-----Original Message-----
From: kd8lzu@... [GRARA] <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
To: GRARA <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Mon, Sep 22, 2014 3:07 pm
Subject: [GRARA] 2014 SET

Hi everyone:

Quick question: Will W8DC be participating in the 2014 SET exercise coming up on October 4 this year?

Thanks in advance.

Mitch Johnson
KD8LZU

2697. Fwd: SET 2014 Situation Manual

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-09-23 11:27:51 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2697 Message: 2697

For those interested, a link to the documentation for the 2014 Simulated Emergency Test, including District 6, which includes Kent County, is listed below.

72/73 de n8xx Hg
QRP >99.44% of the time

-------- Forwarded Message --------
Subject: [SET 2014 Situation Manual
Date: Fri, 05 Sep 2014 21:25:04 -0400
From: 'John J. McDonough' <wb8rcr@...>

To: All ECs, DECs and Net Managers
Forward as appropriate

The Situation Manual for SET2014 is now available in the ARPSC library.
A direct link to the PDF is
http://tinyurl.com/n33h5j4

All exercise documents are available at
http://ares-mi.org/txtblk.php?topic=15850

73 de WB8RCR

Posted by: "John J. McDonough" <wb8rcr@...>

2698. ATTN: Michigan Section Clubs: Michigan Legislative Call to Action

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-09-25 09:33:11 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2698 Message: 2698
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

In case anyone missed the original message from Larry Camp, WB8R

So, without further comment, here is the message.

-------- Forwarded Message --------
Subject: ATTN: Michigan Section Clubs: Michigan Legislative Call to Action
Date: Wed, 24 Sep 2014 20:39:36 -0400
From: Chip Locke <WB8ALW@...>
To: undisclosed-recipients:;

*Greetings to our Michigan Section Clubs!,

Our Michigan Section Manager, Larry Camp,**has prepared and sent out an email communication concerning Senate Bill 0493 that will begin arriving in the inboxes of about 2700 hams in Michigan shortly. This letter is a call to action for the Hams of Michigan to begin a letter writing campaign focusing on their Senators in an effort to encourage support of SB 0493 when it comes up for a vote on the Senate floor.*

*The letter is attached here and we would appreciate your efforts to get this in as many hands as possible.
*

Time is of the essence. Please encourage your club spokespersons to not wait for the next club meeting (unless it is in the next few days), but to communicate to their members however they can to get the word out. Also, please remind them to email a copy of each letter sent to Larry Camp at wb8r@... <mailto:wb8r@...> so we can gauge our reach and effectiveness of our message.

Thank you for your help!

/(IF YOU ARE RECEIVING THIS, YOU ARE LISTED AS A CONTACT FOR YOUR CLUB WITH THE ARRL. IF YOU ARE NO LONGER THE CONTACT PERSON, PLEASE FORWARD THIS TO THE CORRECT INDIVIDUAL AND ASK THEM TO CHANGE THE CONTACT INFORMATION THROUGH THE ARRL WEBSITE (ARRL.Org). THANK YOU!!)/

73,

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Chip

Hollis B. Locke II, WB8ALW
Michigan ARRL Section
Affiliated Club Coordinator
ARRL, the national association for Amateur Radio?
(H) 269.216.9999

(C) 269.998.8122
WB8ALW@...

2699. KD8QXC tower base

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-09-26 02:20:04 UTC
From: streyle.j@...
Topic: 2699 Message: 2699

Are we still planning on pouring Frank's tower base this Saturday? I can pull the u-rent-it cart(s)
, using my sons's truck. W8QZ

2700. Icom 2100 radio

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-09-26 18:44:18 UTC
From: edwallace38@...
Topic: 2700 Message: 2700

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Thanks,
Dave Ed
AC8AB

2701. Re: [GRARA] Icom 2100 radio

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-09-27 02:10:44 UTC
From: streyle.j@...
Topic: 2700 Message: 2701

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2702. Re: [GRARA] Icom 2100 radio

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-09-27 02:17:43 UTC
From: streyle.j@...
Topic: 2700 Message: 2702

This sounds like a possible cause (and remedy):

http://forums.radioreference.com/amateur-radio-equipment/266191-squeal-during-tx-ic-2100-a.html

----- Original Message -----

From: "GRARA" <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
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Sent: Friday, September 26, 2014 10:10:44 PM
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2703. RE: [GRARA] Icom 2100 radio

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-09-27 03:13:45 UTC
From: Dave Ed
Topic: 2700 Message: 2703

Thanks for the info,
Dave
AC8AB

To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
From: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Date: Sat, 27 Sep 2014 02:17:43 +0000
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2704. Re: [GRARA] Icom 2100 radio

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-09-27 07:35:03 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2700 Message: 2704

Though you probably have tried this..... Try running the rig into a dummy load, and listening to it on another receiver. Or, if you don't have another receiver handy, try the lowest power level and see if it still has the problem. It could be some RF feedback.

This is a good check prior to digging into the guts of a rig.

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2705. Re: [GRARA] Icom 2100 radio

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-09-27 13:31:17 UTC
From: Jerry L. Elya
Topic: 2700 Message: 2705

I've seen this several times with GE commercial radios.

First, do what Hank said-- make sure the problem is actually inside the radio.

There are a handful of 4.7uF (or smaller) Tantalum capacitors (usually bright blue) scattered about. These pass RF and audio and block varying DC bias voltages from invading adjacent stages. They go intermittent. Tap them sharply with the plastic end of a small screwdriver and, using Hank's suggested setup, listen for changes in howling. It won't be a 'judgement call', it'll be obvious.

Jerry AC8QC

2706. Re: [GRARA] Icom 2100 radio

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-09-27 14:08:41 UTC
From: Mike Wolthuis
Topic: 2700 Message: 2706

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Mike

Sent from my iPhone

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2707. Hamfest attendance, thank you draft

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-09-27 20:56:52 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 2707 Message: 2707

For anyone interested, from ticket stub data, attendance at GRAHamfest 2Ø14 was 265. Keep in mind, not everyone fills out the stub, and some purchase extra.

As one would expect, most are from Kent County, second place Ottawa County, then Allegan, then the rest of Michigan. 2 from Indiana, 1 Pennsylvania, and 1 Arizona.

For those attendees we have an email address for, a thank you message will be emailed out.

Here is the message if anyone has anything to add, subtract, or change, let me know ASAP. jamelar@localnet.com

73 Jack NY8D

Subject: Thank you for attending GRAHamfest 2Ø14

Thank you for attending GRAHamfest 2Ø14 (Grand Rapids Area Hamfest), Saturday, September 13.
Your participation is most appreciated.
Hope you found some treasures, renewed some friendships, and made new ones.
If you were selling, now someone else is enjoying some of your former treasures.

The next Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association (GRARA) monthly meeting is Friday, October 3. Social begins at 6:30 PM, meeting at 7.
On the agenda, the hamfest will be discussed, what went right, what went wrong, how successful, etc. If you have any input to share, you're encouraged to email John W8QZ streyle.j@... or you're most welcome to attend this, as well as any GRARA meeting, in person.
Meetings are the first Friday of the month at The American Red Cross building, 1050 Fuller Ave NE, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503, between the I-196 expressway and Leonard St. Complete directions and map at http://www.w8dc.org/main/page_red_cross_dir.html

TNX 73

2708. Re: [GRARA] Hamfest attendance, thank you draft

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-09-28 02:16:52 UTC
From: streyle.j@...
Topic: 2707 Message: 2708

Jack - your e-mail sounds good to me.
Providentially, though, I will not be able to attend that meeting, as I as scheduled for surgery on that day.
John W8QZ

----- Original Message -----

From: "GRARA" <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
To: "GRARA" <grara@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2014 4:56:52 PM
Subject: [GRARA] Hamfest attendance, thank you draft

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2709. Re: Icom 2100 radio

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-09-28 14:04:55 UTC
From: <stprovost@...>
Topic: 2709 Message: 2709

Hello, I have been working with Dave and we did the usual swap locations, microphone cables, and power supplies. He has another Icom 2100 that made this process easier. I am going to pick up the icom 2100 today from his house and perform the suggestions that have been offered. Thank you for helping Dave on this issue.
It shows how we can help a fellow Ham :)
stephen

2710. RE: [GRARA] Icom 2100 radio

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-09-28 14:22:50 UTC
From: tomkd8deg
Topic: 2700 Message: 2710

Are you running this as a mobile? If mobile it might be alternator noise. You do not always hear it when you are in the receive state, it shows up when you tx.

Tom KD8DEG

From: GRARA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:GRARA@yahoogroups.com]
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2014 10:09 AM
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: Re: [GRARA] Icom 2100 radio

Tried a different power supply/source?

Mike

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Dave Ed

AC8AB

2711. Re: [GRARA] Icom 2100 radio

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-09-28 17:16:04 UTC
From: Dave Ed
Topic: 2700 Message: 2711

Tom
never hear it in the receive state, Did the same thing on base as it did in two different mobile
operations. Also used two different antennas and two different mics and all the same thing..
It is always on TX,
Thanks,
Dave
AC8AB

On Sunday, September 28, 2014 10:22 AM, "'tomkd8deg' kd8deg@centurytel.net [GRARA]" <GRARA@yahoogroups.com> wrote:

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2712. RE: [GRARA] Icom 2100 radio

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-09-28 22:29:35 UTC
From: tomkd8deg
Topic: 2700 Message: 2712

Dave,

Have you check the antenna connector on the back of the radio to see if you might have lost the shield going to the connector on the inside of the radio. You could be getting RF feedback into the mic. After all you have checked it sure sounds like an internal issue in the radio.

Tom KD8DEG

From: GRARA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:GRARA@yahoogroups.com]
Sent: Sunday, September 28, 2014 1:16 PM
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
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2713. Re: [GRARA] Icom 2100 radio

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-09-29 23:24:25 UTC
From: Jerry L. Elya
Topic: 2700 Message: 2713

I've seen THAT one in the real world several times too.

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2714. GRARA October meeting Friday, October 3

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-10-01 17:13:57 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 2714 Message: 2714

Reminder, the October meeting of the Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association (GRARA) is this Friday, October 3, at the American Red Cross Building.
http://www.w8dc.org/main/page_red_cross_dir.html
Social at 6:30 PM, meeting at 7.

Jack NY8D

2715. Anyone need W1AW/KHØ

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-10-08 11:07:53 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2715 Message: 2715

Or W1AW/KH8?

Yup, W1AW/KHØ from the Marianas Islands has been heard on 18 MHz around
0400Z, even here in Michigan with a very poor antenna for DXing.
Propagation was mainly down - I'd hear W1AW/KHØ faintly on 18 MHz SSB
when QSB was "UP" but they'd fade into nothingness within seconds. I
never even tried working them. Right now they're on 24 MHz CW, but
propagation to North America isn't favorable. "Probably" the best
chance will be on 21, 24, or 28 MHz when it's daylight both in Michigan
and in the Pacific.

Some 10 operators will be heading from Ohio, Indiana, and surrounding
areas toward the American Samoas to activate W1AW/KH8 in early
November. I think I know some of these ops - not sure.

Anyway for those interested see
http://www.arrl.org/news/w1aw-centennial-operations-head-to-the-pacific-in-october-and-nov
ember
or, if the above gets truncated in transmission, try
http://goo.gl/WtTdjM

And, finally, remember the Hell-expedition, to W1AW/8 MI using Feld Hell
(Hellschreiber) - which is being done by N8XX and a cadre of suckers....
errr, volunteers who are going to Hell Michigan for a Helluva jolly good
time. For more info on this expedition, see:
http://www.arrl.org/news/w1aw-8-to-take-the-snowball-s-chance-this-fall
or, if that gets truncated, try
http://goo.gl/SJ1rtm

(Now THAT is a real segue from one "real" dxpedition to another "not
real" but "lots of fun and quite local" expedition.)

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QRP >99.44% of the time
But NOT while operating Feld Hell from Hell, Michigan

2716. US Islands contest from Murray Lake Island this weekend

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-10-13 21:33:59 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 2716 Message: 2716

The Lowell Amateur Radio Club (LARC), W8LRC, will be participating in the amateur radio US Islands contest, operating from Murray Lake Island at the DNR launches. DNR permits have been acquired. Organized by U.S. Islands Awards Program.
This is an open invitation anyone interested in visiting and/or operating our operation. Feel welcome to stop by. Operations begin Saturday October 18 12:NOON and end Sunday October 19 at 8:PM, although we'll likely start setting up before Saturday noon and leave before Sunday 8:PM. Talk-in on the W8LRC 145.27- (94.8Hz) repeater.

Map at http://goo.gl/t24FCH or use the address 3650 Causeway Dr NE, Lowell, MI 49331

This is a friendly contest that operates on ham radio HF frequencies, contacting other US and Canadian Island stations, and home stations seeking island operations. This will be the second time LARC has activated Murray Lake Island, designator MI089L, previously in October 2010. We will be using special event call N8M.

I'm well aware this is the same weekend as the Muskegon Hamfest http://www.mcecs.net/Hamfest.htm and Kalamazoo Hamfest http://kalamazoohamfest.com What can I say, we didn't schedule these events. If you're going to a hamfest, stop by Murray Lake Island afterwards.

For more information, contact LARC's coordinator, Bob Robinson KD8HNF kd8hnf@... (616)897-6164

Lowell Amateur Radio Club http://www.w8lrc.org/

U.S. Islands Awards Program http://www.usislands.org/

The following copied from http://www.usislands.org/rules.html

The United States Islands Awards Program, USI, covers saltwater and inland fresh water river or lake islands of the fifty (50) states of the United States and U.S Territories or Protectorates (See master island directory). USI was formed to further enhance "island chasing" that has become so popular on the amateur radio bands. The USI goal is to promote a simple but effective system of island collecting in a professional radio-manner and to operate totally on the "honor system". USI warmly welcomes all ham radio operators and island enthusiasts to yet another facet of island collecting. USI is open to anyone (Ham or SWL) interested in working toward the many and varied US Island Awards by collecting and activating US islands.

2717. KD8QXC tower base - help needed

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-10-14 02:26:55 UTC
From: streyle.j@...
Topic: 2717 Message: 2717

My fellow club members:
Frank, KD8QXC has accumulated the funds to purchase cement for his 45-foot free-standing tower, and has asked me to take the lead in getting the tower base setup. Frank is no longer physically able to do this kind of work.

I'd like to pour cement on the 25th of October (weather permitting) - so I need help to:

a) dig the hole prior to the 25th
b) finish setup of the base
c) haul cement from U-Rent-It
d) pour the cement
e) clean up the cement cart(s)

Let's make this a GRARA club project - many hands make light work.

Who is able and willing to help?

John W8QZ

2718. RE: [GRARA] KD8QXC tower base - help needed

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-10-14 02:53:08 UTC
From: Dave Ed
Topic: 2717 Message: 2718

John,
Sorry that I can not help you and Frank. I am leaving for Florida October 23RD for the winter.
Dave
AC8AB

To: grara@yahoogroups.com
From: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Date: Tue, 14 Oct 2014 02:26:55 +0000
Subject: [GRARA] KD8QXC tower base - help needed

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2719. Re: KD8QXC tower base - help needed

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-10-14 13:10:13 UTC
From: <stprovost@...>
Topic: 2717 Message: 2719

John: I will come and help, not sure if my buick can haul the cement though.
is there a requirement on what can haul the uhaul cement?
What is the address of Frank's house?
thanks
stephen

2720. Michigan W1AW/8 Operation for the next seven days...

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-10-15 02:09:40 UTC
From: Tom
Topic: 2720 Message: 2720

If you are interested in who might be on the air at any one for the
Michigan W1AW/8 operation, please take a look at the online database at:

http://www.k8sn.org/w1aw-schedule/index.php?date=2014-10-15

The 70+ operators registered for this week long operation can update
this database at anytime, so it will change from hour by hour.

Nice to see some local clubs booked for air time.

Tom K8TB

2721. Congratulations to Allen, KD8WEG

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-10-18 23:09:42 UTC
From: Tom
Topic: 2721 Message: 2721

You have to pat Allen, KD8WEG on the back. He has been taking the Holland ARC/GRARA general class, and after only going through four weeks of the eight week course, he took his general class test in Muskegon.

And he passed. If you saw him at the Muskegon Fest, he was the one they were trying to pull off the ceiling !

Congrats Allen!

Tom K8TB

2722. RE: [GRARA] Congratulations to Allen, KD8WEG

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-10-18 23:54:49 UTC
From: Dave Ed
Topic: 2721 Message: 2722

Hey Allen,
Way to go. Happy for you.
Dave
AC8AB

To: k8daa@...m; GRARA@yahoogroups.com
From: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Date: Sat, 18 Oct 2014 19:09:42 -0400
Subject: [GRARA] Congratulations to Allen, KD8WEG

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And he passed. If you saw him at the Muskegon Fest, he was the one they

were trying to pull off the ceiling !

Congrats Allen!

Tom K8TB

2723. RE: [HARC] Congratulations to Allen, KD8WEG

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-10-19 06:22:03 UTC
From: tomkd8deg
Topic: 2721 Message: 2723

"CONGRATULATIONS"
Allen, may the "F" layers, "ceiling", be DX friendly for you in the coming years.

de KD8DEG Tom

From: k8daa@yahoogroups.com [mailto:k8daa@yahoogroups.com]
Sent: Saturday, October 18, 2014 7:10 PM
To: k8daa@yahoogroups.com; GRARA@yahoogroups.com
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2724. Re: [GRARA] Congratulations to Allen, KD8WEG

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-10-19 06:27:03 UTC
From: Bob Robinson
Topic: 2721 Message: 2724

Allen has been at the murray lake island thing this weekend and has been getting plenty of radio time.

Even a pile up of boy scouts on the air.

Did a fine job.
On Oct 18, 2014 7:09 PM, "Tom k8tb@... [GRARA]" <GRARA@yahoogroups.com> wrote:

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2725. Noob Alert - Help Request

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-10-20 00:30:50 UTC
From: Doug Luurs
Topic: 2725 Message: 2725
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Greetings ..

I got my first HF station wanting to get into DX w/ Digital, and have been trying this weekend to get ahold of Hell (MI).

I can hear them just fine, but I am unable to figure out why the attached setup isn't working correctly.

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The Radio's TX light comes on, but the Signalink USB remains dark (No TX), and the power meter remains at zero.

Any suggestions?

Thank you in advance,

Doug / W8ZUU

2726. Re: [GRARA] Noob Alert - Help Request [1 Attachment]

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-10-20 03:28:46 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2725 Message: 2726

Dough:

I'm not familiar with the Signal Link USB sound card, and I've tried, but so far haven't figured out how to work the Ham Radio Deluxe and DM780, so can't help in that department. I suggest contacting Mike, KB8ZGL, who has successfully mated HRD with a DM 780 at W8LRC.

If you get your setup working before 7 p.m. EDT Tuesday, give me a buzzzzz @ 616 828 9663 (cell) and I'll work you on Feld Hell (sorry I won't make another trip to Hell just for you, but it will be a Feld Hell Q with W1AW/8)

72/73 de n8xx Hg
Recovering from the trip yesterday to Hell and back, operated Feld Hell as W1AW/8!

On 10/19/2014 8:30 PM, 'Doug Luurs' n8zuu@... [GRARA] wrote:
> [Attachment(s) <#TopText> from Doug Luurs included below]
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2727. Open Radio Room

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-10-22 01:58:04 UTC
From: Doug Luurs
Topic: 453 Message: 2727

Good evening ..

When is the Red Cross' radio room open .. I'd let to come down and learn a few things on HF if I could.

Thanks

Doug / W8ZUU

2728. Re: [GRARA] Open Radio Room

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-10-22 02:19:00 UTC
From: wd8usa@...
Topic: 453 Message: 2728

Wednesday nights starting at 7PM-

-----Original Message-----
From: 'Doug Luurs' n8zuu@... [GRARA] <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
To: GRARA <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Tue, Oct 21, 2014 9:58 pm
Subject: [GRARA] Open Radio Room

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Thanks

Doug / W8ZUU

2729. Re: [GRARA] Open Radio Room

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-10-22 06:48:03 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 453 Message: 2729

Doug:

Open Radio Room is "officially" every Wednesday from 7 p.m to "whenever."

If you're not bashful, and find someone who is knowledgeable about the equipment, you may even get a chance to dislodge whoever is occupying the operating chair, and actually get a tutorial on the equipment, and how to use it.

But if you're retired, or otherwise available during the day, this LID who operates N8XX might be coerced into opening the place up during the day on a weekday so the blind (me) may stumble through a "semi tutorial" for the eager student (you) on how to operate HF. These new things like CW, SSB, etc. sometimes befuddle me, since I grew up and fell in love with sp*rk gaps and coherers when I first got my license. I sometimes manage to muddle through, and actually use, more recent technology.

After all, ham radio is supposed to be fun - even freezing in Hell at the Hell Creek Ranch Campground had its high points last weekend; It wasn't actually freezing, not quite, but 45 ?F in a semi-open tent seemed akin to freezing at times.

72/73 de n8xx Hg
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2730. Tube Tester

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-10-23 19:59:14 UTC
From: jamesvm@...
Topic: 2730 Message: 2730

Good afternoon. I restore old radios and my tube tester has died. I was wondering if anyone has a tube tester that they would be willing to sell.
Thanks Jim Van Malsen KB8QAQ

2731. Re: [GRARA] Tube Tester

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-10-23 22:14:25 UTC
From: Ty Scharrer
Topic: 2730 Message: 2731

How about a tube tester and several shortwave receivers? I don't have any transceivers, but several working tube model receivers that I could sell. I also have a high amp 12V power supply. If interested, send me an email at tigerfan158@...

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2732. It's CQWW Phone contest this weekend

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-10-24 13:12:31 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2732 Message: 2732

Anyone up to opening up W8DC for the contest?

It begins at 0000Z October 25Z (or 8 p.m local tonight October 24) and
runs for 48 hours until 2359Z October 26Z (8 p.m. Sunday Local time)

Best time for W8DC would be daylight hours.

Rules are at http://www.cqww.com/rules.htm

Please think about it. This came up earlier than usual, because the
first weekend of August starts on a Saturday.

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2733. Skywarn Training for Ottawa/Kent County

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-10-29 01:39:40 UTC
From: Tom
Topic: 2733 Message: 2733

The Skywarn training session for Ottawa/Kent County is now accepting reservations.

The date is Thursday, February 19, 2015 at 7:00 PM.

The location will be the Jenison Public High School Fine arts Auditorium.

There is no cost.

Registration is open for Skywarn training: via Facebook:

"https://www.facebook.com/groups/ottawaskywarn/470566146417100/?notif_t=group_activity"

Or the registration site direct:

"https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ottawa-kent-severe-weather-spotter-training-2015-registration-13992276275"

You do not need to be a member of any amateur radio club to go to the training session. nor do you need to be an amateur radio operator.

Tom K8TB

2734. First Radio

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-10-29 12:11:49 UTC
From: james.vanderwoude@...
Topic: 2734 Message: 2734

Looking for opinions on equipment. Should I go strictly HF or combination with VHF, UHF. I usually spend 5 months in a RV in Texas and looking at something portable. Opinions on Yaesu 450D or 897D. Thank you.

2735. Re: First Radio

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-10-29 12:37:11 UTC
From: Marc Veeneman
Topic: 2734 Message: 2735

HF will give you hundreds of thousands more hams to communicate with but you should not think about a radio without considering the antenna and the communications mode(s).

If you aren't alone in the RV, voice may not be an option. I'd start with CW and use an Elecraft KX3. To expand digitally, add a small laptop and the panadaptor PX3. Later, if you want more power, add the KXPA100 amp.

For antenna, both the Par EndFedz or Buddipole are convenient and storable.

However, ask 4 hams and you'll get a half dozen opinions. Mine's based on my own experiences between 1957 and 2014. Others vary.
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Marc

2736. Re: [GRARA] First Radio

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-10-29 12:42:23 UTC
From: Dave S
Topic: 2734 Message: 2736

Hello James, I personally prefer separate radios. If you have an all band all mode single unit, if anything goes wrong with the radio, you have to get it repaired. And that would leave you without a way for you to stay on the air until the radio gets repaired. Just my preference for a station. 73 for now James.

Dave

From: "james.vanderwoude@... [GRARA]" <GRARA@...m>
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Wednesday, October 29, 2014 8:11 AM
Subject: [GRARA] First Radio

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2737. Re: [GRARA] First Radio

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-10-30 03:08:34 UTC
From: wd8usa@...
Topic: 2734 Message: 2737

I would always go more than you think you need- That means power supply's and radio equipment.
Feed lines too- Don't skimp or under equip, You will wind up spending more later to make up for short comings-

Same on radios too- I would go with an HF/VHF/UHF combo so you have it all covered just in case your operating interests change which they will-
The used market will yield some nice acquisitions too!

You don't need a huge base radio with gobs of functions you might never use- there are a good many compact all purpose radios out there that will work great-

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2738. Re: First Radio

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-10-30 09:34:01 UTC
From: k8ggl@...
Topic: 2734 Message: 2738

Jim.

It was good to meet you at open radio room last night. I hope your shoulder work goes well, and hope to hear you on the HF bands soon!

73 de Gerry ~ K8GGL

2739. Michigan PRB-1 Call to Action

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-10-30 15:57:35 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 2739 Message: 2739

Jack Amelar
13110 Victory Woods Dr NE
Lowell, MI 49331-8857
Home Phone #: (616)438-5412
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E-mail: jamelar@...

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2741. Fort Wayne Swap

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-10-31 12:24:36 UTC
From: Jack Kunnen
Topic: 2741 Message: 2741

The Fort Wayne Swap is 15-16 November at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum.
Web site is: www.fortwaynehamfest.com

Jack
AB8ND

2742. Re: [GRARA] Fort Wayne Swap

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-10-31 13:41:16 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2741 Message: 2742

Anyone going? Lettuce discuss a carpool arrangement @ the Meeting NEXT friday.

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> Jack
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2743. GRARA Meeting November 7, 2014 7 p.m.

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-10-31 17:56:13 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2741 Message: 2743

Yep, there WILL be a meeting of the Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association on Friday, November 7, 2014. The place is the Greater Grand Rapids Red Cross, 1050 Fuller NW, Grand Rapids.

People start gathering around 6:30 p.m. Local, and the meeting will start at 7 p.m.

After the usual (hopefully short) business meeting, Jerry, K8GGL, and Hank, N8XX will describe the Feld Hell mode and mention highlights of a recent journey to Hell (Michigan) where they, and four others, set up and operated W1AW/8 from Hell Creek Ranch Campground, using (of course) the Feld Hell mode.

If things work out, we WILL have a demo of Feld Hell, with one rig connected to an antenna usually used @ W8DC, and the second @ K8GGL's home, but run remotely by Gerry who will be with us at the Red Cross.

Invite your friends - one needn't be a member of GRARA to attend our meetings.

72/73 de n8xx Hg
On Air Director, GRARA

2744. ARRL request sent today

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-11-03 15:28:48 UTC
From: stprovost@...
Topic: 2744 Message: 2744

Hello, this is NOT a copy of last weeks call to action request, it is an UPDATE

Stephen AC8QE

As this PRB-1 drama unfolds with the Michigan House of Representatives, we find ourselves reacting to breaking news. This happens as a result of the House currently not being in session. Nothing is official and everything is speculative.

As you will remember, we just started a letter writing campaign which targeted the members of the Committee that we were told would be handling our bill. Things change and it now appears that we will deal with different committee.

Don’t think that all of those letters that we sent to the first committee members were sent in vain. Nothing could be further from the truth. Each of those representatives are now aware of our bill and aware that there are a lot of amateur radio operators that have an interest in having SB 0493 pass out of committee and out of the House itself. No wasted letters here.

It is time to shift gears.

Please go to our PRB-1 website at http://www.miarrlprb1.org/ http://www.miarrlprb1.org/.

Click on the ‘Sample Letters’ tab and click on ‘House of Representatives’ and enter your information to locate your representative’s website. Back on the Sample Letters tab, scroll down to Sample House Letter. Copy the letter and paste it into your Representative’s email form.

Be sure to add the Representative’s information as well as your information at the end of the letter to personalize the document. Sometimes it is easier to copy the letter from our website and paste it into a word processor to get it prepared and then paste into the Representative’s email form.

Once again, please send a copy of what you send to wb8r@arrl.org and wa8qje@arrl.net.

Thank you for all of your efforts and with your help we can accomplish this important task.

73,

Larry

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2745. W8DC repeater status

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-11-03 17:02:37 UTC
From: stprovost@...
Topic: 2745 Message: 2745

Hello, on saturday we had a great crew Mike KB8ZQL and Adam from Freedomnet, Nathan N8THN, and myself installed the donated (thanks Dave!) uhf 8 bank antenna on the 92nd street hill antenna. Also want to thank IRA for letting us install this antenna on their tower and accommodate our repeater cabinet.

Tom N8DGD came around 3pm to assist with the repeater controller move.

We were finished with the move around 11pm (gotta love this hobby!)

We are still working on some tweaking issues with the repeater.

Again a big thanks to everyone who helped with this project :)
stephen AC8QE

2746. GRARA Meeting TONIGTE 11/7/2014

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-11-07 14:03:49 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2746 Message: 2746

Yup, as late in the month as is possible - Friday, 11/7
Gathering at ~6:30 p.m.
Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
Place: Red Cross Building 1050 Fuller Street NE, Grand Rapids (just south of Leonard)

Special presentation: Gerry, K8GGL, and Hank, N8XX will describe "Hellschreiber" or Feld Hell, and a trip to Hell, Michigan on October 18, to operate with the mode part of the ARRL Centennial Celebration using the call W1AW/8.

If things work out, we should have a "live" demonstration of Feld Hell, using the club's Kenwood TS-2000 and Rigblaster Pro. If for whatever reason this doesn't work, we can show Feld Hell from the shack at W8DC after the presentation.

2747. First Radio

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-11-08 15:15:34 UTC
From: james.vanderwoude@...
Topic: 2734 Message: 2747

Opinions on either a used Yaesu FT-950 or a new Yaesu FT-1200. I have checked out Eham but would like some local opinions. Thank you. KD8WXF

2748. Two new generals

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-11-16 16:48:37 UTC
From: Tom
Topic: 2748 Message: 2748

Congratulations to two of the students on the GRARA/HARC general class:

Mike, KB8RHR and Jason, KD8UCP both took and passed their general class exam this past Friday night.

I think there are tow people looking for low band equipment right now!

If you hear either of them on the air, congratulate them.

Tom, K8TB

2749. ICOM IC-730 HF rig only $250

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-11-17 21:06:49 UTC
From: qschultze@...
Topic: 2749 Message: 2749

Hey, gang.

Tom's note about the new general-class licenses reminds me that I've got a great beginner or mobile HF rig in perfect operating condition but with a few scratches. I also have the power cord (no supply) and a copy of the manual.

I'll post the specs below, but here's a link to the eham reviews for the rig (4.8 out of 5):

http://www.eham.net/reviews/detail/338 http://www.eham.net/reviews/detail/338

Please don't buy the rig to resell it. I would like to get it into the hands of a needy ham; hence, my low price.

One thing about this and other early ICOM rigs is the fact that they need a mic with a bit of pre-amplification if you want full output power on SSB. You don't need a full-bore audio amp, just the typical mic with some built-in punch. There is all kinds of info online about this, and you can buy such things on eBay and beyond. Just search for ICOM 730 mic.

Fire me an email if you're interested. First-come, first-served.

Here's a link to the basic specs plus a link to download the manual:

RigPix Database - Icom - IC-730 http://www.rigpix.com/icom/ic730.htm

http://www.rigpix.com/icom/ic730.htm

RigPix Database - Icom - IC-730 http://www.rigpix.com/icom/ic730.htm Icom IC-730 SPECIFICATIONS Type: Amateur HF transceiver Frequency range: 10-80 m + WARC Mode: SSB/CW/AM RF Power output: 100 W Sensitivity: N/A S...

View on www.rigpix.com http://www.rigpix.com/icom/ic730.htm
Preview by Yahoo

73, all.

Quin, K8QS
qschultze@gmail.com

2750. ARRL Centennial QSO Party Red Badge Day Saturday, Nov 22

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-11-18 00:38:25 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2750 Message: 2750

I have been informed, by a very reliable source, that the next "Red Badge Day" for the Centennial QSO Party is this Saturday Nov 22, 0000 GMT to 2400 GMT. "Red Badge" means that holder of offices which qualify them to have a "Red ID Badge" from ARRL will be on the air during this period. You can catch quite a few points for the "Leader Board" of the Centennial QP during this period.

I haven't seen the announcement on the ARRL web site, but my source "should know."

For a list of ARRL High Honchos and appointees who can give out "large value QSO's" one may look at the announcement for the previous event - on the ARRL Web site @ http://www.arrl.org/news/next-red-badge-day-on-september-21-is-a-chance-to-rack-up-serious-centennial-qso-party-points

if the above get truncated in transmission try this itty bitty url: http://goo.gl/DPRMdC

Note that this is considered an "Operating event" not a Contest, so we may use the WARC bands. Also, simplex operation on VHF/UHF/SHF will count. (No use of repeaters, though. :(

I'll be on from time to time this Saturday, and quite a few other much higher value contacts, should be available.

72/73 de n8xx hg
Past Section Manager, Ohio 1974-78

2751. Fair price for antenna and rotator

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-11-18 03:12:54 UTC
From: streyle.j@...
Topic: 2751 Message: 2751

I'd like to get your opinions:

I am personally overseeing the SK estate of KD8QQ - but I also want to buy the TH-11DX antenna and Tailtwister rotator.
The antenna had (6) elements damaged - (about $150 in parts needed), but was otherwise in good shape.
The rotator had the control box, and moved when powered, but the direction readout did not work.

What would be fair prices for these items? (I want to be sure I personally don't take advantage of a widow!)

Thanks,
John W8QZ

2752. Re: Fair price for antenna and rotator

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-11-18 16:50:03 UTC
From: kf8ql@...
Topic: 2751 Message: 2752

John,

In my experience buying and selling radio gear, for a lot of things like these that are not "collectable", a rule of thumb is the value depreciates over time to an ultimate used value of about 1/3- 1/2 the new price if the equipment is in usable condition. So a TH-11 antenna, that would cost $1000 today if you bought one, might fetch $300-500 well used. Take away the $150 in repairs, and I'd guess the antenna is worth $150-$350. I think you could apply the same rule of thumb to the rotor.

You can also check eBay, but things go for a little bit more there than typical local hamfests and ham to ham personal purchases.

Some hams disagree, and think their stuff is worth more than this, but as we all know, the value of anything is exactly equal to what you can get for it when it sells!

73 de KF8QL

2753. Bob KD8HNF retirement

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-11-26 18:16:30 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 2753 Message: 2753

Article in The Lowell Ledger about Bob KD8HNF retiring.

http://lowellbuyersguide.com/water-distribution-supervisor-retiring-early-citizens-address-city-council-p1823-1.htm

73

Jack NY8D

2754. RE: [GRARA] Bob KD8HNF retirement

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-11-27 22:16:54 UTC
From: Dave Ed
Topic: 2753 Message: 2754

To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com; w8lrc@...
From: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Date: Wed, 26 Nov 2014 13:16:30 -0500
Subject: [GRARA] Bob KD8HNF retirement

Article in The Lowell Ledger about Bob KD8HNF retiring.

http://lowellbuyersguide.com/water-distribution-supervisor-retiring-early-citizens-address-city-council-p1823-1.htm

73

Jack NY8D

2755. Saturday, December 13, Ham License in a Day Class

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-12-03 00:45:50 UTC
From: Tom
Topic: 2755 Message: 2755

If you know anyone who has had the desire to get their amateur radio license,
the Holland ARC will be holding another "Ham in a Day" class, next week Saturday, December 13.

Directed study starts at 1:00 and continues till 6:00, when the test will be given.
For registration and more information, go to: http://tinyurl.com/harchiad .

This class, and the full VE session will be held at the Ottawa Red Cross, located at 270 James St, Holland.
At 6:00 PM, the test will be given for those in the class.
Also, anyone holding current technician and general licenses may arrive at 6:00 and take the tests to upgrade.
If you wish to skip the class and test for your technician class license, simply show up at 6:00 PM. If you are testing for an upgrade, please bring photo ID, your current license, and a copy of that license.

***If you or anyone you know has previously held an amateur radio license but let the license expire and now would like to get back into ham radio, recent rule changes now state that if you pass the technician license exam, you will be granted a license at your previous level.
For instance, if you were an amateur extra years ago, but let the license lapse,
you can now get your extra license back by passing the technician exam.
See the ARRL website http://www.arrl.org/exam-element-credit for details on proof of previous license.***

No Morse code is required for any grade license.

2756. Call for action from our State Government Liaison Ed Hude, WA8QJE for PRB-1

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-12-04 13:03:54 UTC
From: stprovost@...
Topic: 2756 Message: 2756

To the hams of Michigan:

This message below from our State Government Liaison Ed Hude, WA8QJE is a call to action for what we hope will the last time for PRB-1 in Michigan.

To my fellow Michigan Amateur Radio Operators,

As I write this, Michigan Senate Bill 0493 is scheduled for a hearing on Thursday, December 4, 2014, before the House Energy & Technology Committee.

I want to personally thank each and every one of you for writing to the Committee Members as well as your House Representative for your District. Once again I am urgently asking for your help. We need each and every one of you to communicate once again to your current State of Michigan House Representative urging them to vote for swift passage of Senate Bill 0493.

I cannot emphasize how important your help is needed once again. I as well as your Section Manager Larry Camp and Committee members have spent many hours, countless telephone calls and visits with our elected officials working at getting Senate Bill 0493 passed.

Never before have we come this far. Please pass this notice on to every Michigan amateur radio operator, to every amateur radio club, to your spouse, to your family, to shortwave radio enthusiasts and everyone else that you know that is of voting age..

Let's get Michigan Senate Bill 0493 passed now by writing to your Michigan House Representative now!

73’s
Edward Hude, WA8QJE
Michigan State Government Liaison

Here is how to send correspondence to your Representative:

In order to make things easier to locate and write your representative, please go to www.http://www.miarrlprb1.org/ http://www.http://www.miarrlprb1.org/.

Once there, click on Sample Letters. Click on locate your representative which will take you to their web page where you can find

their email address.

On the same Sample Letters page, you can find the text of a letter that you can use by cutting and pasting into your email program. Don't forget to include your Representative's name and address and your name, call sign and address.

Please don't delay in sending your letters out. Time is of the essence as the last day of this legislative term is December 18. After that, we have to start all over again. We don't know for sure when the floor vote will be held, so we want to maximize the impact of our letters. We need to pull out all the stops here in order to get this project completed for the hams of Michigan.

I echo Ed's thanks for all of your efforts and urge you to respond to our request.

73,

Larry, WB8R

ARRL Michigan Section
Section Manager: Larry Camp, WB8R
wb8r@arrl.org

2757. Rookie Roundup CW coming soon...

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-12-06 16:31:24 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2757 Message: 2757

Greetings!

I forgot to mention this event in an earlier message.

On Sunday December 21, the ARRL Rookie Roundup CW is happening from 1800z-2359z (1 p.m. to 7 p.m EST). Non-rookies are encouraged to come out and make contacts with the rookies.

I'm sure we have Rookies in our midst, since we give license exams at least once a month. In the Rookie Roundup, a Rookie is defined has having been first licensed in the current calendar year or the previous two calendar years, regardless of license class. CW for December might be a limiting factor - but thought I'd mention it......

I once started - I remember a predecessor to the Straight Key Night (or I was just bored one December 31, 1951 when I was a Novice) back in 1951 and stayed up until about 3 a.m. Central Time) and had some very interesting QSO's for the evening. My CW speed was barely 5 WPM at that time. Later, I ran November SS the next year and made about 50 contacts in some 20 hours on the air.

Lettuce thimk about this possibility.

72/73 de n8xx Hg
QRP >99.44% of the time

2758. Urgent PRB-1 Update and Final Push to the Finish Line

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-12-09 20:38:40 UTC
From: ARRL Members Only Web site
Topic: 2758 Message: 2758

December 9, 2014

Greetings to the Hams of Michigan:

On the morning of December 9, 2014, the Michigan House of Representatives Energy and Technology Committee held a hearing on SB 0493 with a subsequent roll call vote. The results of that vote was a unanimous positive vote and SB 0493 has been favorably reported out of Committee to the House floor for the bill's third reading and a vote in the days ahead.

This unanimous vote matches the unanimous votes our bill received in the Senate Committee and the Senate floor. After the vote on the House floor, if successful, the last stop on this long journey is the Governor's Office!

I am asking that everyone send another letter (below) to their Representative in a final push to complete our task at hand. Even if you have set a letter (s) previously, now is the time to send it again in order to accomplish our goal. More letters just emphasize how important this issue is to the hams of Michigan.

Visit our website at http://www.miarrlprb1.org/ Click on Sample Letters and you can find your Representative's information and their email address by clicking on 'House of Representatives" and enter either your District number or your residence address.

Locate and click on the spot "Find a Representative" and you will be taken to the website of your Representative. Once there, look for "Contact Rep. XXXX" and click there and locate his or her email address and paste it into a blank email in your email program. The email address is often similar to: His/HerName@...

Once you have copied his or her email address into the TO: line, enter these two email addresses; wb8r@... and wa8qje@... in the CC: line.

Copy and paste the sample letter from the website into the email body, make the necessary adjustments to get your Representative's name and address (find that info on their website) and then put your information at the bottom of the letter. After reviewing all for accuracy, then send it on its way. We have this last push to get us over the top!

Please have your ham and non ham friends send a letter. Get your spouse and voting age children to email a letter as well. We need to let our representatives know that we want them to vote yes on this bill.

One last thing: Please accept my personal thanks for all of your support and efforts over the many years that we have been working hard to get where we are today.

73,

Larry, WB8R

ARRL Michigan Section
Section Manager: Larry Camp, WB8R
wb8r@...

To unsubscribe from messages, go to:
http://p1k.arrl.org/oo/0b84a823c5d73d350a1b278a248928a0

2759. Looking for a 4 pin female microphone plug

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-12-12 06:00:15 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2759 Message: 2759

Does anyone have a defunct microphone with a 4 pin female audio plug? I need one for a project I'm doing, and would like to get it locally so I can have the project finished by 20 December.

I'll pay any nominal price - Mouser wants about $7.00 plus shipping for one, and I'm not sure it's the right connector.

Private responses seem most appropriate.

72/73 de n8xx Hg

2760. Re: [GRARA] Looking for a 4 pin female microphone plug

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-12-12 15:22:27 UTC
From: Mike Wolthuis
Topic: 2759 Message: 2760

Modular or circle?

Sent from my iPhone

> On Dec 12, 2014, at 1:00 AM, Hank Greeb n8xx@... [GRARA] <GRARA@yahoogroups.com> wrote:
>
> Does anyone have a defunct microphone with a 4 pin female audio plug? I
> need one for a project I'm doing, and would like to get it locally so I
> can have the project finished by 20 December.
>
> I'll pay any nominal price - Mouser wants about $7.00 plus shipping for
> one, and I'm not sure it's the right connector.
>
> Private responses seem most appropriate.
>
> 72/73 de n8xx Hg
>

2761. Southwest Florida Hamfest

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-12-19 02:00:30 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 2761 Message: 2761

Planing a winter getaway?
Schedule in the Southwest Florida Hamfest, Fort Myers.
Sponsored by the Fort Myers Amateur Radio Club W4LX
Friday, January 16 and Saturday, January 17
Inside and outside sales, yes in January!
Forums
VE testing, no fee, Laurel VEC
Over $1200 in prizes.

Lots of information and link to downloadable flier right from the home page (no hunting around for hamfest information).
http://www.fmarc.net

Talk-in 147.345+ (136.5 ctcss)

2762. Another tower (new) at the RC? Dipole support?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-12-19 13:38:38 UTC
From: CR
Topic: 2762 Message: 2762

http://www.mlive.com/news/grand-rapids/index.ssf/2014/12/140-foot_verizon_wireless_towe.html#incart_river

Cortland
KA5S

2763. PRB-1 Contact Governor Snyder's Office

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-12-28 15:53:01 UTC
From: stprovost@...
Topic: 2763 Message: 2763

Greetings to the hams of Michigan:

As you know, both the Michigan Senate and the House of Representatives have unanimously passed Senate Bill 493, which is known to the hams of Michigan as the “PRB-1” bill. Our bill was passed on the last day of the legislative session and is now in the Governor’s office for his consideration and hopefully his signature.

If we cannot get this bill signed by Governor Snyder, the bill will die and we will be faced with having to start all over again in the 2015 – 2016 legislative cycle. I know that many of us have worked very hard to get our bill to this point and now we need to push it over the top.

Here is where we come in. We need to contact the Governor’s Office of Constituent Relations in two ways: at the Governor's website and by telephone.

Our message is simple: “I respectfully encourage Governor Snyder to sign SB 493.”

This message needs to be sent via the Governor's website at:

https://somgovweb.state.mi.us/GovRelations/ShareOpinion.aspx
https://somgovweb.state.mi.us/GovRelations/ShareOpinion.aspx

This web site will take you a form to be filled out. Easy to do and painless. No need to compose your comments. Simply use the provided verbiage.

By telephone at 517-335-7858, simply tell the person answering the phone “This is (your name) and I am a resident of (your city, town, village, or township) and I respectively encourage Governor Snyder to sign Senate Bill 493.”

This is the same message sent by two methods. Both are equally important.

Don’t forget to take advantage of the “family plan”. Encourage your family members that are of voting age to follow this process. Generally speaking, we can greatly expand our impact by asking family members and friends to follow the same procedure.

Please spread the word. Send this out on your Facebook page and to your club members and to your ham friends.

Time is of the essence and preferably we would like to blanket both the website and the telephone lines on Monday, December 29. If you cannot do this on Monday, then do it on Tuesday. If you can’t do it on Tuesday,

then do it on Wednesday. The important thing is to visit the website and fill out the form and to make that phone call. It is do or die for our bill.

Please send a short email to wa8qje@arrl.net and to wb8r@arrl.org to advise us that you have taken these steps and how many non-ham family members and friends did the same.

Thank you once again for all of your efforts to get this important bill signed into law.

73,

Larry, WB8R

Michigan Section Manager

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2764. Re: [GRARA] Digest Number 1230

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-12-29 17:43:27 UTC
From: CR
Topic: 2764 Message: 2764

Called just now. Let's see if all the calling works!

Cortland
KA5S

2765. Re: [GRARA] Digest Number 1230

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-12-30 13:57:35 UTC
From: John Streyle
Topic: 2764 Message: 2765

Made a phone call, too, FWIW.
I didn't attempt to get my non-ham family members to call, however, as they only 'tolerate' my hobby, at best.
W8QZ

Sent from my Ipad

On Dec 29, 2014, at 12:43 PM, "CR ka5s@... [GRARA]" <GRARA@yahoogroups.com> wrote:

> Called just now. Let's see if all the calling works!
>
> Cortland
> KA5S
>

2766. New Years Eve Radio Room

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2014-12-30 14:09:56 UTC
From: Jack Kunnen
Topic: 2766 Message: 2766

Open Radio Room this week, maybe a little Straight Key Night action?

Straight Key Night is held every January 1 from 0000 UTC through 2359 UTC

Jack
AB8ND

2767. Meeting

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-01-01 15:48:03 UTC
From: james.vanderwoude@...
Topic: 1616 Message: 2767

Is there a meeting this Friday night January 2?

2768. Re: [GRARA] Meeting

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-01-01 18:37:10 UTC
From: Jack Kunnen
Topic: 1616 Message: 2768

The 2 January meeting, this Friday, will be an Open Radio Room night instead of an actual meeting. Rag chew, play some radio, pizza…..

> On Jan 1, 2015, at 10:48 AM, james.vanderwoude@... [GRARA] <GRARA@yahoogroups.com> wrote:
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> Is there a meeting this Friday night January 2?
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>

2769. January Meeting

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-01-01 18:38:20 UTC
From: Jack Kunnen
Topic: 2769 Message: 2769

The 2 January meeting, this Friday, will be an Open Radio Room night instead of an actual meeting.
Rag chew, play some radio, pizza…..

Jack
AB8ND

2770. Re: [GRARA] January Meeting

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-01-01 21:18:30 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2769 Message: 2770

We could "play" some PSK-31 with the TS-2000 and the Rigblaster in the PODXS Ø7Ø Club's Fourteenth annual PSK-Fest, which starts at 0000Z Saturday (which is 7 p.m. EST Friday, about the time most folks will be at the Open Radio room)

There "should" be some 20 meter activity at 0000Z - so we "should" stand a chance to make a contact or two.

For full rules see:
http://www.podxs070.com/o7o-club-sponsored-contests/pskfest

Do we have a computer attached to that station which will run FL-Digi?

I can bring my ancient Windoze XP computer with proper drivers for the USB to Com port adapter.

It would be a GRRR8 chance to lettuce c what the setup can do in the very noisy environment @ Red Cross.

72/73 de n8xx Hg

On 1/1/2015 1:38 PM, Jack Kunnen ab8nd@... [GRARA] wrote:
>
> The 2 January meeting, this Friday, will be an Open Radio Room night
> instead of an actual meeting.
> Rag chew, play some radio, pizza…..
>
>
> Jack
> AB8ND

2771. Latest News on Michigan PRB-1

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-01-02 02:01:15 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2771 Message: 2771

FYI

Keep those e-mails and phone calls going to Gov. Snyder! Every little bit helps.

72/73 de n8xx Hg

-------- Forwarded Message --------
Subject: Latest News on Michigan PRB-1
Date: Thu, 1 Jan 2015 20:34:29 -0500 (EST)
From: ARRL Members Only Web site <memberlist@...>
To: hgreeb@...

Greetings to the Hams of Michigan:

We keep learning new things regarding how our legislature works…

We are in overtime. There is a significant quantity of bills that have been passed by both houses of the legislature and that have been ordered to be enrolled, printed and sent to the Governor. SB 493 is one of these bills. The department that performs that function is running behind and could not have gotten all of this done prior to Jan 1.

For reference, here is the pertinent part of “How a Bill Becomes a Law”:
(http://www.michigan.gov/som/0,4669,7-192-29701_29704-2836--,00.html)

>From the document "How a Bill Becomes a Law":

"If the Legislature has adjourned by the time the bill reaches the Governor, he or she has fourteen days to consider the bill. If the Governor fails to approve the bill, it does not become law."

It may be a week or two before our bill will be signed. We are firmly convinced that the Governor will sign SB 493.

For those that have contacted the Governor’s office as we have requested, thank you. For those that have not yet done so, here is the information:

We need to contact the Governor’s Office of Constituent Relations in two ways: by email and by telephone.

Our message is simple: “I respectfully encourage Governor Snyder to sign Senate Bill 493.”

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This web site will take you a form to be filled out. Easy to do and painless. No need to compose your comments. Simply use the provided verbiage.

By telephone at 517-335-7858, simply tell the person answering the phone (or leave a message if calling after hours) “this is (your name) and I am a resident of (your city, town, village, or township) and I respectively encourage Governor Snyder to sign Senate Bill 0493.”

Please continue to contact the Governor’s office and send a note to wa8qje@... and wb8r@... telling us that you made contact with them.

A personal observation: What a civics lesson and my civics teacher left out a lot of stuff!!!

Larry

ARRL Michigan Section
Section Manager: Larry Camp, WB8R
wb8r@...

To unsubscribe from messages, go to:
http://p1k.arrl.org/oo/567c209c26d57731519d66e645e989bb

2772. The GR area 146.760 repeater

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-01-02 14:31:54 UTC
From: w8nsi@...
Topic: 2772 Message: 2772

Which local group operates the old barely/rarely used 146.760 repeater? I monitored it for a day out of curiosity and never even heard a kerchunk. Back in the day when it was at 92nd St. it was the main Grand Rapids wide area repeater.

2773. Re: January Meeting

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-01-02 14:38:53 UTC
From: w8nsi@...
Topic: 2769 Message: 2773

When the upper bands are open, I have found 15 meters to be better than 20 for psk31 and other digital modes. At my qth the noise is lower on 15 than on 20 making it easy to make a low power weak signal qso.

2774. Re: [GRARA] The GR area 146.760 repeater

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-01-02 14:53:19 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2772 Message: 2774

James:

Thanks for the inquiry. Did you try "one 'kerchunk'" to see if it was actually working? I haven't been on 2 meter FM for some time, but I do note that Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association (GRARA) is the organization which supports the '76 repeater.

According to the Michigan Area Repeater Council, http://www.miarc.com/cnty/kent_rptr.html

Kent Grand Rapids SW 146.760 W8DC O 94.8 e Grand Rapids ARA 03/12/14

If you find the '76 repeater, or any other GRARA repeater with a problem (not working, etc) contact our trustee, N8DGD <1n8dgd@...> or our technical expert, AC8QE <stprovost@...>

Generally speaking, VHF repeater activity is quite low in many metro areas. GRARA's "Main" repeater is on 147.26 It has a bit more activity. Kent Grand Rapids SW 147.260 W8DC O 94.8 A e R Grand Rapids ARA 03/13/14

Thanks for your interest. If you wish to find out more about this, or any other thing associated with the Grand Rapids ARA, come on down to the special open radio room this evening from 7 p.m. to whenever. There's a rumor that Pizza will be served, but I haven't nailed down if that's a threat or a promise, so I can't guarantee anything.

72/73 de n8xx Hg
Defacto, drafted, etc., "On Air Director" which means I SHOULD know about any on air activities. (but often I don't. :)

On 1/2/2015 9:31 AM, w8nsi@... [GRARA] wrote:
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> Which local group operates the old barely/rarely used 146.760
> repeater? I monitored it for a day out of curiosity and never even
> heard a kerchunk. Back in the day when it was at 92nd St. it was the
> main Grand Rapids wide area repeater.

2775. Re: [GRARA] January Meeting

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-01-02 19:51:32 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2769 Message: 2775

Why hasn't anyone mention the
FOURTEENTH ANNUAL Ø7Ø CLUB PSKfest
Sponsored by the Penn-Ohio DX Society (PODXS) ????

It doesn't conflict with any contest which has been "plumped" on this reflector, since it begins this evening at 0000Z and ends as 2359Z tomorrow.

Doesn't PSK-31 interest any operators? Seems that running a mode which can occupy less than 50 Hz should be refreshing to all except those who believe that running RTTY @ 60 WPM with a 170 Hz+ bandwidth is the "Cats Meow."

Anyway, I'm going down to our Radio Club (W8DC) for a trial run of their new digital station, and would like a few local -8 land - contacts. For full rules see:
http://www.podxs070.com/o7o-club-sponsored-contests/pskfest

Hope to run across quite a few MRRC members during this event.

72/73 de n8xx Hg

2776. Fwd: Re: GRARA meeting this Friday Cancelled

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-01-02 19:53:00 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2776 Message: 2776

Please disregard this message sent a minut ago. I forgot to change the
address to the address of a contest club's reflector.

-------- Forwarded Message --------
Subject: Re: GRARA meeting this Friday Cancelled
Date: Fri, 02 Jan 2015 10:01:58 -0500
From: Hank Greeb <n8xx@...>
To: tom hansen <n8dgd@...>

Thanks, I'll bring my computer just in case.

On 1/2/2015 9:54 AM, tom hansen wrote:
> Adding Stephen,
> He has a computer but not sure if he has completed the OS installation.
> You may want to bring your own pc just in case.
> HNY Tom n8dgd
>
> On 1/1/2015 8:21 PM, Hank Greeb wrote:
>> Is the TS-2000 and rigblaster in working conditions? There's a PSK
>> QSO party starting at 7 p.m. which could be a good tryout for the
>> setup. Does it need a computer? If so, I can bring one down for the
>> evening.
>>
>> Lemme no.
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>> 72/73 de n8xx Hg
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>> On 1/1/2015 8:10 PM, tom hansen wrote:
>>> GRARA meeting for this Friday has been cancelled... However we will
>>> have the radio room open Friday at 7pm. H.N.Y.
>>> Tom n8dgd
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2777. Fwd: PRB-1 Flash Traffic!!!!

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-01-02 20:14:46 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2777 Message: 2777

Hope folks aren't tiring of this kind of info, but, Gov. Snyder now has the Michigan SB 0493 for signature. He has 14 days to sign it or it goes into the bit bucket.

IF you haven't sent an e-Mail and/or telephoned his office, please do so now. See the message below for info on how to contact the Governor's office.

72/73 de n8xx Hg

-------- Forwarded Message --------
Subject: PRB-1 Flash Traffic!!!!
Date: Fri, 2 Jan 2015 15:00:43 -0500 (EST)
From: ARRL Members Only Web site <memberlist@...>
To: hgreeb@...

January 2, 2015

Greetings to the Hams of Michigan:

I just received word that at 1008 this morning (January 2, 2015), Michigan Senate Bill 0493 (PRB-1) was presented to Governor Snyder for his consideration.

He has 14 days to act upon the bill, and we are hopeful that it will be sooner rather than later. By law he must sign the bill, veto the bill, or ignore the bill (pocket veto). In any event, sometime in the next 2 weeks we will have our answer.

Please continue to contact the Governor's Office of Constituent Relations by email and by telephone per the following instructions: Our message is simple: “I respectfully encourage Governor Snyder to sign Senate Bill 493.”

This message needs to be sent via email at:

https://somgovweb.state.mi.us/GovRelations/ShareOpinion.aspx

This web site will take you a form to be filled out. Easy to do and painless. No need to compose your comments. For the bill category, use "Unknown" and simply use the provided verbiage.

By telephone at 517-335-7858, simply tell the person answering the phone (or leave a message if calling after hours) “this is (your name) and I am a resident of (your city, town, village, or township) and I respectfully encourage Governor Snyder to sign Senate Bill 0493.”

After contacting the Governor's Office, please send a note to
wa8qje@... andwb8r@... advising us that you made contact
with them.

I will provide additional information as it becomes available.

Until next time,

73,

Larry, WB8R

ARRL Michigan Section
Section Manager: Larry Camp, WB8R
wb8r@...

To unsubscribe from messages, go to:
http://p1k.arrl.org/oo/986a6d7307b26f86ea8ec88411e9e05c

2778. RE: [GRARA] Fwd: PRB-1 Flash Traffic!!!!

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-01-02 20:34:33 UTC
From: William Hayes
Topic: 2777 Message: 2778

I have emailed him and called him.

Bill Hayes
KD8PZK

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone (https://overview.mail.yahoo.com?.src=iOS)

At Jan 2, 2015, 3:14:53 PM, Hank Greeb n8xx@... [GRARA]<'GRARA@yahoogroups.com'> wrote:

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2779. Re: [GRARA] The GR area 146.760 repeater

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-01-03 03:30:33 UTC
From: w8nsi@...
Topic: 2772 Message: 2779

Thanks for the reply Hank.

From the opening page of this group... "You are welcome to visit our VHF repeater at 147.260 mhz (+) with a tone of 94.8 hz and our UHF repeater at 444.4000 mhz and a tone of 94.8 hz." with no mention of the 146.760 repeater also pl tone of 94.8.

Looks like the old 76 repeater is the red headed step child of the club?

Also no mention of it on the GRARA Facebook page or the GRARA web page. I was just curious.

Yes it does kerchunk! It really is still on the air, surprise surprise surprise (in my best Gomer Pyle voice). :)

73 de w8nsi/nnn0uzw jim

2780. Re: [GRARA] The GR area 146.760 repeater

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-01-03 15:36:47 UTC
From: w8nsi@...
Topic: 2772 Message: 2780

If the 76 repeater took a lightning hit and went down would anyone notice? This is like asking if a tree falls in the woods and no is present did it make a sound? :)

73 de w8nsi/nnn0uzw jim

2781. Re: [GRARA] The GR area 146.760 repeater

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-01-03 16:58:57 UTC
From: John Streyle
Topic: 2772 Message: 2781

A very good question. In my opinion, there are way too many repeaters in this area - so that the few users are spread out even more thinly.

W8QZ

On Jan 3, 2015, at 10:36 AM, "w8nsi@... [GRARA]" <GRARA@...m> wrote:

> If the 76 repeater took a lightning hit and went down would anyone notice? This is like asking if a tree falls in the woods and no is present did it make a sound? :)
>
> 73 de w8nsi/nnn0uzw jim
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2782. PODXS 070 Club PSKFest M/S AB LOW

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-01-03 22:02:48 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2782 Message: 2782

A giant Thanks to Stephen Provost, AC8QE, and Tom Hansen, N8DGD for "hanging in there" when we were puzzled by my insistence that COM4 was the correct port for where the rig control was connected. It actually was COM7, and when we switched to COM 4, everything worked fine.

Neither Tom nor I were familiar with the FL-Digi software, so we both fumbled a while in a short learning curve.

But, all in all, it seems that the system works fine for PSK-31, and probably for other narrow band digital modes.

Perhaps we have a subject of "PSK-31 @ W8DC" for an upcoming meeting?

PODXS 070 Club PSKFest Summary Sheet

Start Date : 2015-01-03

CallSign Used : W8DC
Operator(s) : N8XX, N8DGD

Operator Category : Multi-Single
Band : ALL
Power : LOW
Mode : PSK-31

Name : Grand Rapids ARA

ARRL Section : OH
Club/Team : None
Software : FL-Digi 3.21.83

Band QSOs Pts MULTS
7 3 3 4
14 11 11 12
Total 14 14 16

Claimed Score : 224
Rig : TS-2000

Antennas : Vertical

Soapbox : Testing new setup, TS-2000 and Rigblaster Pro
System worked quit well, after we realized the Com port for rig control was not what I "knew" it to be. A few fits and starts with two ops who were unfamiliar with how FL-Digi works

Time limited to 1.5 hours, much of it in learning mode. Thanks to some patient ops who stuck around while we learned how to work the software.

2783. Re: [GRARA] The GR area 146.760 repeater

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-01-04 16:13:55 UTC
From: w8nsi@...
Topic: 2772 Message: 2783

You are right. Too many repeaters with not enough ops to use them all.

Most repeaters seem to be quiet most of the time. Vanity repeaters?

The GR area UHF repeaters are a great example. Only the K8SN 442.175 machine gets a lot of use though there are repeaters on 443.075, 443.800, 444.100, 444.325 which seem to be quiet all the time.

GRARA's 444.400 machine is linked to the 147.26 machine, so it is on the air but how many actually use it?

A scan around 2 meters, lots of local clubs with their own repeaters that are maybe used once a week for a net but are otherwise mostly silent, There are exceptions like the 146.270 Lowell repeater which has great coverage and is used by hams on the east side of the county.

The 146.76 machine is so forgotten that it is never mentioned in any online club web space. I wonder what the coverage of the repeater is? Where is it located now? Does anyone in the club really know, because no one uses it?

2784. Re: [GRARA] The GR area 146.760 repeater

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-01-04 16:17:40 UTC
From: w8nsi@...
Topic: 2772 Message: 2784

Minor typo: the Lowell machine is 145.270 not 146.270

2785. Smart Meters

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-01-05 19:48:43 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2785 Message: 2785

I note in the Consumer's Energy website that smart meters have been installed in parts of Grand Rapids since 2012.

Does anyone know the frequenc(y)(ies) on which these devices operate?

I ask because back in SW Ohio (Middletown, Ohio and surrounding area) the power company decided, upon it's own recognizance, to plop down the the middle of the 80 meter Amateur Band and create quite a ruckus. It took considerable time and legal threats, including citation by the FCC, to get them to move.

The consumer's energy rep did not know the frequency or frequency band on which they operate, but promised to find out and advise me. She did say they "had their own frequency" which sounds like their operation may be licensed and sanctioned by the FCC, etc.

But, it's wise to know, because, even though they say there's a data dump only once a day, if thousands of installations are running simultaneously, they could be occupying a significant chunk of time.

72/73 de n8xx Hg

2786. Re: Smart Meters

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-01-05 19:57:48 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 2785 Message: 2786

"Does anyone know the frequenc(y)(ies) on which these devices operate?"
My understanding is CE has a contract with Verizon Wireless to use cell phone based devices to phone home.

73 Jack NY8D

----- Message from GRARA@yahoogroups.com ---------
Date: Mon, 05 Jan 2015 14:48:43 -0500
From: "Hank Greeb n8xx@... [GRARA]" <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>

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----- End message from GRARA@yahoogroups.com -----

2787. Re: [GRARA] Re: Smart Meters

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-01-05 21:00:11 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2785 Message: 2787

OH! That will be Great!

Thanks for the info.

For 30, very short text messages a month, they probably get a discount rate.

72/73 de n8xx Hg

On 1/5/2015 2:57 PM, Jack Amelar jamelar@... [GRARA] wrote:
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> ----- End message from GRARA@yahoogroups.com -----
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> Posted by: Jack Amelar <jamelar@...>
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2788. Re: Smart Meters

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-01-05 21:28:04 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 2785 Message: 2788

I should have thought to do a search when replying earlier. A good
article from MLIVE
http://www.mlive.com/news/muskegon/index.ssf/2012/09/mlive_reader_questions_on_cons.html
Turns out my grey cells got it right.

73 Jack NY8D

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Date: Mon, 05 Jan 2015 16:00:11 -0500
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----- End message from GRARA@yahoogroups.com -----

2789. Re: Smart Meters

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-01-06 13:33:48 UTC
From: w8nsi@...
Topic: 2785 Message: 2789

Hank, Jack, Here is the email reply I got from CE to an email requesting this info:

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Hello,

Thank you for contacting us back regarding the smart meters.

Our solution is point to point meaning we use cell phone towers to transmit data back to us from. Each smart meter is individually tied to a cell tower, they are not meshed together in any way. The bands used by the smart meters are private.

Radio broadcasts from smart meters are on Verizon 2G and 3G (1900 MHz/800MHz) cellular technologies: Daily read data (with ongoing cellular/data events). External broadcast of a radio frequency from smart meters is to transmit customer electric use data to the cell phone tower. The encrypted information is much like a cell phone text message and will send customer electric use data once daily – most likely between midnight and 2 a.m. The transmission of the daily read from the smart meter occurs at a radio frequency in the 800MHz cellular band, the data is about the same level of RF it takes to send a text message from a cell phone.

Hope this information helps.

Sincerely,

Stacy
Customer Service
Consumers Energy
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73 de w8nsi/nnn0uzw jim

2790. Re: [GRARA] Re: Smart Meters

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-01-06 23:02:39 UTC
From: John Streyle
Topic: 2785 Message: 2790

I've had one of the new meters at my house for the past several months, and have not noticed any systemic change in HF noise levels during that time.
W8QZ

Sent from my Ipad

On Jan 6, 2015, at 8:33 AM, "w8nsi@... [GRARA]" <GRARA@yahoogroups.com> wrote:

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2791. Re: [GRARA] Re: Smart Meters

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-01-07 06:46:15 UTC
From: R. Mark Barnett
Topic: 2785 Message: 2791

All we need are power meters producing RFI... EVERYTHING has a processor in it these days. I was having severe interference one night and it turned out to be from my new MP3 player that was TURNED OFF...

Mark B. N8PGV

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2792. Re: [GRARA] Re: Smart Meters

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-01-07 21:24:30 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2785 Message: 2792

Actually, the meters will be transmitting once a day, usually between
about midnight and 3 a.m., on the cellular band, using cellphone technology.

On 1/7/2015 1:46 AM, 'R. Mark Barnett' orgelkraft@... [GRARA] wrote:
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2793. Fwd: SpotTheStation

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-01-08 09:59:26 UTC
From: CR
Topic: 2793 Message: 2793

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-------- Forwarded Message --------
From: - Thu Jan 08 04:50:55 2015
X-Account-Key: account1
X-UIDL: 11e4-96d2-3c003382-b243-0021281414b6
X-Mozilla-Status: 0001
X-Mozilla-Status2: 00000000
X-Mozilla-Keys:
X-Vipre-Scanned: 02654F44008E7602655091-TDI
Status: U
Return-Path:
<united-states-michigan-grand-rapids-am-bounces@...>
Received: from mx-pinchot.atl.sa.earthlink.net ([207.69.195.25]) by
mdl-afraid.atl.sa.earthlink.net (EarthLink SMTP Server) with SMTP id
1y91w66cy3Nl36X0; Wed, 7 Jan 2015 20:04:02 -0500 (EST)
Received: from elwood.public.hq.nasa.gov ([198.116.65.188]) by
mx-pinchot.atl.sa.earthlink.net (EarthLink SMTP Server) with ESMTP id
1y91w03km3Nl34d0 for <ka5s@...>; Wed, 7 Jan 2015 20:03:56
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2015 20:03:55 -0500 (EST)
X-Original-To: United-States-Michigan-Grand-Rapids-AM@...
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[198.116.65.96]) by elwood.public.hq.nasa.gov (Postfix) with ESMTP id
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<United-States-Michigan-Grand-Rapids-AM@...>; Wed, 7 Jan
2015 19:57:49 -0500 (EST)
Date: Wed, 7 Jan 2015 19:57:49 -0500 (EST)
From: HQ-spotthestation@...
To: United-States-Michigan-Grand-Rapids-AM@...
Message-ID:
<1453011130.74644.1420678669981.JavaMail.nobody@...>
Subject: SpotTheStation
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=UTF-8
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit
X-Mailer: ColdFusion 9 Application Server
X-BeenThere: united-states-michigan-grand-rapids-am@...
X-Mailman-Version: 2.1.9
Precedence: list
List-Id: <united-states-michigan-grand-rapids-am.lists.hq.nasa.gov>
List-Unsubscribe:
<https://lists.hq.nasa.gov/mailman/listinfo/united-states-michigan-grand-rapids-am>,
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<mailto:united-states-michigan-grand-rapids-am-request@...?subject=unsubscribe>

List-Post:
<mailto:united-states-michigan-grand-rapids-am@...>
List-Help:
<mailto:united-states-michigan-grand-rapids-am-request@...?subject=help>

List-Subscribe:
<https://lists.hq.nasa.gov/mailman/listinfo/united-states-michigan-grand-rapids-am>,
<mailto:united-states-michigan-grand-rapids-am-request@...?subject=subscribe>

Sender: united-states-michigan-grand-rapids-am-bounces@...
Errors-To:
united-states-michigan-grand-rapids-am-bounces@...
X-ELNK-Received-Info: spv=0;
X-ELNK-AV: 0
X-ELNK-Info: sbv=5; sbrc=-1; sbf=bb; sbw=000;

Time: Thu Jan 08 7:22 AM, Visible: 6 min, Max Height: 87 degrees, Appears: WSW, Disappears:
ENE

2794. Re: Fwd: [GRARA] Fwd: SpotTheStation

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-01-08 23:12:55 UTC
From: CR
Topic: 2794 Message: 2794

Sorry! My email program forwarded *everything*; only the last line was content. Should have deleted it!

Cortland

2795. FW: SpotTheStation

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-01-10 02:15:29 UTC
From: CR
Topic: 2795 Message: 2795

On 1/9/2015 7:57 PM, HQ-spotthestation@... wrote:
> Time: Sat Jan 10 7:16 AM, Visible: 6 min, Max Height: 42 degrees, Appears: W, Disappears: NE

2796. Re: [GRARA] FW: SpotTheStation

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-01-10 02:28:56 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2795 Message: 2796

I gather that's the International Space Station?

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> On 1/9/2015 7:57 PM, HQ-spotthestation@... wrote:
>> Time: Sat Jan 10 7:16 AM, Visible: 6 min, Max Height: 42 degrees, Appears: W,
Disappears: NE
>

2797. Re: FW: SpotTheStation

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-01-10 11:43:21 UTC
From: CR
Topic: 2795 Message: 2797

Yes, the ISS.

Cortland

2798. Re: [GRARA] FW: SpotTheStation

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-01-10 12:57:34 UTC
From: John Streyle
Topic: 2795 Message: 2798

Tough to do with Michigan's cloudy winter weather. Has anybody on this list worked the Space Station (2M FM, I assume)?

On Jan 9, 2015, at 9:28 PM, "Hank Greeb n8xx@... [GRARA]" <GRARA@yahoogroups.com> wrote:

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> On 1/9/2015 9:15 PM, CR ka5s@... [GRARA] wrote:
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2799. Re: Smart Meters

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-01-10 20:03:32 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 2785 Message: 2799

FWIW, I got a robo call from Consumers Energy earlier today, Saturday January 10, informing me they are changing my meter to a smart meter sometime next week.

73 Jack NY8D

2800. Time: Sun Jan 11 6:28 AM, Visible: 3 min, Max Height: 68 degrees, Appears: NNW, Disappears: NE

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-01-11 00:41:34 UTC
From: CR
Topic: 2800 Message: 2800

Time: Sun Jan 11 6:28 AM, Visible: 3 min, Max Height: 68 degrees, Appears: NNW, Disappears: NE

2801. PRB-1 Last Minute Call to Action

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-01-13 12:46:44 UTC
From: ARRL Members Only Web site
Topic: 2801 Message: 2801

Senate Bill 0493 was presented to Governor Snyder at 10:08 AM on January 2, 2015. He has until 10:08 AM on January 16 to sign it in order for it to become law.

As of this writing (8:00 PM) on January 12, 2015 our bill (along with many others) has not been signed by the Governor. We are down to the final days and we need your help.

This call to action is for those Michigan amateurs and other interested parties that HAVE NOT yet contacted the Governor’s via email or the Governor’s website to make that contact. If you have already expressed your opinion by web site and telephone, thank you. You have done your job.

Duplicate requests by the same medium do not help our cause. Each of us can use each method once.

If you have called on the telephone, but not sent a request via the website, by all means use the website medium and vice-versa. Be sure that you have made contact by both mediums.

Michigan family members and friends of voting age, ham or non-ham can participate.

Our message is simple: “I respectfully encourage Governor Snyder to sign Senate Bill 493.” There is no need to add anything to the message as additional information gets in the way of what we want to get across at this point.

This message needs to be sent via email at:

https://somgovweb.state.mi.us/GovRelations/ShareOpinion.aspx

This web site will take you a form to be filled out. Easy to do and painless. No need to compose your comments. For the bill category, use "Other/Unknown" and simply insert the provided verbiage.

By telephone at 517-335-7858, simply tell the person answering the phone (or leave a message if calling after hours) “this is (your name) and I am a resident of (your city, town, village, or township) and I respectfully encourage Governor Snyder to sign Senate Bill 0493.”

After contacting the Governor's Office, please send a note to wa8qje@... and wb8r@... advising us that you made contact with them.

We are very hopeful that this will accomplish our goal and get our bill signed into law.

Thank you for your assistance and I look forward to giving you good news in the coming days.

73,

Larry, WB8R

ARRL Michigan Section
Section Manager: Larry Camp, WB8R
wb8r@...

To unsubscribe from messages, go to:
http://p1k.arrl.org/oo/f12e7a6872e869409b4e6528b07720e6

2802. Repeater PL tones

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-01-14 17:15:55 UTC
From: UncleFester@...
Topic: 2802 Message: 2802

Programming that state-wide VHF net on my handheld. The photocopied coverage map lists Lansing as having TWO PL's, 100.0Hz immediately above 107.2. Which one is TX, which one RX?

2803. Re: [GRARA] Repeater PL tones

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-01-14 19:01:34 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2802 Message: 2803

I not expert (an EXPERT is an EX=Has been, SPURT= Drip under pressure),
but often repeaters have a "short lived" CTSS tone for use by mobiles
who are transient. This is 100 Hz, which is supposed to be a
"universal" tone for emergency use, and to find out the "normal" CTSS tone.

Thus, I'd suggest you used 107.2 Hz for normal use.

If I have incorrect info, perhaps some "EXPERT" can correct me.

72/73 de n8xx Hg

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> coverage map lists Lansing as having TWO PL's, 100.0Hz immediately
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2804. RE: [GRARA] Repeater PL tones

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-01-15 02:10:12 UTC
From: tomkd8deg
Topic: 2802 Message: 2804

Hi,

There used to be two sites in Lansing. The PL you want to program in your rig is the 100.0.

Tom KD8DEG

From: GRARA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:GRARA@yahoogroups.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 14, 2015 12:16 PM
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [GRARA] Repeater PL tones

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2805. RE: [GRARA] Repeater PL tones

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-01-15 02:59:31 UTC
From: tomkd8deg
Topic: 2802 Message: 2805

Additional info. These sites are down.

One Lansing site down, one St. Joe site down, and the Mac city site down.

Tom KD8DEG

From: GRARA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:GRARA@yahoogroups.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 14, 2015 12:16 PM
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [GRARA] Repeater PL tones

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2806. Hello

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-01-15 15:08:38 UTC
From: Craig Bailey
Topic: 2806 Message: 2806

Hello,
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-Craig

2807. Re: [GRARA] Hello

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-01-15 15:21:53 UTC
From: Michael Wolthuis
Topic: 2806 Message: 2807

Craig,
Welcome to the area! There is a NEW HAMS dinner scheduled for February 7th at 4pm at Old Country Buffett on 28th St. in Wyoming MI. While this is to honor new hams and hams that have upgraded in 2014 in the West Michigan area it will be attended by many clubs from this area this year. If you are looking to meet hams in the area and socialize this could be a great event to join! I think welcoming new hams to the area is also a great use of this universal club dinner (sponsored by many West Michigan Clubs).

More details will be here soon, so keep an eye on the listserv!

Mike Wolthuis
KB8ZGL

From: "GRARA@yahoogroups.com" <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Reply-To: "GRARA@yahoogroups.com" <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Date: Thursday, January 15, 2015 at 10:08 AM
To: "GRARA@yahoogroups.com" <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Subject: [GRARA] Hello

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-Craig

2808. New HAMS Dinner

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-01-15 15:49:04 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2808 Message: 2808

Another plug for:

New HAMS Dinner Saturday FEB 7th at 4pm

Location:
Old Country Buffett
1038 28TH STREET SW
WYOMING MI 49509
Rogers Plaza Mall

RSVP: Mike Wolthuis KB8ZGL@...

Actually, we usually have plenty room for anyone who walks in.

But the place is large enough for an overflow crowd! So, come one, come all!

New Hams have complimentary entrance, please identify yourselves at the door.

Others pay a "reasonable price" (~$9.00 including tax and tip)

There will be door prizes, and sometimes an extemporaneous prize or something similar. I haven't heard who will be bringing the doors for prizes, but, who knows? :)

2809. Mark your calendars and Assistance with advice for planning New Hams Dinner

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-01-15 15:53:08 UTC
From: Michael Wolthuis
Topic: 2809 Message: 2809

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: February 7th, 4pm at the Old Country Buffet on 28th St. More formal details to follow on a flier, but wanted everyone to be able to mark their calendars early.

Good morning everyone,
As many of you know - Bobbie (KD8WZI) and myself (KB8ZGL) are working hard on final prep. For the New Hams Dinner 2015!

This year our goal is to promote not only recognition of New Hams, Upgraded license hams and hams that have moved into the area but it is also my personal goal after last year's event to use this event to promote West Michigan universal club events and improve inter-club communication.

This year we have HARC (Holland), MARA (Michigan), GRARA (Grand Rapids), Saranac all signed up to join us at this event! I also invited Ionia and in the future we will see what it grows into.

THE EVENT IS OPEN TO ALL HAMS, POTENTIAL HAMS and FAMILY MEMBERS. YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE A MEMBER OF A CLUB.

I have not planned a New Hams Dinner in the past. My ONLY experience is what I witnessed and what occurred last year. Bobbie (who is helping me from LARC) has also not planned or even attended a previous event (she is a NEW ham). Therefore, we would be willing to take any input on items such as:

1) What was done that worked well at previous events?
2) The original purpose of the event was to honor NEW HAMS, what were some ways that this worked well?
3) We have some door prizes planned, what has worked well to draw a good # of people?
4) Anything else you wish to advise us about changes you would like, what you liked / didn't like, etc.
I know that originally the New Hams Dinner was a joint event between MARA, GRARA and LARC (from what I have gathered in research). While we are expanding the groups included, we want to recognize each club present and represented.

1) What are some good ways to do this?
2) What has worked well in the past and may be considered "tradition" that we don't want to forget or make sure we include?

It is also my goal for next year to establish a planning committee with a representative from each club involved and get them on a listserv together so that this event can continue in popularity and growth while nurturing

all of West Michigan amateurs and the various clubs they represent.

Please direct all feedback to kb8zgl@... - Bobbie and I will compile it at our planning session.

The event is fast approaching, please MARK your calendars for this fun (new format) event! We will work on a formal flier / notice to go out in the next week.

Please feel free to open this up on your respective club's listservs. Bobbie and I will work hard to read and implement (as feasible) the suggestions made.

We are excited for a great time of social interaction among the amateurs of West Michigan!

Sincerely,
New Hams Dinner Committee 2015

2810. Re: [GRARA] New HAMS Dinner

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-01-15 15:58:06 UTC
From: Michael Wolthuis
Topic: 2808 Message: 2810

One item of correction – this year the clubs will be supporting door prizes instead of paying “complimentary dinner” for new hams. This is to make sure we limit financial impact of the event with the potential of how many new hams could come.

If this deters anyone personally, please feel free to talk to me directly and I will make it right, but this year our goal is to have door prizes and thus a fixed financial commitment for each club involved. As this event expands it is difficult to track and handle paying for the new ham’s dinners directly. Hopefully this model will work well.

Thanks for the PLUG Hank!

Those that I have talked to are very excited about the event this year and its growing popularity.

Mike
kb8zgl

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Reply-To: "GRARA@yahoogroups.com" <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Date: Thursday, January 15, 2015 at 10:49 AM
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2811. Governor Snyder signs Senate Bill 493. now PA 556

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-01-16 03:22:26 UTC
From: Tom
Topic: 2811 Message: 2811

With just one day left, Governor Snyder signed Senate Bill 493,
essentially a Michigan PRB-1

The announcement is here:

http://www.michigan.gov/snyder/0,4668,7-277-57577_57657-345450--,00.html

Scroll down a ways to see SB 493

Note, PA 556 has not been loaded up to the state website yet:

A HUGE thank you to all who wrote and emailed their support.

Tom K8TB

2812. PRB-1 signed

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-01-16 03:29:37 UTC
From: tomkd8deg
Topic: 2812 Message: 2812

http://www.legislature.mi.gov/(S(ivyw2g55kffifwizo0fzkcio))/mileg.aspx?page=GetObject <http://www.legislature.mi.gov/(S(ivyw2g55kffifwizo0fzkcio))/mileg.aspx?page=GetObject&objectname=2013-SB-0493> &objectname=2013-SB-0493

2813. Re: [GRARA] Hello

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-01-17 00:27:26 UTC
From: John Streyle
Topic: 2806 Message: 2813

Hi Craig - please get on the air, and use the local repeaters! They are way too quiet around GR.
John W8QZ

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> -Craig
>
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2814. Re: [GRARA] Hello

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-01-17 01:58:48 UTC
From: Mike Wolthuis
Topic: 2806 Message: 2814

Checkout the 145.27 it is regularly busy!

Mike
Kb8zgl

Sent from my iPhone

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>> -Craig
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2815. Re: [GRARA] Hello

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-01-19 14:08:42 UTC
From: Craig Bailey
Topic: 2806 Message: 2815

I admit, it's been a while since I've been on 2 meters - it is pretty surprising how quiet it is around here.. I figured GR would have been a bit busier. It also looks like there are a ton of repeaters around - is the problem a diluted band (too many repeaters), or the area isnt as active as it once was? It seems even the link is quiet.
Who manages the link now that Ira is gone?

-Craig
On Fri, Jan 16, 2015 at 08:58:48PM -0500, Mike Wolthuis wolthuis@... [GRARA] wrote:
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> Kb8zgl
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2816. Re: [GRARA] Hello

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-01-19 14:57:37 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 2806 Message: 2816

----- Message from GRARA@yahoogroups.com ---------
Date: Mon, 19 Jan 2015 09:08:42 -0500
From: "Craig Bailey kc8ijq@... [GRARA]" <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>

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>
----- End message from GRARA@yahoogroups.com -----

One of the founders and former trustee, Abe W8HVG, passed a few years ago.
The link and the Independent Repeater Association (IRA) are still very
much active.
The IRA sponsors Hamfestival first Saturday in June at the Hudsonville
Fairgrounds.
The callsign is now W8IRA, http://www.w8ira.org

On the subject of hamfests, West Michigan Youth Club is scheduled near
the end of March as I understand. GRARA in early September.

73 Jack NY8D

2817. Re: [GRARA] Hello

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-01-19 14:59:38 UTC
From: Craig Bailey
Topic: 2806 Message: 2817

Ahh, i was thinking Abe's name was Ira. He was acquaintances with my grandpa.. Sorry about the confusion.

On Mon, Jan 19, 2015 at 09:57:37AM -0500, Jack Amelar jamelar@... [GRARA] wrote:
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> ----- Message from GRARA@yahoogroups.com ---------
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2818. CQ 160 Contest on NOW!

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-01-24 01:06:19 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2818 Message: 2818

Anyone doing the CQ 160 tonight/tomorrow? I forgot it starts tonight,
and mods to my antenna for 160 will have to wait for daylight tomorrow. :(

But, typically by time the second evening's session starts, the "big
guys" have worked out all the "easy to moderately hard" stations, so a
Low power or QRP op stands a "fair" chance of being heard.

Here's the basic info:

The 2015 CQ World-Wide 160-Meter Contest
CW: 2200Z January 23, 2015 to 2200Z January 25, 2015
Details at http://www.cq160.com/

Try it, you may like it!

2819. ARRL January VHF Contest, 1900 UTC Saturday - 0359 UTC Monday (January 24-26, 2015)

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-01-24 18:29:31 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2819 Message: 2819

I presume this is olde news to Dave, KF8QL, who is probably already at some high spot or moving between high spots with his mobile/portable multi-band VHF rig. But perhaps some others would be interested in looking over the bands for some VHF contacts.

Note that FM simplex contacts are permitted, but using the national calling frequencies are discouraged.

If you have trouble with thereading parts of this e-mail, the rules and other info are on the web at:
http://www.arrl.org/january-vhf

Good luck on your efforts. Please be sure to send a log to the organizers even if you only make one or two contacts.

72/73 de n8xx Hg
QRP >99.44% of the time

About

*Objective: *For amateurs in the US and Canada (and their possessions) to work as many amateur stations in as many different 2 degrees x 1 degree Maidenhead grid squares as possible using authorized frequencies above 50 MHz. Stations outside the US & Canada (and their possessions) may only work stations in the US (and its posessions) and Canada. Stations in KH0-9, KL7 & KP1-KP5, CY9 and CY0 count as W/VE stations and can be worked by DX stations for contest credit.

Overview <http://www.arrl.org/january-vhf#>

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Log Submission Deadline+ <http://www.arrl.org/january-vhf#>
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Contact Information+ <http://www.arrl.org/january-vhf#>
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Results+ <http://www.arrl.org/january-vhf#>
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Contest Details

*January VHF Rules (Download PDF
<http://www.arrl.org/files/file/Contest%20Rules%20PDFs/2015/ARRLJanuaryVHFRules20150109.pdf>)
**updated 01/09/2015*
1. *Objective:* To work as many amateur stations in as many different 2 degrees x 1 degree grid squares as possible using authorized frequencies above 50 MHz. Foreign stations work W/VE amateurs only.
*2. Date and Contest Period: *The date will be announced annually by the ARRL but will generally be the third or fourth weekend in January. Begins 1900 UTC Saturday, ends 0359 UTC Monday (January 24-26, 2015).
3. Entry Categories:
*3.1. **Single Operator* (spotting assistance is NOT permitted)
*3.1.1. *High Power (1500 W PEP ormaximum power allowed by your Amateur license, whichever is less)
*3.1.2. *Low Power (200 W PEP on 50/144 MHz; 100 W PEP on 222/432 MHz; 50 W PEP on 902 MHz and higher)
*3.1.3. *Portable (10 W PEP or less, portable power source, portable antennas,cannot set up at a permanent station location)
*3.1.4. *3-Band (6m, 2m & 432 MHz only; 100 W or less on 6m/2m, 50 W or less on 432 MHz.)
*3.1.5. *FM Only (6m-446 MHz, 100 W or less on all bands)
*3.2. **Single Operator Unlimited *(spotting assistance is permitted)
*3.2.1. *High Power (1500 W PEP ormaximum power allowed by your Amateur license, whichever is less)
*3.2.2. *Low Power (200 W PEP on 50/144 MHz; 100 W PEP on 222/432 MHz; 50 W PEP on 902 MHz and higher)
*3.2.3. *Portable (10 W PEP or less, portable power source, portable antennas,cannot set up at a permanent station location)
3.2.4. Spotting assistance is not permitted for Single Operator 3-Band or FM-Only. Operators using assistance in these sub-categories will be reclassified as Single Operator Unlimited Low Power.
3.3. *Rover*
3.3.1. *Rover *A rover is comprised of no more than two operators that moves among two or more grid squares during the course of a contest. An operator may perform any or all rover functions, but a driver's function shall be limited to driving the vehicle. Drivers may be switched out during the event. Any number of observers is also allowed, however observers may not perform any rover function at any time. Rover vehicles with only one occupant are allowed to perform all functions listed above.
3.3.1.1. A rover vehicle may transport only one station using a single call sign. An exception is provided for in "General Rules for All ARRL

Contests" number 3.5 (Family Rule).
3.3.1.2. Rover vehicles must transport all the equipment, power supplies, and antennas used at each operating site.
3.3.1.3. Rovers MUST sign "rover" on Phone and /R on CW and digital modes after their call sign.
3.3.1.4. All Rovers are encouraged to adopt operating practices that allow as many stations as possible to contact them.
3.3.1.5. Rover operators may submit separate logs for single operator (fixed station) in addition to their rover entries. Rovers submitting a score for inclusion in a club competition must also include a secondary summary sheet indicating the portion of the score that counts for the club score if any of the QSOs submitted take place outside of their club's territory.
3.3.1.6. Rovers are permitted to use APRS. Rovers using APRS transmit only their call sign and position. Any multi-op or single-op unlimited station may access rover APRS data directly or via the Internet.
3.3.1.7 Rovers are not permitted to use assistance. Any Rovers using assistance will be re-categorized as an Unlimited Rover.
3.3.1.8. A rover may not make more than 100 QSOs with any other one rover.
3.3.2. *Limited Rover* (1 or 2 operators, 6m - 432 MHz only; 200 W PEP or less on6m/2m, 100 W PEP or less on 222/432 MHz.)
3.3.2.1. Limited Rovers are not permited to use assistance. Any Limited Rovers using assistance will be re-categorized as an Unlimited Rover.
3.3.3. Unlimited Rover (all bands above 50 MHz, 1500 W PEP ormaximumpower allowed by your Amateur license, whichever is less, but may use more than two operators and are exempt from rules 3.3.1.2 and 3.3.1.8.)
3.3.3.1. Unlimited Rover scores may NOT be applied to a club score for Club Competition.
*3.4. Multioperator *(spotting assistance is permitted.)
*3.4.1. Multioperator *(1500 W PEP ormaximum power allowed by your Amateur license, whichever is less)
*3.4.2. Limited Multioperator *(Limited to any 4 bands above 50 MHz, 1500 W PEP ormaximum power allowed by your Amateur license, whichever is less)
4. Exchange:
4.1. Maidenhead grid-square locator (see www.arrl.org/grid-squares)
4.2. Exchange of signal report is optional.
5. Scoring
5.1. QSO points:
5.1.1. Count one point for each complete 50- or 144-MHz QSO.
5.1.2. Count two points for each 222- or 432-MHz QSO.
5.1.3. Count four points for each 902- or 1296-MHz QSO.
*5.1.4. *Count eight points for each 2.3 GHz (or higher) QSO.
5.2. Multiplier: The total number of different grid squares worked per band. Each gridsquare counts as one multiplier on each band it is worked.
5.3. Final score: Multiply the total number of QSO points from all bands operated by the total number of multipliers for final score.
5.4. Rovers only: The final score consists of the total number of QSO

points from all bands times the sum of unique multipliers (grid squares) worked per band (regardless of which grid square they were made in) plus one additional multiplier for every grid squarefrom which they successfully completed a contact.
5.4.1. Rovers are listed in the contest score listings under the Division from whichthe most QSOs were made.
6. Reporting:
*6.1. *Email electronic Cabrillo-formatted logs to *JanuaryVHF@...* <mailto:JanuaryVHF@...>; hand-written paper logs or diskettes should be mailed to ARRL January VHF Contest, 225 Main St, Newington, CT 06111.
6.2. Entries that have been electronically generated must submit their log file in the Cabrillo file format. Paper printouts of electronic files are not acceptable substitutes.Logs created with word processing or spreadsheet software are considered electronic logs and must be submitted in Cabrillo format.
*6.3.*Entries must be emailed or postmarked no later than *0359 UTC Wednesday, February 25, 2015.*
6.4. Entries may be submitted using the *web applet* <http://www.b4h.net/cabforms>.
6.5. Rovers who submit scores for the club competition must submit a second summary sheet indicating QSOs and score/ if they make any contacts from outside of the club territory./ Indicate clearly on the summary sheet and in log if the log is the total entry or that portion to be counted for the club score.
7. Miscellaneous:
7.1. Stations may be worked for credit only once per band from any given grid square,regardless of mode. This does not prohibit working a Rover station from more than one grid square with the same call sign.
7.2. All stations may have only one signal per band (6, 2, 220MHz, etc) at any given time regardless of mode.
7.3. Multioperator stations may not include QSOs with their own operators except onfrequencies higher than 2.3 GHz. Even then, a complete, different station (transmitter,receiver and antenna) must exist for each QSO made under these conditions.
*8. Awards: *Certificates will be awarded in the following categories:
8.1. Single Operator
8.1.1. Top Single Operator entrant in each ARRL/RAC Section for High and Low Power.
8.1.2. Top single operator on each band (50, 144, 222, 432, 902, 1296 and 2304-and-up categories) in each ARRL/RAC Section where significant effort orcompetition is evident. (Note: Since the highest score per band will be the award winner for that band, an entrant may win a certificate with additional single-bandendorsements.) For example, if KA1RWY has the highest single-operator all-band score in the CT Section and her 50- and 222-MHz scores are higher than any other CT single operator’s, she will earn a certificate for being the single-operator Section leader and endorsements for 50 and 222 MHz.
8.2. Top Single Operator, Portable entrant in each ARRL/RAC Section where significant effort or competition is evident. (Single operator

portable entries are not eligible for single-band awards.)
*8.3.*Top Single Operator, 3-Band entrant in each ARRL/RAC Section where significant effort or competition is evident.(Single Operator, 3-Band entries are not eligible forsingle-band awards.)
8.4. Top Single Operator, FM Only entrant in each ARRL/RAC Section where significant effort or competition is evident. (Single Operator, FM Only entries are not eligible forsingle-band awards.)
8.5. Top Single Operator Unlimited entrant in each ARRL/RAC Section for High and Low Power.
8.6. Top Single Operator Unlimited, Portable entrant in each ARRL/RAC Section where significant effort or competition is evident. (Single operator unlimited portable entries are not eligible for single-band awards.)
8.7. Top Rover, Limited Rover and Unlimited Rover entrant in each ARRL Division and Canada where significant effort or competition is evident. (Rover entries are not eligiblefor single-band awards.)
8.8. Top Multioperator score in each ARRL/RAC Section where significant effort orcompetition is evident. (Multioperator entries are not eligible for single-band awards.)
*8.9. *Top Limited Multioperator in each ARRL/RAC Section where significant effort or competition is evident. (Limited Multioperator entries are not eligible for single-bandawards.)
8.10. Top DX stations where significant effort or competition is evident.
9. Other:
9.1. See “*General Rules for All ARRL Contests* <http://www.arrl.org/general-rules-for-all-arrl-contests>” and “*General Rules for ARRL Contests on bands above 50 MHz (VHF)* <http://www.arrl.org/general-rules-for-arrl-contests-above-50-mhz>”
*9.2. *For more information contact *contests@...* <mailto:contests@...> or (860) 594-0232

2820. Re: [GRARA] CQ 160 Contest on NOW!

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-01-27 00:58:37 UTC
From: streyle.j@...
Topic: 2818 Message: 2820
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

I managed a whole 31 contacts - best 'DX' was North Dakota
W8QZ
P.S. Still haven't gotten thru the pileups to work Iran (EP6T)

----- Original Message -----

From: "Hank Greeb n8xx@... [GRARA]" <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
To: "GRARA" <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Friday, January 23, 2015 8:06:19 PM
Subject: [GRARA] CQ 160 Contest on NOW!

Anyone doing the CQ 160 tonight/tomorrow? I forgot it starts tonight, and mods to my antenna for 160 will have to wait for daylight tomorrow. :(

But, typically by time the second evening's session starts, the "big guys" have worked out all the "easy to moderately hard" stations, so a Low power or QRP op stands a "fair" chance of being heard.

Here's the basic info:

The 2015 CQ World-Wide 160-Meter Contest
CW: 2200Z January 23, 2015 to 2200Z January 25, 2015
Details at http://www.cq160.com/

Try it, you may like it!

2821. New Call, same good guy

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-01-27 18:51:24 UTC
From: Tom
Topic: 2821 Message: 2821

Say congratulations to Jim Leys, who skinny-ed up on his call. Formally KD8CAN, Jim is now K8CAN:

http://wireless2.fcc.gov/UlsApp/UlsSearch/license.jsp?licKey=3665361

Tom K8TB

2822. Re: [GRARA] New Call, same good guy

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-01-28 05:13:44 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2821 Message: 2822

Congrats, Jim:

But, a question:

CAN k8CAN do the CAN-CAN?

See you Friday!

72/73 de n8xx Hg

On 1/27/2015 1:51 PM, Tom k8tb@... [GRARA] wrote:
> Say congratulations to Jim Leys, who skinny-ed up on his call. Formally KD8CAN, Jim is now K8CAN:
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> http://wireless2.fcc.gov/UlsApp/UlsSearch/license.jsp?licKey=3665361
>
> Tom K8TB

2823. Upgrading my Parts Supply

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-01-28 20:50:08 UTC
From: UncleFester@...
Topic: 2823 Message: 2823

Big surprise and change in plans from my kidney specialist. Appointments are being made left and right for me to HOPEFULLY receive a new (well, slightly used, actually) kidney. Appointment #1, starting the whole circus, includes extensive blood tests and tissue typing, takes place Monday.

This throws just about every aspect of my life out of whack, including job search, driving, outdoor activities, etc.

Jerry AC8QC

2824. D-Star

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-01-28 21:45:16 UTC
From: w8nsi@...
Topic: 2824 Message: 2824

Is there any D-Star activity in the Grand Rapids area?

2825. Re: [GRARA] Upgrading my Parts Supply

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-01-28 21:49:01 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2823 Message: 2825

Jerry:

Best wishes for a prompt replacement for your kidney to be found.

72/73 de n8xx Hg
QRP >99.44% of the time

On 1/28/2015 3:50 PM, UncleFester@... [GRARA] wrote:
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> Big surprise and change in plans from my kidney specialist.
> Appointments are being made left and right for me to HOPEFULLY receive
> a new (well, slightly used, actually) kidney. Appointment #1, starting
> the whole circus, includes extensive blood tests and tissue typing,
> takes place Monday.
>
> This throws just about every aspect of my life out of whack, including
> job search, driving, outdoor activities, etc.
>
> Jerry AC8QC

2826. Re: [GRARA] D-Star

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-01-28 21:55:24 UTC
From: Joe Veldhuis
Topic: 2824 Message: 2826

Last I knew, there were two repeaters up: one in Moline, and one in or north of Muskegon. Both of them are full-featured, link-capable machines.

-Joe, N8FQ

On 28 Jan 2015 13:45:16 -0800
"w8nsi@... [GRARA]" <GRARA@yahoogroups.com> wrote:

> Is there any D-Star activity in the Grand Rapids area?
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2827. Re: [GRARA] D-Star

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-01-29 00:14:15 UTC
From: Mike Wolthuis
Topic: 2824 Message: 2827

Yes, checkout WX8GRR. I can give your more info if needed. Most of us are on the uhf module.

Mike
Kb8zgl

Sent from my iPhone

> On Jan 28, 2015, at 4:45 PM, w8nsi@... [GRARA] <GRARA@yahoogroups.com> wrote:
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> Is there any D-Star activity in the Grand Rapids area?
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2828. 47th anniversary of the Apollo fire

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-01-29 01:20:16 UTC
From: Tom
Topic: 2828 Message: 2828

Yesterday, Jan 27, was the 47th anniversary of the Apollo 1 launch pad fire that killed three astronauts, including Grand Rapids born and raised Roger Chaffee.

There is a short but interesting biography of him online at:

http://history.nasa.gov/Apollo204/zorn/chaffee.htm

Tom K8TB

2829. Re: [GRARA] D-Star

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-01-29 20:50:49 UTC
From: w8nsi@...
Topic: 2824 Message: 2829

I am thinking of getting the dstar board for my IC-2820h and was just checking. Where is WX8GRR repeater located. What band is it on and what coverage does it have.

I am looking at dstar so I can program my own radio.

My mototrbo rigs (XPR 4550 and 6550) need updating and I can not program the changes. I liked using statewide 2 and apparently that moved to talk group 52 or some such. My 6550 has never worked on the North America and World Wide channels. I have the programming cords for both rigs just not the Motorola software.

73 de w8nsi/nnn0uzr jim

2831. ARLB004 FCC "Paperless" Amateur Radio License Policy Goes into Effect on February 17

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-01-29 22:51:11 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2831 Message: 2831

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ARLB004 FCC "Paperless" Amateur Radio License Policy Goes into Effect on February 17

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>From ARRL HeadquartersNewington CTJanuary 29, 2015 To all radio +amateurs

SB QST ARL ARLB004 ARLB004
FCC "Paperless" Amateur Radio License Policy Goes into Effect on February 17

Starting February 17, the FCC no longer will routinely issue paper license documents to Amateur Radio applicants and licensees. The Commission has maintained for some time now that the official Amateur Radio license authorization is the electronic record that exists in its Universal Licensing System (ULS), although the FCC has continued to print and mail hard copy licenses. In mid-December the FCC adopted final procedures to provide access to official electronic authorizations, as it had proposed in WT Docket 14-161 as part of its "process reform" initiatives.

Under the new procedures, licensees will access their current official authorization ("Active" status only) via the ULS License Manager. The FCC will continue to provide paper license documents to all licensees who notify the Commission that they prefer to receive one. Licensees also will be able to print out an official authorization - as well as an unofficial "reference copy" - from the ULS License Manager.

"We find this electronic process will improve efficiency by simplifying access to official authorizations in ULS, shortening the time period between grant of an application and access to the official authorization, and reducing regulatory costs," the FCC Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (WTB) said. According to the WTB, the new procedures will save at least $304,000 a year, including the cost of staff resources.

In comments filed November 5, the ARRL had strongly recommended that the FCC "give serious consideration to continuing a default provision for

sending an initial paper license document to new licensees in the Amateur Radio Service, along with detailed, simple instructions for how to make the elections set forth in the notice relative to future modified or renewed licenses."

The FCC said that applicants or licensees who include a valid e-mail address under "Applicant Information" in the ULS will receive an official electronic authorization via e-mail. New license applicants who do not provide a FCC Registration Number at the examination point will receive a printed license as well as an FRN and a temporary password to access the Commission Registration System (CORES).

The ARRL and other Amateur Radio commenters also worried that unless a license document is printed on distinctive paper stock, its authenticity could be questioned in such situations as obtaining vanity call sign license plates. To address this, the FCC said the watermark "Official Copy" will be printed on each page of an official authorization that a licensee prints out from the ULS. The WTB recently stopped using distinctive paper stock to produce hard copy licenses and has been printing these on "standard, white recycled paper." The Bureau noted that the distinctive paper stock it had used was six times more expensive than the plain recycled paper it now uses.

The ULS License Manager now includes settings that allow licensees to notify the WTB that they prefer to receive official authorizations on paper. Once the final procedures go into effect designating electronic access as the default, licensees can change the ULS License Manager setting so that the Bureau will print and mail a license document. Licensees also may contact FCC Support via the web at, http://esupport.fcc.gov/index.htm?job=contact_fcc_support , or via telephone or mail to request paper licenses.

The FCC rejected as "outside the scope of this proceeding" an ARRL argument that Section 97.23 of the Amateur Service rules be amended to replace "licensee mailing address" with other alternatives, including e-mail, for use in Commission correspondence. The rule, which requires that any licensee mailing address be in an area where the licensee has US Postal Service access, has precluded FCC issuance of location-specific call signs in such areas as Navassa Island (KP1) and some Pacific islands.
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2832. Re: D-Star

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-01-31 03:11:46 UTC
From: w8nsi@...
Topic: 2824 Message: 2832

I was using SW2 until it changed and now I cant access it on my trbo rigs. Let me know when and where we can get together so you can fix 'em up for me. I have programming cords for both the 4550 mobile and the 6550 (the cord also is for the 7550).

Also I now have the D-Star board in my IC-2820H (on the base) and have spent the last several hours knocking my head against setting it up to work with WX8GRR but so far no work. I have watched all kinds of youtube vids telling how to program it.

2834. Re: [GRARA] D-Star

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-02-02 13:08:35 UTC
From: w8nsi@...
Topic: 2824 Message: 2834

Thanks for the links. I will use them a little later when I get downstairs to the shack. Last night I was on the dstar simplex channel with wx8bob. It worked great there.

I am keeping my TRBO equipment in hopes of getting the programming updated so I can use statewide2 and on the 6550 I want to be able to use the North America and WorldWide channels. Neither works.

2835. Fwd: VT QSO Party next Weekend

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-02-02 20:24:49 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2835 Message: 2835

-------- Forwarded Message --------
Subject: VT QSO Party next Weekend
Date: Mon, 02 Feb 2015 14:06:19 -0500
From: Mitch Stern <w1sj@...>
To: ranv@...

A reminder that the 2015 Vermont QSO Party is next weekend, starting at 0000 Feb 7.
Details can be found at:
http://www.ranv.org/vtqso.html

We have been working hard to round up more VT stations for you to work!

The rules are pretty much the same. Some minor changes:
1. the power multiplier is 1 for over 100w, 1.5 for 10-100w and 2 for under 10w. Please make sure your Cabrillo file clearly shows this.
2. There is no separate category for VT mobiles, although stations can certainly operate mobile
3. If you mail an entry, we must have it within 2 weeks. Otherwise the log deadline is 1 month if you submit electronically.

Participants are reminded to copy the entire exchange - signal report and QTH. In the past some participants looked up the station's QTH on-line with their logging software. That will make you a check log.

Once again will be offer VT Maple Syrup to the 3 highest outside Vermont entires. Fire up your stations and work hard for this sweet prize!

I'll be on from the host station W1NVT. See you next week!

Mitch

2836. Outstanding amateur radio website!

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-02-03 00:53:27 UTC
From: stprovost@...
Topic: 2836 Message: 2836

Hello, I came across the following website that has many (really many!) documents that discusses RF signal flow and how to stop the RF noise from messing with your QSO!

here is the link:
http://www.audiosystemsgroup.com/K9YC/K9YC-old.htm
http://www.audiosystemsgroup.com/K9YC/K9YC-old.htm

stephen AC8QE

2837. International PI day 03.14.15 on the air celebration

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-02-03 21:53:16 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2837 Message: 2837

International Pi day (3.14159.......) (and Albert Einstein's Birthday)
is coming on 03.14.15 (14 March 15)

As I announced earlier, John, KC8ULE, and the Lake Effect ARC (Michigan)
is sponsoring a PI-Day on the air celebration. If you wish to join the
effort, please contact John at kc8ule@... <mailto:kc8ule@...>

Help is cordially invited, any time, any band, any mode for as long as
you care to operate.
A preliminary web site for this event is at
http://qsl.net/kd8dku/2015_Pi_Day_Band-Ops.htm

Note: W8P and N8P have been reserved for this celebration. Quite a few
other W*P, K*P, N*P are still available. Contact ARRL VEC via the

1x1callsigns.org web site at http://www.1x1callsigns.org/

As a courtesy, please advise kc8ule@... of your intended operating
plan.

Note, you MAY use your own call if you wish - it is Not mandatory to
have a special event call, but these may attract more attention.

The more, the merrier!

*PLUS: *For all the Mathematical Geeks and would be Geeks, there are at
least two places which are selling PI day t-shirts and other paraphernalia

http://www.cafepress.com/mf/94301194/pi-day-2015_tshirt?productId=1437088320
http://www.sunfrogshirts.com/Geek-&-Tech/Pi-Day-2015--RoyalBlue-16863900-Guys.html?3741&W1
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If the above get trucated, try these two:
http://goo.gl/rxIgDd
http://goo.gl/z5Co1J

72/73 de n8xx Hg
QRP >99.44% of the time

2838. Results of various medical appointments (so far)

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-02-04 07:46:19 UTC
From: UncleFester@...
Topic: 2838 Message: 2838

For those who've been asking, here's my present kidney status:

After dealing with multiple phone messages of "set up appointments now, now, now, now, now", I've discovered what's really happening, and the pushing seems to be false advertising more than anything else.

It actually takes a series of appointments/interrogations over many, many months before any decisions are made. I have no relatives qualified or willing to donate, so there's no shortcut to take. The nurse presenting the transplant program hemmed and hawed when I asked for specific statistics until I finally forced her into an answer: 25% after seven years.

Friday I go in to be "edumacated" about dialysis; apparently it's one heck of an owner's manual. I get the port put in my arm the 23rd, and it'll be several months before it heals, which explains why it's being taken care of WAY ahead of time

Monday night I found out that our Legion post's Cubmaster's dad had one, and it was a miserable existence for him. She was in tears telling me about it.

So, I guess the plan is to watch the diet, cut out the salt (nearly impossible the way food is made nowadays, try to find a low-impact job, and not worry about going under the knife for a long time.

Jerry AC8QC

2839. Service opportunity THIS Saturday

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-02-04 07:55:57 UTC
From: UncleFester@...
Topic: 2839 Message: 2839

Melissa Wright, Cubmaster for Cub Pack 3281, is organizing/running the big Cub Extravaganza THIS Saturday at HAGAR PARK in Jenison, Cubs in 5 big groups go from activity station to activity station in two sessions, AM & PM. In between sessions are two sled dog demonstrations.

She planned all this solo (amazing), but she didn't take into account communications. When I talked to her, she said she needed one person to shadow each group, and one person to shadow her. I landed that assignment and am already being called "Pink Shadow." (she has pink dye in her hair; if I did that, I'd look like a giant Froot Loop)

Anyone interested? I guess we can use the Hudsonville repeater. There is >NO< child management involved, you just shadow the group guide(s). There's food, and a few activities involve mass quantities of fire. Five, Six, Seven people? I won't turn down extra people, since I have poor thermal regulation and my body temp wanders.

I'll try to make it to Wednesday as well as the Friday meeting.

Jerry AC8QC

2840. Reminder New Hams Dinner this Saturday - 2/7/15 at 4pm

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-02-05 16:18:43 UTC
From: Michael Wolthuis
Topic: 2840 Message: 2840

This is a friendly reminder that the Greater Grand Rapids Area New Hams Dinner is scheduled for this Saturday 2/7/15 at 4pm at the Old Country Buffett located on 28th St. in Wyoming, MI.

https://www.google.com/maps/place/Old+Country+Buffet/@42.912208,-85.691401,15z/data=!4m2!3m1!1s0x0:0x5d8cbe10c84a005b

The cost of dinner is $13 per person and includes a $0.50 group gratuity charge.

This year's event has been sponsored by the following clubs:
Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association – W8DC
Holland Amateur Radio Club – K8DAA
Independent Repeater Association – W8IRA
Lowell Amateur Radio Club – W8LRC
Michigan Amateur Radio Alliance – W8USA
Riverside Radio Amateurs of Ionia County – WA8RRA

All New Hams and Upgraded Hams (during 2014 and the first part of 2015) are eligible for one of several door prizes. The door prizes include Hamfest tickets, MFJ equipment, multi-meters and flashlights and MORE! Also each New Ham and Upgraded Ham will receive a special gift for attending.

The goal of this year's New Hams Dinner is to connect New Hams with clubs in the Greater Grand Rapids Area and honor them for joining this exciting hobby we all love while promoting growth between clubs in the Greater Grand Rapids Area.

All Grand Rapids area and beyond hams are welcome to join! You do NOT need to be a member of one of the above clubs to come hang out and get to know people in this wonderful hobby.

On behalf of this year's co-chair Bobbie Miller KD8WZI and myself Mike Wolthuis KB8ZGL – we look forward to seeing you Saturday!

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to email them to kb8zgl@...

Mike Wolthuis
KB8ZGL

2841. Monthly Meeting

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-02-05 17:42:29 UTC
From: Jack Kunnen
Topic: 2841 Message: 2841

Friday, 6 February, is GRARA’s monthly meeting. 7PM at the Red Cross chapter house on Fuller NE.

2842. Re: Reminder New Hams Dinner this Saturday - 2/7/15 at 4pm

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-02-05 18:48:23 UTC
From: james.vanderwoude@...
Topic: 2840 Message: 2842

Are spouses invited and if so do most attendees bring them?

2843. Re: [GRARA] Re: Reminder New Hams Dinner this Saturday - 2/7/15 at 4pm

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-02-05 20:11:04 UTC
From: Mike Wolthuis
Topic: 2840 Message: 2843

Spouses are certainly invited! No problem there. It is probably 50/50 on people who have brought family in the past.

Mike
Kb8zgl

Sent from my iPhone

> On Feb 5, 2015, at 1:48 PM, james.vanderwoude@... [GRARA] <GRARA@yahoogroups.com> wrote:
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> Are spouses invited and if so do most attendees bring them?
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>

2844. Re: Reminder New Hams Dinner this Saturday - 2/7/15 at 4pm

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-02-06 03:00:39 UTC
From: wolthuis@...
Topic: 2840 Message: 2844

Everyone,
It appears the link I sent for the map was bad.

The address is:
1038 28th Street Southwest, Wyoming, MI

https://maps.google.com/maps?hl=en&gbv=2&ie=UTF-8&gl=us&q=Old+country+buffet+Wyoming,+MI&ei=hSzUVPaECdSeyASthILwBQ&ved=0CCwQtgMwAw&output=classic&dg=brw https://maps.google.com/maps?hl=en&gbv=2&ie=UTF-8&gl=us&q=Old+country+buffet+Wyoming,+MI&ei=hSzUVPaECdSeyASthILwBQ&ved=0CCwQtgMwAw&output=classic&dg=brw

Thanks to N8UVI who pointed this out.

Mike
kb8zgl

2845. Weather Spotter Training

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-02-07 00:24:34 UTC
From: stprovost@...
Topic: 2522 Message: 2845

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Kent County SKYWARN KCSD Emergency Management Division / RACES
701 Ball Ave NE,
Grand Rapids, MI 49503

2846. New Hams Dinner

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-02-09 14:06:35 UTC
From: james.vanderwoude@...
Topic: 101 Message: 2846

Thank you to all that had a part in setting up the gathering. It was nice to put faces on the calls heard on the air. Thank you for the door prize and especially the log book. I can't imagine how much time and effort went into putting it together. KD8WXF Jim

2847. School Club Roundup

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-02-09 14:31:22 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2847 Message: 2847

I've stumbled across a quite interesting operating event for GRARA's W8DC club station.

It is the ARRL's School Club Roundup? It finally dawned on me that club stations are encouraged to operate in this event. There IS a CLUB category for clubs like us! It's a low key event, designed to get folks in schools (and clubs) in touch with each other.

Details are at http://www.arrl.org/school-club-roundup

It's going on right now,
Monday through Friday from 1300 UTC Monday (February 9 through 2359 UTC Friday (February 13).
May operate 6 hours of a 24 hour day, and a total of 24 hours during the week.

This would be a great event for the open radio room on Wednesday evening, doing something other than just jaw-boning locally!

I have another committment on Wednesday evening, but I encourage the participants at the open radio room to fire up the rig and contact other clubs and school clubs!

72/73 de n8xx Hg

2848. Re: [GRARA] New Hams Dinner

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-02-10 15:31:59 UTC
From: Dan Hartman
Topic: 101 Message: 2848

I'd also like to thank the planners of the event for taking the time out of their days to put it on. The door prizes were a nice touch.

Thanks,
Dan KD8ZAT

On Mon, Feb 9, 2015 at 9:06 AM, james.vanderwoude@... [GRARA] <GRARA@yahoogroups.com> wrote:

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2849. Equipment for sale

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-02-12 02:38:39 UTC
From: Tom
Topic: 2849 Message: 2849

Hello, everyone.

I have the following pieces of equipment for sale. I am selling this gear in order to acquire the funds to help with the purchase of a high-power auto-tuner, and an Amaritron ALS600 solid-state amplifier as an upgrade to my current home station. If interested, please e-mail me at:

Tombehler@... <mailto:Tombehler@...>

In addition, feel free to pass this info along to anyone else who you feel might be interested.

***Ten-tec Scout 555 HF Transceiver, including all 9 Band Modules, Ten-tec 607 Paddle/Keyer & Ten-tec 937 Power Supply. Included are all Manuals and documentation, Power Cords, and Ten-tec Mic. All equipment is in excellent condition, and comes from a smoke-free environment. This is a complete station that was previously owned by our silent key friend, Bill Eckels (W8ZNH). Am asking $600, or best offer. Local pickup can be arranged in order to avoid shipping costs.

***Ameritron AL811H Amplifier in good working condition. The amplifier has a matched quad of 572B tubes. An extra set of four (4) 811A tubes will also be included. The amp has been very successfully used on 20 and 40 meters, and tunes on other HF bands, from 80 through 10 meters. Manuals and other documentation will be provided. The amplifier has been in a smoke-free environment. Asking $600, or best offer. Local pickup can be arranged in order to avoid shipping costs.

Ten-tec 238A Manual Tuner in good condition. The tuner handles up to 2000 watts, and functions quite well on all HF bands, despite a slightly-noisy roller inductor). Manuals and other documentation will be included. The tuner has been used in a smoke-free environment. Asking $200, or best offer. Local pickup can be arranged to avoid shipping costs.

Tom Behler: KB8TYJ, Big Rapids

2850. Thank you

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-02-14 15:46:23 UTC
From: james.vanderwoude@...
Topic: 2850 Message: 2850

Thank you to all the VE's that showed up last night for the Amateur Radio exams. Your devotion to what you do is greatly appreciated. Your commitment to doing this once a month is commendable. Again thank you.
Jim KD8WXF/AE

2851. RE: [GRARA] Thank you

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-02-14 17:32:37 UTC
From: William Hayes
Topic: 2850 Message: 2851

I al a VE.
You can add me to your list.

Bill Hayes
KD8PZK

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone (https://overview.mail.yahoo.com?.src=iOS)

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wrote:

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2852. possible source for cheaper antenna cable

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-02-21 16:29:31 UTC
From: stprovost@...
Topic: 2852 Message: 2852

Hello, today I received an email from MTC who sells surplus gear along with new amateur radio gear.

Here is the url link for the selling of expensive cable at $1.60 per foot (when buying a 500 foot roll).
He states shipping is free to the 48 states.

Here is the URL:
500 Ft Roll Military Surplus Coleman Cable LL214 RG 214/U Low Loss 50 Ohm High Power Coax
http://www.mtcradio.com/500-ft-roll-military-surplus-coleman-cable-ll214-rg-214-u-low-loss-50-ohm-high-power-coax/

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View on www.mtcradio.com http://www.mtcradio.com/500-ft-roll-military-surplus-coleman-cable-ll214-rg-214-u-low-loss-50-ohm-high-power-coax/
Preview by Yahoo

I would be interested in going in on a group buy.

Stephen AC8QE

2853. Re: possible source for cheaper antenna cable

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-02-23 15:46:37 UTC
From: David DeVos
Topic: 2852 Message: 2853

Guys - I'm not impressed with this price. I see the same cable on Amazon and other places for around $1 per foot.

David DeVos
616-706-8736

2854. Re: [GRARA] Re: possible source for cheaper antenna cable

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-02-24 02:45:48 UTC
From: John Streyle
Topic: 2852 Message: 2854

What is it's ratings? Is this good stuff for vhf / uhf ?
W8QZ

Sent from my Android

On Feb 23, 2015, at 10:46 AM, "David DeVos kf8ql@... [GRARA]" <GRARA@yahoogroups.com> wrote:

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> David DeVos
> 616-706-8736
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2855. Fwd: Crossroads Hamfest at new location

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-02-25 20:34:01 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2855 Message: 2855

In case some folks in GRARA haven't been advised - Marshall Hamfest is NOW in Kalamazoo! I believe the town of Marshall still exists, and I'll double check the next time I'm in the vicinity, but, if you're interested in the Marshall "Crossroads Hamfest" it is at a different cross road than before.

See message below.

72/73 de n8xx Hg
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-------- Forwarded Message --------
Subject: Crossroads Hamfest at new location
Date: Wed, 25 Feb 2015 12:09:03 -0500
From: Thomas Goodson <thomas.goodson@...>
To: Henry R Greeb <N8XX@...>

N8XX

Henry R Greeb
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Hello, this is a reminder of the upcoming Crossroads Hamfest. This year the hamfest will be at a *NEW LOCATION*. The new location is the ?Annex? of Wings Stadium 3600 Vanrick Drive, Kalamazoo, Michigan from 8:00 AM until Noon on Saturday, March 14th. (See the hamfest flyer <http://www.w8df.com/hamfest/hamfest2015.pdf> for complete information.)

Please feel free to forward this email and/or the flyer.

Tom, WR8G

Crossroads Hamfest Co-Chair.

2856. Fwd: 2015 Michigan QSO Party Announcement

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-02-26 05:30:35 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2856 Message: 2856

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-------- Forwarded Message --------
Subject: 2015 Michigan QSO Party Announcement
Date: Wed, 25 Feb 2015 22:58:11 -0500
From: Mike N8MR <n8mr@...>
To: Mike N8MR <n8mr@...>

To all Michigan Amateur Radio Clubs,

Please pass along this announcement to all of your club members
regarding the 2015 Michigan QSO Party.

Thanks and 73,
Mike, N8MR
2015 MiQP Publicity

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2857. Re: Fwd: Crossroads Hamfest at new location

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-02-26 13:39:06 UTC
From: w8nsi@...
Topic: 2855 Message: 2857

Well this certainly makes it easier to get to (and from)

From Grand Rapids:
US-131 south to I-94 eastbound
Exit 80 Sprinkle Road
turn right (south) to Vanrick Dr.
You are there...

Going back to GR go back to Sprinkle Rd, turn left, stay in the right hand lane, pass under the I-94 overpass and get on I-94 west to US-131 northbound. Easy Squeezy... It is expressway all the way to within 1/2 mile or less of the hamfest site.

73 de w8nsi/nnn0uzw jim

2858. 2015 Michigan QSO Party Announcement - 2nd Try

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-02-26 13:50:02 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2858 Message: 2858

For whatever reason, my mailer, or yahoogroups, screwed up parts of the previous post on this subject. Apologies for the screwup.

This message is plain text, so it should get through.

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2859. Hell for sale

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-02-27 18:42:12 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 2859 Message: 2859

For those into Hellscriber, and people like Hank N8XX and Cortland KA5S and others who have been to Hell and back when Hell froze over.

73 Jack NY8D

PUTNAM TOWNSHIP, Mich. -- An artist and leader of a group that produces an art show around Halloween each year in Detroit wants to take his Damned ideas to Hell.

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Anthony DVS, as he is known, is the leader of Damned, which hopes to raise $1,333,666 to purchase Hell and build a performance art center where events could be held year-round.

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2860. VERIZON ISSUES STATEMENT IN MORSE CODE TO PROTEST NET NEUTRALITY RULE

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-02-27 18:47:57 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 2860 Message: 2860

Verizon issues statement in Morse code to protest net neutrality ruling.

http://trib.in/1JSbXRC

Thanks to Mark WB9QZB and the West Michigan Hams Yahoo Group

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2861. Re: [GRARA] VERIZON ISSUES STATEMENT IN MORSE CODE TO PROTEST NET NEUTRALITY RULE

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-02-27 20:09:08 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2860 Message: 2861

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2862. Re: [GRARA] Hell for sale

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-02-27 20:21:23 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2859 Message: 2862

Thanks, Jack. I think I'll pass on donating to the Kickstarter campaign to purchase Hell. I don't think the place is worth even 1/1,000,000th of the asking price. :)

And, you've been in Sunny Floridiidia too long - Our high honcho in chief, namely President Tom, N8DGD, told me last night that the digital rig with the Kenwood TS-2000 works *Hell*schreiber quite well, He attempted to make contact on 14 MHz Wednesday evening. He chose a frequency a bit off the recommended calling frequency for Feld Hell, so didn't make any contacts, but we seem to have another *sucker.... errrr....* aficionado of *Hell*schreiber amongst us. :) It's not ONLY Cortlandand me who have gone nuts over *Hell*schreiber :)

Are you coming back soon? We miss you at the Friday noon luncheons at the 44th Street diner.

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> Posted by: Jack Amelar <jamelar@...>
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2863. Re: [GRARA] VERIZON ISSUES STATEMENT IN MORSE CODE TO PROTEST NET NEUTRALITY RULE

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-02-27 22:48:06 UTC
From: Dan KD8KXI
Topic: 2860 Message: 2863

This is by far the best thing I've read all week. I know when I'm in
the right place when I get a detailed technical critique of Verizon's
blunder than a long diatribe about the politics. :-)

73,

Dan
KD8KXI

On 02/27/2015 03:09 PM, Hank Greeb n8xx@... [GRARA] wrote:
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2864. Re: [GRARA] VERIZON ISSUES STATEMENT IN MORSE CODE TO PROTEST NET NEUTRALITY RULE

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-03-01 03:39:12 UTC
From: Steven Kaney
Topic: 2860 Message: 2864

Your liberalism got the best of you and like usual you completely missed Verizon's point

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone (https://overview.mail.yahoo.com?.src=iOS)

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through mid to late 1900's for wired telegraphy. As for the legal
"merit" of their complaint, I'll let the lawyers and judiciary decide.

72/73 de n8xx Hg
QRP >99.44% of the time

Is there an audio version?
On 2/27/2015 1:47 PM, Jack Amelar jamelar@... [GRARA] wrote:
> Verizon issues statement in Morse code to protest net neutrality ruling.
> http://trib.in/1JSbXRC
>
> Thanks to Mark WB9QZB and the West Michigan Hams Yahoo Group
>
> 73 Jack NY8D

Yahoo Groups Links

<*> To visit your group on the web, go to:
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/GRARA/

<*> Your email settings:
Individual Email | Traditional

<*> To change settings online go to:
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/GRARA/join
(Yahoo! ID required)

<*> To change settings via email:
GRARA-digest@yahoogroups.com
GRARA-fullfeatured@yahoogroups.com

<*> To unsubscribe from this group, send an email to:
GRARA-unsubscribe@yahoogroups.com

<*> Your use of Yahoo Groups is subject to:
https://info.yahoo.com/legal/us/yahoo/utos/terms/

2865. Re: [GRARA] VERIZON ISSUES STATEMENT IN MORSE CODE TO PROTEST NET NEUTRALITY RULE

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-03-05 18:48:08 UTC
From: Steven Kaney
Topic: 2860 Message: 2865

You shit head. Verizon knows less than 1% of the audio can copy CW and fewer than that understand the difference between American Morse and international morse. That wasn't the point. You deliberately refuse to acknowledge their point because it conflicts with your hard leftist ideology. Verizon had heretofore been a very liberal organization therefore you and your liberal buddies have to destroy them for leaving the fold.

Now why is your shit still coming in after I turned off the group? Get outta my email. You take too much energy and give nothing in return.

P.S. I dint say you were my opponent, I said I was yours. Another DELIBERATE twist of words

GET THE HELL OUTTA MY INBOX

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone (https://overview.mail.yahoo.com?.src=iOS)

At Mar 4, 2015, 5:50:28 PM, Hank Greeb<'n8xx@...'> wrote: Hi, Steven, Fellow Ham Radio operator:

What do you expect?

I invite you to partake of Field Day and other GRARA's on the air acivities. Why not try one or more of these event?

You say I'm your opponent. I consider you a fellow ham, with above average qualifications and understanding of the state of the art.

You send a private e-mail. I send my best effort at a well reasoned and reasonable response. You say you may need a restraining order. It won't be needed, since anything I say seems to irritate you, this will be my last comment in this thread.

But, I do encourage you to find a way to join in one or more of the upcoming on-air activities - Michigan QSO party, April 18, and ARRL Field Day, June 27/28.

72/73 de n8xx Hg
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On 3/4/2015 3:57 PM, Steven Kaney wrote:

Dang. I took your advice and removed the appropriate yahoo groups but here you still are. Am I going to have to get a restraining order?

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone (https://overview.mail.yahoo.com?.src=iOS)

At Mar 4, 2015, 1:14:02 PM, Hank Greeb<'hgreeb@...'> wrote: Steven:

I'm at a loss as to why you think I'm an opponent. I've invited you to join GRARA's Field Day effort and other on air-activities. I believe that GRARA will activate W8DC for the

Michigan QSO party on April 18. You're more than welcome to participate, either from W8DC, or set up at home or a portable location and operate by yourself.

Ask the membership chair about the ratio of ARRL members to Non ARRL members. The last data are 80 members 75 ARRL members. I question that, because we have quite a few brand new members who get a free year membership after they successfully pass a test. Please don't argue with me about the fact that I question these data. I'm "reasonably certain" that many ARRL members (perhaps a majority) do NOT receive ARRL Bulletins directly from the league, even though, as you point out, all it takes is access to the ARRL web site a few clicks of the mouse to get signed up.

I said that some people will NOT enter into a discussion or argument with you. I believe that you have considerable technical knowledge about engineering and computers. I think you're a person, and as a person you're allowed your opinions. Scum bags? Where did I ever say that you were a scum bag?

Your numbered points:
1. I listen to what people say. I don't consider you an opponent. I consider you a colleague within the ham radio community.
2. My comments about "scum bags" etc., are included in a paragraph above.
3. Again, I don't consider you an opponent. I see some differences of opinion, but if we all agreed life would be very boring. I don't "attack" you. I try to use reason.
4. I don't consider myself superior to others. I like parts of ham radio, such as CW, low power operating, and for many years, formal traffic handling, which are different from majority interests, but its a personal preference.
5. Again, who is the "opponent?"
6. I have no personal connection, nor have ever met anyone on the list you provide.
7. Filibuster? Really?
8. I've said that politics, left or right leaning, isn't germane to a ham radio forum like GRARA's yahoo group. Anything related to ham radio is fine.

On 3/4/2015 12:16 PM, Steven Kaney wrote:

There you go putting words in my mouth in order to open up new lines of attack. I did NOT say that the better info you send isn't useful to ANYONE. I said it wasn't useful to me however that is an interesting argument. Its essentially the same one Satan used with Eve. And no, I don't want to be the guy that sends bulletins out. I should think that most club members are ARRL members and any ARRL member can click the boxes in their member profile to get any bulletins that float their boat.

And there is the argument that I am a scum bag, my parents are scum bags, I come from a long line of scum bags, my friends (assuming I have any) are scum bags, and NOBODY likes me. You argue this the same way pretty much all liberals argue. I am familiar with most of your tricks including but not limited to:

1) NEVER EVER acknowledge any point made by your opponent

2) Slander your opponent and assert that NOBODY likes them. They are scum bags, their parents are scum bags, ALL their relatives are scum bags, and their friends if they have any are scum bags

3) Be agile and open as many lines of attack as possible. Attack from every direction simultaneously so as to overwhelm the opponent

4) Behave so as to imply that their points are so mind numbingly stupid that your superior intellect can't even comprehend such a thing. Rolling your eyes is good.

5) Never stop arguing, spitting, and kicking until long after your opponent has ceased to show any sign of life

6) Assert that you are personal friends with Senator Levin, Nancy Pelosi, Obama, Lee Deforest, Einstein, God, etc and you have discussed this at length with them therefore you have info that others don't have. This is a good one, you should use it more often. Its a real conversation stopper.

7) Fillibuster and don't give them a chance to respond until they get tired and go home

8) If you're not winning, say that this isn't the forum for this discussion (it is fine until it appears you might be loosing the issue or you run out of ideas).

Did I miss any? Give me a hint and I'm sure I'll remember it.

de N7MUT/8

On Monday, March 2, 2015 11:42 PM, Hank Greeb wrote:

There are several folks amongst the membership and the leadership who
don't bother trying to reason with you.

You are one of a (probable) minority who get ARRL bulletins, etc.,
direct from ARRL. If you'd like to be an "unofficial bulletin station"
and put the ARRL Bulletins, etc., on the GRARA reflector, that would be
great! You'd really not need to be appointed, just do it. You'd be
surprised how many hams do NOT get these bulletins otherwise. If I see
that someone else has put an ARRL bulletin, I don't bother doing it.

The "station organizers" are in charge of their setups - so I don't
meddle in their affairs. It amazes me what the other stations put up
for antennae, and how they staff the operators. And, getting things
organized is like herding cats - Field Day just "seems to happen."
You're welcome to join the effort.

As far as accepting criticism, I always listen. I do not take kindly to
negative "harping" about obvious deficiencies. Yes, other groups take
Field Day much more seriously. If you want to be with a "top 10% club"
for Field Day, GRARA's effort is not for you. I haven't studied
standings in Michigan enough to know which groups are in the top 10%,
but I do know that if GRARA shows in the top 50% it is a good year.

To be removed from the list is best done by the individua operator.
Log into yahoo, then go to the groups.yahoo.com/group/grara and change
membership. Asking in a message to be removed "should" work, but isn't
guaranteed.

Politics, left or right leaning, has no place in a ham radio reflector.
I think I've said that before.

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2866. International Pi Day and Einstein's Birthday Celebration - 3.14.15

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-03-05 22:33:05 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2860 Message: 2866

It's that time of the year again. It's International (and Irrational) Pi Day on 3.14.15. (PI is the Circumference of a circle divided by the diameter). Dr. Albert Einstein was born on March 14, 1897, so this is a cause for double celebration.

For several years John Forslin, KC8ULE, and the Lake Effect Amateur Radio Club from Marquette, Michigan has been celebrating this day. He asked me to join the effort this year, and also asked the Dial Radio Club, K8PI, to join!

John will be operating as N8P, I'll be using W8P, and the Dial Radio Club will be using their W8PI call. See the qrz.com pages:

http://www.qrz.com/db/N8P
http://www.qrz.com/db/W8P
http://www.qrz.com/db/K8PI <http://www.qrz.com/db/K8PI>

for proposed schedules of operation.

See http://www.qsl.net/kd8dku for general information about the International (and Irrational) Pi Day, and a short bio of Albert Einstein.

In addition to the published schedules, I'll show up on 145.27, 147.16, and 147.26 MHz FM repeaters from time to time for local contacts. Let's have a fun, and very irrational time, on Saturday, March 14!

72/73 de n8xx Hg
Operating as W8P on 3.14.15, including 9:26:53 (A.M. and P.M. local and UTC)

2867. ARRL DX SSB Contest this weekend

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-03-06 14:32:05 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2867 Message: 2867

Forwarded from the ARRL Letter dated March 5, 2015

In Brief...

A Reminder: The ARRL International DX Phone Contest is March 7-8! The SSB weekend of the ARRL International DX Contest is Saturday and Sunday, March 7-8 (UTC), and the DX will be looking for stations in the US and Canada. W/VE amateurs work as many DX stations in as many DXCC entities as possible on the 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, and 10 meter bands. Participating DX stations work as many stations as possible in the 48 contiguous US states and Canadian provinces. US and Canadian stations send a signal report and their state or province abbreviation. DX stations send a signal report and their output power. The contest gets under way March 7 at 0000 UTC (Friday, March 6, in US time zones) and continues until March 8 at 2359 UTC. Complete rules and forms are on the ARRL website.

Note:
W8DC has participated in these in past years. It coincides with our March meeting. I suggest that interested ops stick around the shack after the meeting and make a few contacts. 20 meters SHOULD be open (but not guaranteed)! If operation is desired on Saturday and Sunday, arrangements to open the radio room must be made.

Good Luck!

2868. ARROW Dayton Bus Trip

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-03-07 01:31:05 UTC
From: John Wasciuk
Topic: 2868 Message: 2868

Dear Fellow Radio Amateur,

Once again, it is that time of year when lots of hams around the world start thinking of the Dayton Hamvention. After all, with 25,000 attendees from all amateur radio interest areas, What’s not to like!

Don’t you wish you were going? You’re not looking forward to that long drive? Don’t drive! Take the Arrow bus! It’s inexpensive and easy. I'm attaching the Arrow bus brochure.
http://www.w8pgw.org/activities/dayton-bus-trip/

As in years past, The Arrow Communication Association is sponsoring a bus trip from Ann Arbor to Hara Arena and back. The date is Saturday, May 16, 2015. We leave the park-and-ride east of Pioneer High School at 4:30 am and get to the show at 8:00 am. We come back comfortably at 5:30 pm. A continental breakfast is included on board. What more could you ask for?

There is more. If you want to sell your stuff in the flea market, we have reserved a space there just for you! Every year, Arrow reserves a swap spot just for the bus trip crowd. You save $70.00.

The cost is $65.00 for the round trip. Please mail all applications to ARROW Communication Association, 3322 Yellowstone Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48105. Please note that this does not include the Hamvention admission ticket. That one you’ll have to do yourself!

We at Arrow think that this is the ultimate way to breeze down to the convention and we know you'll love to come with us.

73,

John Wasciuk
WA8TON / VO1TON
Activities Coordinator,
ARROW Communication Association

2869. Toledo Mobile Radio Association - Hamfest 2015 - Information

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-03-07 03:20:40 UTC
From: Toledo Hamfest
Topic: 2869 Message: 2869

TOLEDO MOBILE RADIO ASSOCIATION - HAMFEST 2015
Toledo Radio/Computer/Electronics Hamfest

March 15th 8:00 am - 2:00 pm

Same Location as 2010-2014

* Owens Community College – Student Health and Activity Center 30335 Oregon Road Perrysburg, OH 43551 GPS N 41° 35.575’ W 83° 32.051’*

Talk-in: 147.27+ & 442.850+ (W8HHF - 103.5PL)

This Huge Hamfest is Indoors and Security is Provided! On Campus Parking is Free and Close to the Hamfest!
Tables are $20.00 (floor) $25.00 (wall) All tickets are $7.00

*INFORMATION ON FORUMS, VE (Ham Radio Licensing) TESTING AND TABLE APPLICATION FORMS WILL BE ON OUR WEBSITE -**www.tmrahamradio.org* <http://www.tmrahamradio.org/>

PRIZE DRAWINGS

Three, $100.00 cash prizes - drawn at 9:00am, 10:00am, 11:00am (*Must* be present to win)

One, $250.00 cash prize - drawn at 12:00pm Noon (*Must* be present to win)

One, $500.00 cash prize - drawn at 2:00pm (Need *Not* be present to win)

DRIVING DIRECTIONS TO TMRA 2015 HAMFEST:
Owens Community College – Student Health and Activity Center
30335 Oregon Road., Perrysburg, OH 43551

From Southbound I-75: Take I-75 South to Exit 198-Wales Road. Travel east on Wales Road and turn right onto Oregon Road (first intersection). After crossing the railroad overpass, turn left at the stoplight (before the arch walkway) onto Biniker Rd. You'll shortly enter a roundabout. Take the roundabout 3/4 of the way around (in effect turning left off Biniker) to Championship Dr. W. On your right you will pass several buildings, continue past these then turn right when you come to the large parking lot. Follow this down, the last building on your right will be the Student Health and Activity Center (SHAC), which is the location of the TMRA Hamfest.

From Northbound I-75: Take I-75 North to Exit 198-Wales Road. Travel east on Wales Road and turn right onto Oregon Road (first intersection). After crossing the railroad overpass, turn left at the stoplight (before the arch walkway) onto Biniker Rd. You'll shortly

enter a roundabout. Take the roundabout 3/4 of the way around (in effect turning left off Biniker) to Championship Dr. W. On your right you will pass several buildings, continue past these then turn right when you come to the large parking lot. Follow this down, the last building on your right will be the Student Health and Activity Center (SHAC), which is the location of the TMRA Hamfest.

From the Ohio Turnpike: Take the Ohio Turnpike to Exit 64, where it intersects with Interstate 75. Exit the turnpike heading north on I-75. Then follow the northbound I-75 directions above.

2870. Day Trip To Dayton

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-03-08 14:57:16 UTC
From: w8nsi@...
Topic: 2870 Message: 2870

I am looking for a round trip ride to/from Dayton from the Grand Rapids area on the hamfest weekend, any day Friday, Saturday, or Sunday.

I wonder what it would cost to have a bus like DADDs Magic Bus to take a bunch from the GR area?

73 de w8nsi/nnn0uzw jim

2871. Re: [GRARA] Day Trip To Dayton

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-03-09 17:32:52 UTC
From: Jerry L. Elya
Topic: 2870 Message: 2871

With or without the cost of a keg or two?

Jerry AC8QC

On 3/8/2015 10:57 AM, w8nsi@... [GRARA] wrote:
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> Rapids area on the hamfest weekend, any day Friday, Saturday, or Sunday.
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> a bunch from the GR area?
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> 73 de w8nsi/nnn0uzw jim
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2872. GRAHamfest 2015 flyer - OK to print?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-03-10 00:17:45 UTC
From: streyle.j@...
Topic: 2872 Message: 2872
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Please review / comment. Last year's flyer has been edited to the new date, and basic table rental price raised from $5 to $6. Thanks, W8QZ

2873. Re: [GRARA] Day Trip To Dayton

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-03-10 00:24:48 UTC
From: streyle.j@...
Topic: 2870 Message: 2873

I'm thinking about going - a one-day 'gorilla run', probably on Saturday. Car-pooling would be an excellent idea! It will take someone(s) able to help out with the driving, as well as the gas.
John W8QZ

----- Original Message -----

From: "w8nsi@... [GRARA]" <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
To: "GRARA" <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 8, 2015 9:57:16 AM
Subject: [GRARA] Day Trip To Dayton

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2874. Re: GRAHamfest 2015 flyer - OK to print? [1 Attachment]

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-03-10 02:23:47 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 2872 Message: 2874

I have a serious problem with October 3. I had been communicating with the forks in Petoskey, the Straits Area Amateur Radio Club, if they were planning to hold their hamfest on "the first Saturday in October" this year and I got a reply they were. I replied back we would avoid the date. For readers of this list wondering why this came up, SAARC has had their hamfest on the 3rd Saturday in the past, but missed in 2014. Which is why I contacted them about this year. Sure, they would have minimal effect on our hamfest, but it's a matter of professional courtesy.

We would be far better off sticking with September 12 IMO.

73 Jack NY8D

----- Message from GRARA@yahoogroups.com ---------
Date: 09 Mar 2015 17:17:45 -0700
From: "streyle.j@... [GRARA]" <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Reply-To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [GRARA] GRAHamfest 2015 flyer - OK to print? [1 Attachment]
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com

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> date, and basic table rental price raised from $5 to $6. Thanks, W8QZ

----- End message from GRARA@yahoogroups.com -----

2875. International Pi Day and Einstein's Birthday Celebration - 3.14.15

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-03-10 13:42:48 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2860 Message: 2875

Latest information on the International (and Irrational) Pi Day
celebration for this coming Saturday, 3.14.15.

KC8ULE will be operating as N8P, I'll be using W8P, and the Dial Radio
Club will be using their W8PI call.
Latest schedule info on the qrz.com pages:

http://www.qrz.com/db/N8P
http://www.qrz.com/db/W8P
http://www.qrz.com/db/K8PI <http://www.qrz.com/db/K8PI>

See http://www.qsl.net/kd8dku for general information about the
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2876. USB to COM Port schematic?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-03-11 00:18:58 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2876 Message: 2876

I know there are several computer experts within the ranks of GRARA, so I figure I'd ask the question here:

I have built a computer to rig isolation box, for operating "Non CW Digital Modes.It uses rectified audio to turn the rig on an off. Or, as an option, it uses the VOX circuit in the rig.This works fine for most instance when I'm using PSK-31, RTTY, Feld Hell, etc. But, I'd also like to be able to key the rig with a serial port.

Problem is that my computer has no serial ports. Yes, I know, I know I can buy a USB to serial port adapter. I have two which work with my older XP computer, but none for my newer computer which uses Windows 8.1.I figure that, since these can be purchased for as little as $10 or so on the open market, they must be relatively easy to build.And, many new boxes one buys these days have USB connectivity rather than needing a com port.So, before I buy two USB to COM port adapters, I'd like to determine how easy it would be to put a "small board" inside the isolation box so I could use a USB instead of a COM port for keying CW or turning on/off my rig for the non-CW digital modes.

I don't recall seeing the circuit diagram for doing this in the literature I read, nor the software needed for Windows (or Linux, etc.) to recognize the serial port so generated.I suspect the circuitry may be in computer literature, which is unfamiliar to me.

What am I missing?Where should I look?Would someone please tell me where to go (to find how to do this with easily available parts)?

Thanks in advance.

72/73 de n8xx Hg

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2877. Re: [GRARA] USB to COM Port schematic?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-03-11 00:46:50 UTC
From: John Streyle
Topic: 2876 Message: 2877

I don't recall seeing a design for a roll-your-own USB to serial converter (although it must be out there). I have 2 purchased converters on my computer now, for those same 2 functions, and would like to add a 3rd port to do CW keying.
W8QZ

On Mar 10, 2015, at 8:18 PM, "Hank Greeb n8xx@... [GRARA]" <GRARA@yahoogroups.com> wrote:

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2878. Re: [GRARA] USB to COM Port schematic?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-03-11 01:06:19 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2876 Message: 2878

Thanks, John:

I should have done an internet search for USB to COM Port schematic.
The chip or chips inside these converters, which typically fit inside
something which look like a standard RS-232 serial port plug, these
devices have considerable hardware and software inside them, in one or
two very small chips.

I see the "next generation" which are compatible with Windows 7 and 8.1
for $15 on the internet, so I'll purchase one of them instead of trying
to cobble together something which is already elegantly and
inexpensively done.

The olde adage, "Engage Brain before opening mouth" can be segued to "Do
and Internet Search before asking a (stupid) question." Mea culpa."

Fortunately, there's considerable room inside the interface box for a
RS-232 socket, and I know how to build the RS-232 to keying circuit with
an opto-isolator for RF isolation.

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2879. Re: USB to COM Port schematic?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-03-11 18:40:02 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 2876 Message: 2879

Hank,

I know you found a solution. Anyway, you didn't specify if you have a PC or Laptop. For PCs, you can add a serial port (or multiple serial ports) card in an open slot.

FWIW, I am using an HP PC Win 8.1. I wanted a printer parallel port for an HP LaserJet 6L printer. Still a fine printer, but PCs and Laptops these days don't come with parallel ports. With a Rosewell RC-302E Parallel PCI Express card installed, the printer works fine. I know Serial PCI Express cards are available.

73 Jack NY8D

----- Message from GRARA@yahoogroups.com ---------
Date: Tue, 10 Mar 2015 20:18:58 -0400
From: "Hank Greeb n8xx@... [GRARA]" <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>

> I know there are several computer experts within the ranks of GRARA,
> so I figure I'd ask the question here:
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> I have built a computer to rig isolation box, for operating "Non CW
> Digital Modes.It uses rectified audio to turn the rig on an off. Or,
> as an option, it uses the VOX circuit in the rig.This works fine for
> most instance when I'm using PSK-31, RTTY, Feld Hell, etc. But, I'd
> also like to be able to key the rig with a serial port.
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> Problem is that my computer has no serial ports. Yes, I know, I know
> I can buy a USB to serial port adapter. I have two which work with my
> older XP computer, but none for my newer computer which uses Windows
> 8.1.I figure that, since these can be purchased for as little as $10
> or so on the open market, they must be relatively easy to build.And,
> many new boxes one buys these days have USB connectivity rather than
> needing a com port.So, before I buy two USB to COM port adapters, I'd
> like to determine how easy it would be to put a "small board" inside
> the isolation box so I could use a USB instead of a COM port for
> keying CW or turning on/off my rig for the non-CW digital modes.
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> I don't recall seeing the circuit diagram for doing this in the
> literature I read, nor the software needed for Windows (or Linux,
> etc.) to recognize the serial port so generated.I suspect the
> circuitry may be in computer literature, which is unfamiliar to me.
>
> What am I missing?Where should I look?Would someone please tell me
> where to go (to find how to do this with easily available parts)?
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> Thanks in advance.
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----- End message from GRARA@yahoogroups.com -----

2880. Thanks, new guy here from Chile.

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-03-11 23:11:17 UTC
From: w6euh@...
Topic: 2880 Message: 2880

Hi Everybody,
Thanks for accepting me into the group.

Have a nice evening.

73,
Marcelo W6EUH
(also XQ6BQ)

2881. Re: [GRARA] Thanks, new guy here from Chile.

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-03-12 01:03:52 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2880 Message: 2881

Welcome Marcelo! Don't be a "new guy" for long! Be sure to drap in for a Wednesday evening "open radio room" at W8DC (1050 Fuller NE, Grand Rapids, just south of Leonard) People start arriving typically a few minutes before 7 p.m., and stay until ???

Also, meeting times are at 7 p.m. First Friday of each month - most months.

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On 3/11/2015 7:11 PM, w6euh@... [GRARA] wrote:
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2882. The FCC might be shrinking...

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-03-13 01:20:44 UTC
From: Tom
Topic: 2882 Message: 2882

I heard this week at a broadcast conference that the word is that the
Detroit office will be closing. That is not confirmed.

But it does not look good for enforcement:

http://www.arrl.org/news/fcc-enforcement-bureau-field-resources-poised-to-shrink

Tom K8TB

2883. Re: [GRARA] Thanks, new guy here from Chile.

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-03-13 01:31:37 UTC
From: w6euh@...
Topic: 2880 Message: 2883

Thank you, Hank!

73,

Marcelo W6EUH

2884. Local Yaesu HF repair service suggestions?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-03-14 00:31:01 UTC
From: w6euh@...
Topic: 2884 Message: 2884

Hi again.

I'm trying to get on the air with an (old-ish) Yaesu FT-707. It was working but now does not TX.

Was looking through previous threads but no luck, so...
Any recommendations for a good local repair tech?

I'd really appreciate your suggestions.

Thanks, 73

Marcelo W6EUH

2885. Re: [GRARA] Local Yaesu HF repair service suggestions?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-03-14 01:11:53 UTC
From: John Streyle
Topic: 2884 Message: 2885

Contact K1FJ. He's good, and located by Sparta.
W8QZ

Sent from my Android

On Mar 13, 2015, at 8:31 PM, "w6euh@... [GRARA]" <GRARA@...m> wrote:

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> Marcelo W6EUH
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2886. RE: [GRARA] Local Yaesu HF repair service suggestions?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-03-14 03:57:02 UTC
From: tomkd8deg
Topic: 2884 Message: 2886

Marcelo,

Dave, KC8PCL, repairs radios, and is located in Grand Rapids.

KD8DEG Tom

From: GRARA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:GRARA@yahoogroups.com]
Sent: Friday, March 13, 2015 8:31 PM
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [GRARA] Local Yaesu HF repair service suggestions?

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Marcelo W6EUH

2887. Re: [GRARA] Day Trip To Dayton

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-03-15 02:31:23 UTC
From: John Streyle
Topic: 2870 Message: 2887

At the swap today, the Kalamazoo club is advertising a one-day bus trip on Saturday the 16th, for $100. This includes bus transportation, Hamvention ticket, breakfast & dinner. It leaves from Kazoo at 4 AM, and returns at 10:45 PM.
Sounds pretty good to me!
$20 to reserve a spot, balance due by April 15th. Jack Koole, 3780 W Wembly, Kalamazoo MI 49009
Contact is KE8TJ@aol.com , Jack Koole 269-353-3880
W8QZ

Sent from my Ipad

On Mar 8, 2015, at 10:57 AM, "w8nsi@... [GRARA]" <GRARA@yahoogroups.com> wrote:

> I am looking for a round trip ride to/from Dayton from the Grand Rapids area on the hamfest weekend, any day Friday, Saturday, or Sunday.
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> I wonder what it would cost to have a bus like DADDs Magic Bus to take a bunch from the GR area?
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> 73 de w8nsi/nnn0uzw jim
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2888. Re: Local Yaesu HF repair service suggestions?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-03-17 17:27:00 UTC
From: w6euh@...
Topic: 2884 Message: 2888

Thank you, John and Tom!

73,
Marcelo

---In GRARA@yahoogroups.com, <kd8deg@...> wrote :

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KD8DEG Tom

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2889. volunteer opportunity for amateur radio at maker faire in detroit

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-03-20 02:24:52 UTC
From: stprovost@...
Topic: 2889 Message: 2889

Anyone interested in helping out at Detroit Maker Faire? https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/westmhm/conversations/topics/143;_ylc=X3oDMTJxYnQ4NmFpBF9TAzk3MzU5NzE1BGdycElkAzgyNzA2MzI0BGdycHNwSWQDMTcwNTA2MzEwOARtc2dJZAMxNDMEc2VjA2Rtc2cEc2xrA3Ztc2cEc3RpbWUDMTQyNjc1MjA1NQ--

Wed Mar 18, 2015 7:52 am (PDT) . Posted by: "James French" w8iss mailto:w8iss1@gmail.com?subject=Re%3A%20Anyone%20interested%20in%20helping%20out%20at%20Detroit%20Maker%20Faire%3F

Sending this out very early to give everyone a heads up.

I am starting to work on the planning stages for this years Detroit
Maker Faire amateur radio exhibit. This will be the sixth year for
the faire and the sixth year for the exhibit at the Henry Ford museum
in Dearborn.

If anyone would be interested in attending and helping out showing
off something that they are doing to the attendees or just simply
coming out to make contacts, let me know. Dates are July 25 & 26,
2015.

We have had 2 hf stations (cw and voice/digital), a portable hf station,
satellite station, and a VHF station each year. Last year the Livonia
club brought out their balloon package that was sent soaring a few
weeks before.

Please use the following email to contact me:
jcfrench@hawkmail.hfcc.edu mailto:jcfrench@hawkmail.hfcc.edu
The above email address gets very few emails(my college email) and
will be easier for me to keep track of things this year.

The main fringe benefit you'll get with helping out is free admission to the
Henry Ford Museum. If you can arrive on Friday, you'll be able to attend
the maker gathering that night at the museum. Free food and drinks
(including beer) along with they usually operate the Life-size Mousetrap
exhibit.

James French W8ISS

2890. Re: volunteer opportunity for amateur radio at maker faire in detroit

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-03-20 17:11:13 UTC
From: stprovost@...
Topic: 2889 Message: 2890

my apologies, the links at the top of the message point to this message in the westmhm yahoo group. The rest of the message is the contents of the message I copied from.

I believe this is a good opportunity to get our amateur radio group's name known on the east side of the state.
stephen

2891. Fwd: [W8USA] "It's Back!!" "Build your Burger"

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-04-03 12:00:26 UTC
From: Jack Kunnen
Topic: 2891 Message: 2891

> Begin forwarded message:
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> To: <W8USA@yahoogroups.com>
> From: "k8jx@... [W8USA]" <W8USA@yahoogroups.com>
> Date: April 2, 2015 at 11:42:20 PM EDT
> Subject: [W8USA] "It's Back!!" "Build your Burger"
> Reply-To: W8USA@yahoogroups.com
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> Build Your Own Burger
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> Friday April 24th 2015
>
> 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM
>
> $6.00 For All
>
> Burger , Chips, Coleslaw, Coffee and Dessert
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>
> At 5th St. Hall
>
> Located on the Northwest Corner of5th and Davis Sts.Grand Rapids, MI 49504
>
> Visit our web page http://www.w8usa.org/ <http://www.w8usa.org/>
>
> The Michigan Amateur Radio Alliance is again proud to
> announce another Burger Nite on April 24th, 2015 from
> 5 PM until 8 PM or when the food runs out. Location is
> the 5th St Hall at 5th and Davis NW in NW Grand Rapids.
>
> Bring yourself, your friends, and your relatives for a great
> deal with all those home cooked bake goods. Mark your
> calendars NOW!!!!
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> Mike Eilers, MARA Secretary
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2892. H.R.1301 Congressional Action

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-04-04 14:41:19 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2892 Message: 2892

From Larry Camp, WB8R, Section Manager

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March 31, 2015

Greetings to the Hams of Michigan:

HR-1301

The Amateur Radio Parity Act of 2015 -- H.R.1301 -- has been introduced in the US House of Representatives. The measure would direct the FCC to extend its rules relating to reasonable accommodation of Amateur Service communications to private land use restrictions. US Rep Adam Kinzinger (R-IL) introduced the bill on March 4 with 12 original co-sponsors from both sides of the aisle -- seven Republicans and five Democrats.

HR 1301 would require the FCC to amend its Part 97 Amateur Service rules to apply the three-part test of the PRB-1 federal pre-emption policy to include homeowners' association regulations and deed restrictions, often referred to as "covenants, conditions, and restrictions" (CC&Rs).

At present, PRB-1 only applies to state and local zoning laws and ordinances. The FCC has been reluctant to extend the same legal protections to include such private land-use agreements without direction from Congress.

H.R. 1301 has been referred to the House Energy and Commerce Committee. Rep Greg Walden, W7EQI (R-OR), chairs that panel's Communications and Technology Subcommittee, which will consider the measure.

Once again it is time for us as constituents to write to our Congressperson and request that they support HR 1301 and consider signing on as a co-sponsor on this important piece of legislation.

All of the necessary information is available on the ARRL website here: http://www.arrl.org/hr-1301. On this webpage you will find everything that you need in order to contact and urge your congressperson to support HR 1301 and to sign on as a cosponsor. You will find a spot to determine who your Congressperson is and from there you can get the necessary information to complete the sample letter that is provided for you.

Once again, we are asking you to send your letters (snail mail or email) to the ARRL for hand delivery to House members. This is important as a stack of letters from constituents carry a large impact.

The instructions are there if you choose print your prepared letter, sign it and snail mail to ARRL. If you choose to convert your signed letter to a PDF and email it to ARRL, you can save the cost of postage and envelope. The snail mail and email address for each method is on the website.

One tip for you: review the list of Congress persons who have already signed on before asking him or her for support. Your letter writing may turn to a thank you letter if your representative has already agreed to become a co- sponsor.

This is the case in the 1st and 7th Michigan Districts as Congressmen Benishek and Walberg are co-sponsors. For those who live in the 1st and 7th district, please take a few minutes to send them your thanks for supporting HR 1301. You can easily thank them by going directly to their individual websites and emailing your thanks.

Asking for support is important, but it is just as important to thank them for their support if they become co-sponsors.

As you know, Michigan has just become the 31st state to pass a PRB-1 law, and HR 1301 is the next logical step in the process. If we are successful in convincing the FCC to give us parity, then we will go back to the Michigan Legislature to update our PRB-1 law.I ask that each of you who sends a letter requesting support of HR-1301 to send me a short email advising me that you have sent a letter to your Congressperson.

By doing so, you will help us to determine our effectiveness and coverage of our grassroots effort here in Michigan.

You can reach me at wb8r@....

Thank you for doing your part in this important effort. Please pass this information to your local clubs and to your friends and family, hams and non-hams alike.

Larry, WB8R

2893. Ham Radio on Commercial TV

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-04-05 19:56:31 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2893 Message: 2893

Very positive TV news feature report on Dave Mayfield W9WRL as presented
over KWQC Channel 6 in Davenport Iowa.

http://kwqc.com/2015/03/25/a-radio-ham/

Thanks to Steve Lewis, N8TFD

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2894. Still thinking about going to Hamvention in Dayton????

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-04-08 03:28:15 UTC
From: stprovost@...
Topic: 2894 Message: 2894

GRARA (Grand Rapids Amatuer Radio Association) has an annual trip to dayton hamvention.
We stay at the Dayton University Dorm Rooms During our stay
We still have some openings left.
The cost is $98 for four nights (thursday, friday, saturday, and sunday) per person
We leave thursday in the morning and come home monday evening.
You can come and leave on a different schedule if needed.

If you think this arrangement will work for you, please contact Tom N8DGD by April 13th, 2015.
He has to confirm the reservations for the rooms.
His contact info is:
email n8dgd@comcast.net

voice 616-454-0630

2895. Re: Still thinking about going to Hamvention in Dayton????

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-04-11 15:25:18 UTC
From: WB8ALW@...
Topic: 2894 Message: 2895

...and for those in the Kalamazoo area, the Southwest Michigan Amateur Radio Team is also hosting their 8th Annual Hamvention Bus Trip. Details available at SMART's http://www.k8kzo.com/ http://www.k8kzo.com/ web site, info also posted at http://w8VY.org http://w8VY.org. Please think about going, no matter who you ride with! It's a great experience...

Chip
WB8ALW
KARC/SMART

2896. Still thinking about Dayton 2015 We still have openings

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-04-12 02:41:26 UTC
From: stprovost@...
Topic: 2896 Message: 2896

1 still thinking about going to Hamvention ???? https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/WestMichiganHams/conversations/topics/7753;_ylc=X3oDMTJyaTJua2p2BF9TAzk3MzU5NzE1BGdycElkAzE2OTc3MzYxBGdycHNwSWQDMTcwNTA2MzEwOARtc2dJZAM3NzUzBHNlYwNkbXNnBHNsawN2bXNnBHN0aW1lAzE0Mjg0ODMxMjY-

Tue Apr 7, 2015 8:29 pm (PDT) . Posted by: sprovost64 mailto:stprovost@provtechs.com?subject=Re%3A%20still%20thinking%20about%20going%20to%20Hamvention%20%3F%3F%3F%3F

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Check-in and Navigating Campus

Directions to Campus** - https://www.udayton.edu/visit/ directions.php
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**these directions take you to the visitor center. You will ask for further directions to Campus South Apartments.
Information regarding what to do about Parking will be shared with you as we get closer to May!
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CS or Campus South can be found by using interactive campus map, when it opens click towards the bottom center to find CS. or use the plus sign upper right to zoom in the move down the map, click on building to view. Campus South is a high-rise building located at 311 Irving Avenue consisting of 53 three-bedroom apartments, each housing six.
Apartments are furnished and air-conditioned. Each apartment has a living/dining room, three bedrooms, a kitchen with microwave, and large divided bath. Linen and towels are provided.

2897. Congratulations to the Holland club

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-04-12 16:51:28 UTC
From: Mike W8DER
Topic: 2897 Message: 2897

Congratulations are in order for the Holland ARC. Last night at their "Ham in a Day" examinations, they passed 14 new Technicians and upgraded 3 more Technicians to General.

Good Job HARC!

2898. Hamvention 2015 Dayton, rooms still available!

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-04-13 05:38:43 UTC
From: stprovost@...
Topic: 2898 Message: 2898

Still have rooms available, all 4 nights for only $95
See below for more details.

If interested,
please contact Tom N8DGD

His contact info is:
email 1n8dgd@comcast.net

voice 616-454-0630

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2899. Ann Arbor to Dayton Hamvention Trip

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-04-12 21:39:09 UTC
From: John Wasciuk
Topic: 2899 Message: 2899
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Dear Ham Radio Friends,

Things are shaping up for our Ann Arbor bus trip to Dayton on May 16. There are still places for more riders on the trip. Let your ham radio friends know about it. A full bus would be great!

We have lined up a number of great door prizes again this year. We have received donations from DX Engineering, Elecraft, HamTestOnline, MFJ and Ham Radio Outlet, among others.

Again, there are seats available. We have a flea market spot again this year and the Continental breakfast.

I encourage everyone to come aboard and enjoy the trip to Hara Arena with us this year.

It will be fun!

73,

John Wasciuk
WA8TON
Activities Coordinator,

Arrow Communication Association

2900. Re: [GRARA] Re: Still thinking about going to Hamvention in Dayton????

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-04-17 01:44:49 UTC
From: John Streyle
Topic: 2894 Message: 2900

I'm signing up for this - my check is "in the mail"!
W8QZ

Sent from my Android

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2901. Fwd: [MRRC] A chance to encourage novice contesters on April 25 & 26th

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-04-19 22:26:51 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2901 Message: 2901

Anyone wanna organize a SW Michigan 2 meter simplex contest? Surely there would be someone in the GRARA who might jump at the chance? I'm also asking Tom, K8TB, if there's anyone in the Holland ARC who'd like to organize such an event. But with such a contest - 2 meter simplex, it most generally would be local. Any *suckers.... errr...* possible volunteers in the audience? Note, the date for the SW

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-------- Forwarded Message --------
Subject: [MRRC] A chance to encourage novice contesterson April 25 & 26th
Date: Sun, 19 Apr 2015 18:05:27 -0400
From: Anthony Luscre <k8zt@...>
To: North Coast Contesters <ncc@...>, mrrc@...

It might not be your most exciting contest of the year:
Your rates will definitely be low.
You are unlikely to work much DX.

But it maybe some of the best hours you can devote to operating to encourage new contesters in Northeast Ohio--

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"Here's a contest you can win with just an HT
. . . and by making only one contact!

Imagine a contest based on the first mode that most Hams use, 2 Meter FM simplex. Add an emphasis on mobile and portable operation, throw in some antenna building, introduce Maidenhead grid squares, encourage Elmering, include club recognition, and add an element of chance and you've got it: The Northeast Ohio 2 Meter FM Simplex Squares contest.

Mark your calendar now, reserve the weekend of April 25th and 26th, 2015, and plan on working the First Annual 2 Meter FM Simplex Squares contest."-

Full details are available athttp://www.cfarc.org/contest15.php

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Thanks in advance for your participation, no matter how many contacts.

Anthony

2902. Field Day Shirts - Special

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-04-20 00:34:22 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2902 Message: 2902

I have received a flier from the ARRL which provides essentially free shipping for as many Field Day shirts as we desire to order. (Note there are other supplies, but I can't get involved with orders for the whole range of items available for Field Day, sorry.) The order must be placed between May 1 and May 31 to receive this deal.

I'll gather $15 for each T-Shirt (list price is $14.95, but I don't want to handle change.) There are two colors listed on the web site:
http://www.arrl.org/shop/Field-Day-Supplies/
I'll have a sign up sheet with info on color and size.

I'll be at the Club meeting on Friday, May 1, to collect orders and money. If you wish to write a check, make it payable to me, Henry R. Greeb. I'll place the order on May 11, the Monday after the Lowell Club meeting, and deliver the shirts to the open radio room after they come in (probably a couple weeks later). If you can't make it to an open radio room, please contact me via private e-mail for alternate delivery arrangements.

If you can't make it to the meeting or to an earlier open radio room, you may mail a check with your Name, call, address, size and color you wish, to:

Hank Greeb, N8XX
5727 11 Mile Rd NE
Rockford, MI 49341-9502

2903. Should we mention our hamfest date change to ARRL???

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-04-21 00:32:46 UTC
From: stprovost@...
Topic: 2903 Message: 2903

Our Michigan SEC has the following schedule:
Sep 13, 2014 GRAhamfest, Wyoming, MI – WB8R

HMMM,

stephen

2904. Re: [GRARA] Should we mention our hamfest date change to ARRL???

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-04-21 01:46:14 UTC
From: John Streyle
Topic: 2903 Message: 2904

Yep - need to get our hamfest registered. Looks like something got copied / pasted by mistake.
Rich: should I do the registration?
W8QZ

Sent from my Android

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2905. Burger night

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-04-22 20:14:05 UTC
From: Jack Kunnen
Topic: 2905 Message: 2905

Don’t forget the Mara Build You Own Burger this Friday at 5th Street Hall on Davis and 5th St

Jack
AB8ND

Build Your Own Burger

Friday April 24th 2015

5:00 PM to 8:00 PM

$6.00 For All

Burger , Chips, Coleslaw, Coffee and Dessert

2906. Re: [GRARA] Should we mention our hamfest date change to ARRL???

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-04-23 01:44:49 UTC
From: streyle.j@...
Topic: 2903 Message: 2906

OK, submitted the registration to the ARRL website this evening. We should be "in the system" soon, for October 3rd. W8QZ ----- Original Message ----- From: "Hank Greeb" To: "John Streyle" Sent: Tuesday, April 21, 2015 9:44:31 AM Subject: Re: [GRARA] Should we mention our hamfest date change to ARRL??? Hi, John: HQ (QST) has nothing about our hamfest. Seems that our Director and Section Manager have old data. To set the record straight, we need to request ARRL Sanctioning. You, as hamfest chair, or another officer of GRARA could do it. It seems simple. I'm sure that our Director, WA8EFK, would grant us sanctioning. The web page for requesting ARRL Sanctioning is at http://www.arrl.org/hamfest-convention-application This is particularly important since we've changed the "traditional weekend" for our event. 72/73 de n8xx Hg QRP >99.44% of the time On 4/20/2015 9:46 PM, John Streyle streyle.j@comcast.net [GRARA] wrote: Yep - need to get our hamfest registered. Looks like something got copied / pasted by mistake. Rich: should I do the registration? W8QZ Sent from my Android On Apr 20, 2015, at 8:32 PM, " stprovost@... [GRARA]" < GRARA@yahoogroups.com > wrote:
Our Michigan SEC has the following schedule: Sep 13, 2014 GRAhamfest, Wyoming, MI – WB8R HMMM, stephen

2907. Local (or nearly) Upcoming Hamfests

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-04-23 11:21:46 UTC
From: w8nsi@...
Topic: 2907 Message: 2907

The Cadillac swap:

05/02/2015 | Cadillac Hamfest http://www.arrl.org/hamfests/cadillac-hamfest-2 Location: Cadillac, MI
Type: ARRL Hamfest
Sponsor: Wexaukee Amateur Radio Club
Website: Wexaukee Amateur Radio Club | Wexford Missaukee County | Ham Radio | Swap Cadillac Michigan | Events http://www.wexaukeearc.org/

http://www.wexaukeearc.org/

Wexaukee Amateur Radio Club | Wexford Missaukee... http://www.wexaukeearc.org/ Where: Cadillac Jr. High School 500 S. Chestnut St. Cadillac, Mi 49601 Costs: Admission: $5 at the door Tables are $12 each (must pre-pay) (CLICK HERE for t...

View on www.wexaukeearc.org http://www.wexaukeearc.org/
Preview by Yahoo

and the Hooterville :) IRA swap:
06/06/2015 | Independent Repeater Association (W8IRA/R) Hamfest http://www.arrl.org/hamfests/independent-repeater-association-w8ira-r-hamfest-1 Location: Hudsonville, MI
Type: ARRL Hamfest
Sponsor: Independent Repeater Association
Website: http://www.w8ira.org http://www.w8ira.org

Mark your calendars!

73 de w8nsi/nnn0uzw jim

2908. Hamvention, Need a place to stay? 3 spots available at the dayton campus south apartments

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-04-28 04:00:09 UTC
From: stprovost@...
Topic: 2908 Message: 2908

Hello, every year the Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association rents apartments from the Dayton University while we enjoy several days at the Hamvention!

We arrive late thursday afternoon and go home monday morning.
Each person pays $97 total (flat rate) for the whole stay (thursday night to monday morning).
You can come later or leave earlier and the cost stays the same.

The apartments we rent is the Campus South at Dayton University.
Campus South is a high-rise building located at 311 Irving Avenue consisting of 53 three-bedroom apartments, each bedroom houses two people. Apartments are furnished and air-conditioned. Each apartment has a living/dining room, three bedrooms, a kitchen with microwave, and large divided bath. Linen and towels are provided.

This link will bring up an interactive map of the Dayton campus:
http://map.udayton.edu/ http://map.udayton.edu/

Look for Irving ave and Glendora ave intersect to find the Campus South University.

If you want to ask more questions or stay with us, please contact
Tom Hansen N8DGD
voice 616-454-0630

email 1n8dgd@comcast.net mailto:1n8dgd@comcast.net

2909. Time to put up a long long wire...

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-04-28 20:53:02 UTC
From: Tom
Topic: 2909 Message: 2909

The FCC is proposing two new amateur bands...

http://www.arrl.org/news/fcc-proposes-to-permit-amateur-access-to-2200-and-630-meters

A half-wave dipole for for 630 meter is 1,033 feet long and a half-wave
dipole for 2200 meter is 3,610 feet long.

Tom K8TB

2910. GRARA meeting this Friday May 1

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-04-29 12:29:51 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 2910 Message: 2910

Reminder the May meeting of the Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association
is this Friday evening, May 1, at the Red Cross Building. Social
gathering begins 6:30, meeting at 7. All are welcome.
Directions at http://www.w8dc.org/_mgxroot/page_10751.html

2911. K8EGQ SK estate - help needed

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-05-02 15:16:59 UTC
From: streyle.j@...
Topic: 2911 Message: 2911

A neighbor of mine - Phil Burton, K8EGU at 3939 Hall St. SW, became a silent key last fall. As I am acquainted with the family, I offered to help with disposal of his ham gear. John Meyer K8IHY has assisted with the larger and more valuable gear. I've been asked to help with what's left.

This ham had a lot of pieces / parts, and some antennas.
I've planned to meet with the son at the house next Saturday afternoon (after the River Bank Run). I need several club members to assist in sorting out what is saleable (or at least will be claimed if marked 'free'), and what should go into a dumpster (the son will have one one hand then).
I'm guessing there may be up to 2 van-loads of stuff (nothing like Gary Springfield, don't worry). I'll try to upload some pictures to the Yahoo group. I told the son that the club would want 30% of the sales - he's fine with that. I'm hoping that some of this stuff can be taken to Dayton - some of it is valuable, but only to certain buyers (some antique / collector type pieces). There are a lot of tubes - some transmitting, some unusual older military types, lots of receiving types.

There is also some antenna things: there's a tribander (Mosely I'm guessing) with rotator with control, a dual-band vertical, and a wire dipole mounted on a mast above a pole. The son said those are free for the taking down (at your own risk to remove). I assume the coax, etc. would go with the antenna. There is a pile of aluminum antenna pieces / parts - some HF beam parts, some antennas that look like 2M beams. These are also free for the taking.

So - a few good hams are needed for another GRARA SK club estate effort! Who can come assist next Saturday afternoon?

John W8QZ

2912. Lowell ARC meeting Saturday special time

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-05-06 14:57:06 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 2912 Message: 2912

This Saturday, May 9, is the Lowell Amateur Radio Club's monthly meeting. Instead of the usual morning time, the meeting will be at 2PM in order to avoid conflict with the River Bank Run ham radio volunteers. All are welcome.
http://www.w8lrc.org

UNOFFICIAL EVENT: Breakfast, Sunday May 10, 9:30AM-ish, at the Alto American Legion post. http://goo.gl/maps/F9KOG

73 Jack NY8D

2913. GRARA dayton trailer will appear at the red cross wednesday May 13th at 7pm

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-05-13 00:44:44 UTC
From: stprovost@...
Topic: 2913 Message: 2913

I will have trailer at red cross around 7pm to 8pm to have people load their stuff.
thanks
stephen

2914. Packing up for Dayton

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-05-14 14:36:03 UTC
From: Jack Kunnen
Topic: 2914 Message: 2914

A few photos from Wednesday evening at the Red Cross

https://flic.kr/s/aHskbwnWir

Jack, AB8ND

2915. Update-Bob Moe

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-05-16 17:18:30 UTC
From: edwallace38@...
Topic: 2915 Message: 2915

To those who know Bob,

It is Saturday May 16th. Linda, Bob's wife phoned me this morning late with info on Bob's condition. Many of you know that as a result of his cancer treatments to his face, his jaw bone fell apart and had to be replaced with a bone from his leg. It is a very painful procedure and will take some time for Bob to get back to where he wants to be.
He is unable to talk at this time, and he is on a feeding tube. They are still in Tuscon and will be there until at least the end of May and maybe longer.
Linda said she would keep me posted.
Lets all remember to pray for Bob and Linda as Bob continues to recover and heads back to Grand Rapids.
Send Bob an email if you get a chance. He would like to hear from you.

Dave Ed
AC8AB

2916. Re: Update-Bob Moe

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-05-18 11:17:02 UTC
From: CR
Topic: 2915 Message: 2916

You can certainly add MY prayers to the group's!

Cortland

2917. Ham Radio Exhibit - National Trails Day, May 30

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-05-18 22:04:30 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2917 Message: 2917

Attention everyone:

I'd like a bit of help with a demonstration of ham radio ----- one, two, three, or up to six hours, on May 30, Saturday, from about 10 a.m. to about 4 p.m.) Any volunteers? Please respond via return private e-mail.

I've been *suckered i**nto**errr.....* volunteered to set up a ham radio demonstration station as part of the "National Trails Day" celebration on May 30, from about 10 a.m. to about 4 p.m. ± foot traffic on the North Country Trail.

Oh, you've never heard of the North Country trail, really? Well, until just a couple months ago, I hadn't heard of it, or only heard of it in passing. Anyway, there's a hiking trail, which was authorized by Congress a few years ago, and which has recently received some funding from them, which runs from New York to North Dakota on a somewhat meandering route. For more information, please see http://northcountrytrail.org/ In these parts of Michigan it runs from south of Lowell, up through Vergennes, Cannon, Courtland, Solon, etc., into Newaygo county.

The American Hiking Association sponsors a "National Trails Day ®" to promote hiking in the outdoors, and the West Michigan Chapter of the North Country Trails (http://northcountrytrail.org/wmi/) is sponsoring an exhibit to promote hiking.

How did I get involved? It's too long of a story.... Anyway, I plan to set up two stations, probably only operate one at a time. One will be a SSB/CW and maybe other modes, running about 100 watts. The other will be a itty bitty CW rig, which runs on a 9 volt battery, about 3 watts output, built into an Altoids tin. The 100 watt rig will be a "somewhat typical" rig. The "itty bitty" rig will show what miniaturization can do.

I've reserved W8T for this event.

Please let me know if you're interested in helping. Right now, I have one volunteer, but could certainly use 2 or 3 more for a few breaks in the day, etc.

Thanks in advance.

72/73 de n8xx Hg
QRP >99.44% of the time
(except when demonstrating ham radio during National Trails Day.)

2918. Ham Radio Demo - National Trails Day, May 30 - LOCATION

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-05-19 00:47:11 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2918 Message: 2918

I've been advised that I didn't specify where the event will be held. So:

LOCATION: LONG LAKE COUNTY PARK, 17 Mile Road @ Krauskopf, Sparta, MI
49345 or address for a GPS:
13747 Krauskopf NE, Sparta, MI 49345

I've been advised that the North Country Trails Association people will
be available from Noon to 4 p.m., Saturday, May 30, so the majority of
the ham radio activity will correspond to those times.

72/73 de n8xx Hg
QRP >99.44% of the time
(except when demonstrating ham radio during National Trails Day.)

2919. FCC to drop the vanity call-sign fee...

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-05-23 13:06:53 UTC
From: Tom
Topic: 2919 Message: 2919

Rather unusual for a government agency to drop fees completely, but the
FCC is dropping the $ 20_ fee for vanity calls:

http://www.arrl.org/news/view/fcc-eliminates-amateur-radio-vanity-call-sign-regulatory-fee

Tom Bosscher K8TB

2920. Re: [GRARA] FCC to drop the vanity call-sign fee...

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-05-23 13:32:35 UTC
From: Wendell
Topic: 2919 Message: 2920

Hi Tom,
Could be a precursor to dropping the vanity prog altogether.
Wendell, K8OO

Sent from my iPad

> On May 23, 2015, at 9:06 AM, Tom k8tb@bosscher.org [GRARA] <GRARA@yahoogroups.com> wrote:
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> FCC is dropping the $ 20_ fee for vanity calls:
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>
http://www.arrl.org/news/view/fcc-eliminates-amateur-radio-vanity-call-sign-regulatory-fee
>
> Tom Bosscher K8TB
>
>

2921. Re: FCC to drop the vanity call-sign fee...

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-05-24 10:58:45 UTC
From: ka5s@...
Topic: 2919 Message: 2921

Hi, Tom.

I suspect it's the prelude to contracting all radio licensing to a private entity or entities. That may require changes to the Radio Treaty, however.

Cortland
KA5S

2922. W8T - National Trails Day special Event Station, May 30, 1600Z to 2000Z

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-05-28 23:37:48 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2922 Message: 2922

Please be advised that on Saturday, May, 30, between 1600Z and 2000Z, 5 or more hams, mostly from the Lowell ARC and Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association will activate W8T as part of the Michigan Chapter, North Country Trails Association's National Trails Day Celebration. We will be operating from Long Lake Park, 13747 Krauskopf NE, Sparta, MI 49345, near the enclosed pavilion.

All hams in the area are cordially invited to join us for an eyeball QSO and to operate your favorite band/mode. We plan to start setting up at 1400Z or earlier, and operate until 2000Z or whenever the number of hikers dwindle. So come on out any time during that period.

We will have two or three HF stations on various bands and modes - primarily on CW and SSB. For those who can't make it to the park, look for us on QRPspots.com, or any of the several DX clusters, including dxwatch.com. Look for CW spots on the Reversebeacon.net, specifically by putting
http://reversebeacon.net/dxsd1/dxsd1.php?f=0&c=w8t&t=dx
in your browser.
IF the above long url gets truncated in transmission, try this itty bitty url:
http://goo.gl/BMwd0y

CW bands may be crowded because of the CQ WPX contest, so we may retreat to 30, 17 and 12 meters for CW. But, we may be giving out a few points for the CQ WPX contest, just for the fish (halibut.)

We hope to see many of the local hams - either in person on on the air. So, if you think about it, please look for us on the bands, and give us a shout.

We will have a special QSL available for those interested. See the W8T QRZ page for details. Also, shortly after I'll put all the QSO info into the Logbook of the World. If I ever figure out e-QSL, I'll put the info there, also.

Lettuce prey that the predicted rains won't materialize, else the hikers amongst the general public may stay away.

72/73 de n8xx Hg
QRP >99.44% of the time

2923. Another note on Astron power supplies

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-05-29 12:21:43 UTC
From: CR
Topic: 2923 Message: 2923

Some people are getting overvoltage pulses from them that can trip a rig's protective circuitry. From a Yahoo Group discussion:

"The Astron spikes when a load first hits. I found the cause to be a compensaton capacitor missing from the 723 regulator circuit in the Astron supplies. There is a place on the Astron board, holes and silk screen.....no capacitor."

Cortland
KA5S

2924. German WW2 automated weather station found in Newfoundland

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-05-30 05:19:47 UTC
From: UncleFester@...
Topic: 2924 Message: 2924

Look here:

German weather station in Canada: The station was forgotten until 1977 http://www.warhistoryonline.com/war-articles/german-weather-station-canada-station-forgotten-1977.html

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German weather station in Canada: The station was f... http://www.warhistoryonline.com/war-articles/german-weather-station-canada-station-forgotten-1977.html Weather Station Kurt (Wetter-Funkgerät Land-26) was an automatic weather station, erected by a German U-boat crew in Northern Labrador, Newfoundland in...

View on www.warhistoryonline... http://www.warhistoryonline.com/war-articles/german-weather-station-canada-station-forgotten-1977.html
Preview by Yahoo

Jerry AC8QC

2925. IRA Hamfest, Saturday, June 6

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-05-31 02:01:15 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 2925 Message: 2925
Attachments: 2 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

IRA Hamfest Saturday, June 6. Downloadable flier at http://www.w8ira.org

[image: Inline image 1]
[image: Inline image 2]

2926. June GRARA meting at Hudsonville Fairgrounds

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-05-31 02:08:23 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 2926 Message: 2926

The June meeting of the Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association (GRARA)
is Friday, June 5 at the Hudsonville Fairgrounds, NOT at the Red Cross.
The meeting will take place following "Ray's Road Kill Chili" potluck
at the fairgrounds, the evening before the IRA Hamfest.
http://www.w8ira.org
A hamfest ticket is not required on Friday, but I certainly hope you
are planning on Saturday's hamfest.

73 Jack NY8D

2927. Tables at IRA Hamfest

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-06-05 02:03:42 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 2927 Message: 2927

Notice to GRARA members. As have done for every IRA Hamfest since they located to the Hudsonville Fairgrounds, I will have table space available for members to bring some items to peddle. The only requirement is, unless you plan to stay at the table for the entire event (who would, we all want to see the goodies), YOU MUST HAVE A PRICE ON YOUR ITEMS!
As always, I plan to set up outside between the main buildings. Look for the 80s style Georgie Boy Motorhome.
See ya there.

And don't forget the June GRARA meeting is at the fairgrounds Friday following "Ray's Road Kill Chili" potluck.

73 Jack NY8D

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Admission Fee: $6
Independent Repeater Association, Inc.
2015 IRA Grand Rapids Hamfest
Hudsonville Fairground, 5235 Park Avenue, Hudsonville, MI 49426
Saturday, June 6, 2015 -- 8 AM until Noon

Ray's Road Kill Chili and Potluck Dinner
6:30 PM Friday Night
Bring a dish to pass and join in the fun Friday at 6:30 P.M. after helping with setup. Enjoy "Eye-ball QSOs," entertainment, awards, and

surprises. This will be the last opportunity to purchase reduced-price Hamfest tickets.
Don't miss this fun, exciting and well-attended social event!

For Reservations
Complete Reservation Form at http://www.w8ira.org/linked/2015hamfestflyer.pdf
Questions ??? Call Wayne, 616-866-3316 or
E-Mail -- hamfest@...

Camping Available ! Low Fees - Convenient Location -Showers and Rest Rooms Available.
Hudsonville County Fairground, 5235 Park Avenue, Hudsonville, MI 49426
GPS Coordinates: N42.8645 / W85.8763 (NAD83) Approximately 14 Miles West of Grand Rapids, Michigan

2928. Apologies

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-06-06 00:43:50 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2928 Message: 2928

Got involved with a home project, and completely lost track of time.

Noted the clock around 2330Z (7:30 p.m) and figured that if I left at that time it would be after 0015Z before I arrived, and the meeting would probably have been over.

I'm always amenable to being fired.

72/73 de n8xx Hg

2929. Fwd: ARRL June VHF Contest is This Weekend

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-06-10 12:38:26 UTC
From: David DeVos
Topic: 2929 Message: 2929

Please don't forget the ARRL VHF contest this weekend!
Locally, K8DOG and myself will be roving in West Michigan.
I will be posting my final schedule and operating frequencies on Friday.

David DeVos
KF8QL/R
616-706-8736

Begin forwarded message:

> From: "Todd Sprinkmann" <sprinkies@...>
> Date: June 10, 2015 at 7:11:44 AM EDT
> To: "Todd Sprinkmann" <sprinkies@...>
> Subject: ARRL June VHF Contest is This Weekend
>
> If you don't already know, the ARRL June VHF Contest is this weekend. Get on the air, spread the word to other hams. Visit http://www.arrl.org/june-vhf for the rules link.
>
> In the eastern time zone, it starts at 2pm on Sat., June 13th and runs until 11pm on Sun., June 14th. All VHF/UHF bands from 50 MHz on up into the microwaves are in play. I have a few posts available at kc9bqa.com that may help motivate hams to get on and connect with other VHF'ers in distant grids.
>
> Please visit kc9bqa.com and read thru the 3 posts dated June 6th. You will also find the interactive Google spreadsheet link where contesters in the Midwest and Great Lakes are posting their contest plans. You are encouraged to post yours, too.
>
> 73,
> Todd KC9BQA
> www.kc9bqa.com For Frequent VHF/UHF Updates
>
> PS: Expect WB9LYH to call the 144.240 net tonight at 9pm. Look toward EN54cl, central WI. Eastern time zone is always targeted first with this net.

2930. KF8QL/R June VHF

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-06-13 03:18:26 UTC
From: David DeVos
Topic: 2930 Message: 2930

I will be roving for the June VHF contest. Here is a link to my schedule:

https://dl.dropboxusercontent.com/u/16767476/KF8QL%20Rover%20Schedule%20June%202015.pdf
<https://dl.dropboxusercontent.com/u/16767476/KF8QL%20Rover%20Schedule%20June%202015.pdf>

I’m also going to post my positions on the following spotting website per the new VHF rules:

NLRS Spots <http://www.w0uc.com/spots.html>

Please spot me as well on any other spotting sites you use. I look forward to working you! Hope everyone has fun!

Dave
KF8QL/R
616-706-8736

2931. 2015 GRARA Field Day

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-06-14 23:27:49 UTC
From: stprovost@...
Topic: 2931 Message: 2931

Hello, it is less than 14 days before field day happens.
I am writing this message to have people know what program to install on their computers for the n1mm logger plus program.

I need all people who are bringing their laptop for field day to install the following files for n1mm logger plus

Note this is the NEW version of n1mm logger program.
here is the link for the full version of the installer:
http://n1mmplus.hamdocs.com/tiki-list_file_gallery.php?galleryId=7
http://n1mmplus.hamdocs.com/tiki-list_file_gallery.php?galleryId=7

after rebooting your computer, install the "latest" file from this link:

http://n1mmplus.hamdocs.com/tiki-list_file_gallery.php?galleryId=15
http://n1mmplus.hamdocs.com/tiki-list_file_gallery.php?galleryId=15

I am planning on meeting the wed night before field day to provide the config file that all computers will use.

Please review the documentation to be aware on how to use this great program.
thanks
stephen

2932. Anyone have a 1977 to 1986 callbook?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-06-16 01:48:11 UTC
From: Tom
Topic: 2932 Message: 2932

I am trying to help Warren, WD8BWF prove that he had his tech from 1976 to 1986. If he shows up in the callbook, we just have to take a picture of the proof, and he can get his earned general class license.

If you have a callbook in that range, please let me know..

Tom Bosscher K8TB

2933. Re: [GRARA] 2015 GRARA Field Day

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-06-16 02:40:27 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2931 Message: 2933

I case anyone is interested, there's a Field Day coming up. So far I've queried quite a few operators, and have exactly zero response as to who will actually be showing up, and who is planning to set up a station.

Please advise, by return e-mail if you're planning to be at Field Day, an approximate time(s) you'd like to operate.

I do know that we will have a network and N1MM+ running for whatever station or stations we have set up.

Lettuce prey that we have a robust cadre of operators, who can fill 24 hours of operating time with the station(s) we may have set up.

Please, pretty please, with sugar on it, please advise if you're planning to operate, and will be available to set up a rig (or rigs) at the Field Day site, which is Cannonsburg Elementary School, 4894 Sturgis Avenue, Rockford (Cannonsburg), Mi This is just one block east of Honey Creek and Cannonsburg, and one block southy.

72/73 de n8xx Hg
Supposed to be Field Day Chair, but currently in the dark

2934. Re: Anyone have a 1977 to 1986 callbook?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-06-16 11:42:31 UTC
From: stprovost@...
Topic: 2932 Message: 2934

Tom: I will look into the call books that GRARA has wed night to see if this call sign is there. stephen AC8QE

2935. Field Day, anyone?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-06-17 00:54:14 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2935 Message: 2935

*Yesterday's message snagged two "Yep, count on me" responses. Thanks to the two who have responded so ar. So we now have 1000+% more responses than I received before. (Any number divided by zero equals infinity, which is greater than 100%!)

Any others? You definitely do NOT need to be a hot shot contest operator - this is the place to hang out, to learn, to observe, and have fun!

I'll be down at the Open Radio Room on the morrow, and will be twisting arms, etc., to get more ideas on what we're planning for field day.

Note: One fellow who volunteered said He wished there were more discussion about Field Day plans.

I wholeheartedly agree with him - so YOUR ideas, YOUR suggestions, are very appropriate.

Lemme no your ideas, etc.

72/73 de n8xx Hg
Supposed Field Day Chair, 2015, for W8DC, Grand Rapids ARA*

2936. Re: 2015 GRARA Field Day new details!

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-06-19 03:03:42 UTC
From: stprovost@...
Topic: 2931 Message: 2936

Hello, yesterday we made more decisions about field day.

Location is at the Canonsburg Elem School
address is 4894 Sturgis Ave, Rockford, MI 49341
This link will bring up google map of location:
https://www.google.com/maps/place/4894+Sturgis+Ave+NE,+Rockford,+MI+49341/@43.0525388,-85.4689623,17z/data=!3m1!4b1!4m2!3m1!1s0x881857af64d44e8f:0xc0363753cfb19f65 https://www.google.com/maps/place/4894+Sturgis+Ave+NE,+Rockford,+MI+49341/@43.0525388,-85.4689623,17z/data=!3m1!4b1!4m2!3m1!1s0x881857af64d44e8f:0xc0363753cfb19f65

I have done more research of N1MM Logger Plus
I would recommend watching the following video that explains doing field day with N1MM Logger Plus
The video is about 17 minutes Long:
http://n1mmplus.hamdocs.com/tiki-index.php?page=Video+-+N1MM+LoggerPlus+on+Field+Day#Video_N1MM_LoggerPlus_on_Field_Day http://n1mmplus.hamdocs.com/tiki-index.php?page=Video+-+N1MM+LoggerPlus+on+Field+Day#Video_N1MM_LoggerPlus_on_Field_Day

The following link is a getting started document for N1MM Logger Plus.
Please review for preparation of field day:
N1MMplus GettingStarted 2015-05-29.pdf
http://n1mmplus.hamdocs.com/tiki-download_file.php?fileId=2182

Schedule is the following:
June 26th Friday 5pm start setup at the location.
June 27th Saturday 12pm finish setup for 2pm start.

Please reply with any questions for this great event!

stephen AC8QE

2937. FD Info

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-06-19 10:19:09 UTC
From: Jim Leys
Topic: 2937 Message: 2937

Small correction Sturgis runs South off of Cannonsburg... sorry about that.

On 6/18/2015 10:23 PM, tom hansen wrote:> So a few of us met last night at open radio room to nail down some > logistics of FD... here are a few:>

> GRARA 2015 FD at Cannonsburg elementary school (a small street, > Sturgis) that runs north off of Cannonsburg just east of the little town.>

> Hank will be station 1 CW mostly, TS-2000 and some mast and wire > antenna provided by Hank.> He'll be operating from a tent located in the back playground.>

> Bob Moe will be station 2 SSB mostly, DX70-TH/K3 and tower with HF > beam and solar powered.> We'll be operating from Red Cross ERV in the back playground.>

> Billy is planning to be our G.O.T.A. station W8GVU which we are > pleased to have him and his members folk.> He will also be operating a TS-2000 with G5RV probably located near > the side of the building (a good location to meet and greet people as > they come in).>

> Stephen will be setting up the MESH network along with N1MM logging > program.> Getting excited just thinking about it.>

> Get the word out! Last full weekend of June 27 & 28th. Meeting on > location Friday late afternoon/evening; 26th. for look see/setup.> Questions, suggestions, welcomed.>

> Tom N8DGD> W8DC 147.260/Repeater.

2938. USB to COM port adapter?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-06-20 17:34:26 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2938 Message: 2938

Does anyone in the club have a USB to COM port adapter which works with Windows 7 and Windows 8.1. My venerable, 10 year old adapters use USB 1.1 and there's no driver for Windows 7 or 8.1. And, my equally venerable Windows XP computer is lacking some part which is necessary to run N1MM+ logger, and the operating system has a bug in it which will not allow updates to work.

I have two of the newer adapters on order, they should arrive Wednesday or Thursday, but to be sure we have a backup computer, I'd like to find one locally which I could borrow for Field Day. If we don't have a failure of a computer, it will be redundant, but it's always nice to have a standby computer.

Thanks in advance.

72/73 de n8xx Hg

p.s. Thanks to Tom, N8DGD, and Stephen, AC8QE for helping to "get my act together" with recruiting, organizing, etc. for Field Day. We still would like more people to lettuce no their availability for this event.

2939. GRARA Field Day info - June 26/27/28

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-06-20 17:35:19 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2939 Message: 2939

In case any on this mailing list have missed earlier announcements,

Location is at the Canonsburg Elem School

address is 4894 Sturgis Ave, Rockford, MI 49341

This link will bring up google map of the location:
https://goo.gl/oxJHKj

Plan to be at the site on Friday, 5 p.m. for setting up antennae, etc. and work until dark or whenever we get "too pooped to pop."
We will be setting up two main rigs (one primarily SSB, the other primarily CW, but each capable of working both CW or SSB)
The crew from W8GVU, Grand Valley University Amateur Radio Club will be with us, operating as a "Get on the Air" station using their call.

Saturday, continue setup starting 9 a.m.
Field Day officially begins at 2 p.m. Saturday, June 27 and runs until 2 p.m. Sunday, June 28.

Hope to see everyone there. Remember, this is NOT a "full blown contest." We're around to have fun. You do NOT need to be a "gung ho" contester. We encourage all to sit down and operate a few minutes to a few hours and make contacts. This is a good way to learn basic HF operating skills! And, a license is NOT required. If you're interested in ham radio, there will always be at least one Extra Class licensee on site as control operator, so don't be mike shy! Jump in with all four feet flailing. Operating is the "only way to learn."!!!!!

2940. Re: [GRARA] USB to COM port adapter?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-06-20 22:59:27 UTC
From: <tigerfan158@...>
Topic: 2938 Message: 2940

I have Windows 7 and have no problem with my old USB 1 flash drive. You may have USB ports for USB-3 which will not work. However, my computers only have one USB-3 input which only works for USB-3 Flash drives. (yes, I have one of these too) You should have a USB-2, or a couple of USB-2 inputs which will recognize the old USB 1.1 flash drive. Try it. Normally USB-2 will default back to USB-1 when required to do so.

----- Original Message -----
From: Hank Greeb n8xx@... [GRARA]
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Cc: Mitch Briggs KE8BNH ; Jerry Elya AC8QC ; John Strauss ; Bill Neuson ; golfdude1@...
Sent: Saturday, June 20, 2015 1:34 PM
Subject: [GRARA] USB to COM port adapter?

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2941. Field Day propagation forecast

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-06-23 18:24:57 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2941 Message: 2941

Right now it seems that the HF spectrum is blacked out due to a massive Coronal Mass Ejection of plasma from the sun. This happens from time to time, I remember at least three or four of these events which have bothered my operation over the years.

Typically, when something like this happens, the ionosphere is disrupted to the point where HF propagation is NIL, Nothing, NADA, Zilch for an hour or two. So far, this event, which hit the earth's atmosphere yesterday afternoon, is still affecting us today.

Let's hope that this event does not continue until the weekend, or we may be talking on ground wave on all bands. :)

See y'all at Canonsburg Elementary, Friday 5 p.m. (as many as can make it for setup.

And, even if you're not inclined to operate very much, come on out starting around 9 a.m. to finish setting up, and doing at least SOME operating. Even if you only make 1 contact, we'd like everyone, licensed or not, to "make a show." We won't insist, but it would be nice. Note you do NOT need a general class license to operate this event. We have have at least one extra class licensee to act as control operator, and the only request is to "sign the log" with your name or call letters before you operate.

Canonsburg elementary is at
4894 Sturgis Avenue,
Rockford (Canonsburg), Mi

This is just one block east of Honey Creek and Cannnsburg, and one block south

We will try to monitor 147.26 MHz repeater, but no guarantees because we will be setting up and operating.

72/73 de n8xx Hg
QRP >99.44% of the time
BUT, we will be using Low Power (100 watts) for Field day.

2942. Ham Radio

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-06-25 23:42:59 UTC
From: RMoe@...
Topic: 2942 Message: 2942

From AOL News
http://www.tested.com/science/532237-10-essential-items-your-home-disaster-relief-kit/item/radio/
10 ESSENTIAL ITEMS IN YOUR HOME DISASTER RELIEF KIT
Radio
BY THOR JENSEN
A natural disaster can incapacitate many traditional means of communication, severing phone lines and knocking out cell towers. The last thing you want is to be isolated from the outside world and badly in need of rescue. That's why disaster survival experts recommend investing in a ham_radio_ (http://graywolfsurvival.com/2716/ham-radio-best-shtfdisaster-communication/) . Radio signals will transmit just fine no matter what the conditions, and ham radio bands are shared by the National Weather Service, giving you the ability to get additional information on any other trouble coming your way. They do require a license to own and operate, but they're fairly easy to get.

2943. Re: [GRARA] Ham Radio

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-06-26 02:06:29 UTC
From: John Streyle
Topic: 2942 Message: 2943

Too bad the writer didn't show some actual ham gear. It is interesting though, that ham radio is mentioned. Some people get deeply into the "prepper" thing, as a hobby in itself. W8QZ

Sent from my iPad

> On Jun 25, 2015, at 7:42 PM, RMoe@... [GRARA] <GRARA@yahoogroups.com> wrote:
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> FROM AOL NEWS
>
> HTTP://WWW.TESTED.COM/SCIENCE/532237-10-ESSENTIAL-ITEMS-YOUR-HOME-DISASTER-RELIEF-KIT/ITEM/RADIO/
>
> 10 ESSENTIAL ITEMS IN YOUR HOME DISASTER RELIEF KIT
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> BY THOR JENSEN
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2944. Field Day final reminder

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-06-27 03:50:53 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2944 Message: 2944

QST QST QST - come one, come all to Field Day!

Hear yea, hear hear ye! The Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association (GRARA) is holding Field Day Saturday, June 26 from 2 p.m. EDST to 2 p.m. June 27, at Canonsburg Elementary School, 4894 Sturgis Ave, Rockford, MI 49341 We will be operating as W8DC (the club call), with W8GVU as the Get On the Air station. All are welcome!

This link will bring up Google map of the location:
https://goo.gl/oxJHKj

Several of us were at the site earlier this evening (Friday, June 26) and set ropes plus configure AC8ZX's tower for antennae, etc.

We will have two main rigs (one primarily SSB, the other primarily CW, but each capable of working both CW or SSB)

The crew from W8GVU, Grand Valley University Amateur Radio Club will be with us, operating as a "Get on the Air" station using their call.

Saturday, we bill begin with breakfast at 9 a.m. at the Grist Mill, Canonsburg Road and Honey Creek Avenue, followed by setup (about 10 a.m. or earlier, depending on service at the Grist Mill)

Field Day officially begins at 2 p.m. Saturday, June 27 and runs until 2 p.m. Sunday, June 28.

Operators are welcome - we need more who are willing to operate SSB and/or CW. All are welcome, the only requirement is an interest in Ham Radio! License is NOT required. We will always have at least one Extra Class licensee on site as control operator. So, come on out to chew the fat (eyeball QSO) and do a bit of operating! The weather is predicted to be good (knock on wood), so we should have no problem with excessive heat or cold.

Pass the word!

72/73 de n8xx Hg
Field Day Chair person, 2015

2945. VERY, preliminary report, W8DC Field Day.

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-06-28 23:59:54 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2945 Message: 2945

*This is the first report provided by N1MM+ software concerning our
Field Day 2015 efforts!

CallSign Used : W8DC
Operator(s) : VARIOUS

Operator Category : MULTI-OP
Assisted Category : ASSISTED
Band : ALL
Power : LOW
Mode : MIXED
Default Exchange : 2A MI
Gridsquare : EN73GB

Name : GRAND RAPIDS ARA
Address : 1050 FULLER ST NE
City/State/Zip : GRAND RAPIDS MI 49503
Country : UNITED STATES

ARRL Section : MI
Club/Team :
Software : N1MM Logger+ 1.0.5013.0

Band Mode QSOs Pts
3.5 CW 83 166
3.5 LSB 85 85
7 CW 228 456
7 LSB 98 98
14 CW 20 40
14 USB 72 72
21 USB 12 12
Total Both 598 929

Score : 1,858

We have bonus points to add, including

100% Emergency Power
Message to Section Manager
Copying Field Day Message
Operating in Public venue
and probably others.

One very impressive part of this year's event was several "new
operators" for which this was their very first exposure to Field Day or
other contests. We have a list of all (most?) participants who signed
the "paper log" with name, call (if licensed) and e-mail address.

22 people signed this "paper log" - perhaps we missed one or two??

We are planning to have a critique of the operation, including pictures, at the Friday, July 3 meeting. Come on down!

72/73 de n8xx Hg
Field Day Chairman, 2015*

2946. Re: [GRARA] VERY, preliminary report, W8DC Field Day.

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-06-29 02:24:27 UTC
From: wd8usa@...
Topic: 2945 Message: 2946

Your "traffic" to the Sec Manager passed @ 5.20 PM on the MI ARPSC HF Net DE WD8USA AR

-----Original Message-----
From: Hank Greeb n8xx@... [GRARA] <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
To: GRARA <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Sun, Jun 28, 2015 8:00 pm
Subject: [GRARA] VERY, preliminary report, W8DC Field Day.

This is the first report provided by N1MM+ software concerning our Field Day 2015 efforts!

CallSign Used : W8DC
Operator(s) : VARIOUS

Operator Category : MULTI-OP
Assisted Category : ASSISTED
Band : ALL
Power : LOW
Mode : MIXED
Default Exchange : 2A MI
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Name : GRAND RAPIDS ARA
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72/73 de n8xx Hg
Field Day Chairman, 2015

2947. Pictures of Field Day

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-06-30 15:58:19 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2947 Message: 2947

Any and all who took pictures of our Field Day effort are encouraged to bring them to the Open Radio Room (on a flash drive or thumb drive) and I'll put them together for a collage to be presented at Friday's GRARA Meeting.

The Next GRARA meeting will be held at the usual time, Friday, July 3, at Red Cross, 1050 Fuller Street NE, Grand Rapids, 49503.

gathering time 6:30 p.m.
Meeting time 7:00 p.m.

A presentation of happenings, and a collage of pictures taken at Field Day will be the major point of discussion.

We had a grand time @ Field Day - if you missed it, do plan to come to the meeting, and also mark June 25/26, 2016 on your calendar for the next Field Day!

72/73 de n8xx Hg
Field Day Chair, 2015

2948. Pettis repeater site grounds cleanup

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-07-05 23:51:09 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 2948 Message: 2948

Grounds cleanup / mowing at the The WLAV-FM tower and 147.26+ GRARA repeater site is this Tuesday, July 7, at 6:30PM. This is part of the agreement with WLAV-FM / Cumulus Broadcasting for hosting our repeater. Your help is appreciated.

The WLAV-FM tower and 147.26+ GRARA repeater site is located on Pettis Ave between 4 Mile Rd and 5 Mile Rd.
Look for 3966 Pettis Ave NE, a green "911" sign on the East side.
See map here https://goo.gl/maps/hU1R6
Head down the driveway. Keep going strait for about 1/2 mile, passing a house, barn and a fairly steep hill along the way. The drive makes a right turn, then a right turn again. You're there.

73 Jack NY8D

2949. Holland ARC Monday night meeting, July 13, Bring your coax to the club night...

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-07-06 23:50:55 UTC
From: Tom
Topic: 2949 Message: 2949

You got coax? We got answers.

Bring those old pieces of questionable coax to the next Holland ARC club meeting, this July 13. a Monday night.

Bring your new coax to the meeting and see if meets spec.

The club meets at the Ottawa Red Cross at 270 James St, about 1.5 miles west of US 31.

The meeting starts at 7 PM, and the program will follow a short business meeting.

The piece of test of test gear we will be using is a Array Solutions UHF VNA, or Vector Network Analyzer. This is tied into a laptop, and it will sweep the coax from 1 to 450 Mhz and display a graph of the loss by the frequency. Accuracy is less than 0.1 Db

No coax is large or small. If you can carry it in, we'll test.

Tom K8TB

2950. Results - Pettis repeater site grounds cleanup

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-07-08 21:43:17 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 2950 Message: 2950

Thanks to Jim K8CAN and Jack NY8D for mowing at the WLAV-FM / GRARA W8DC repeater site Tuesday evening. A mystery person had weed-wacked the outside of the security fence earlier. Speculation is Bob AC8ZX did the earlier weed-wacking.

Outside the security fence is done, unfortunately, without a key to the security fence gate, the area inside the fence was not done.

2951. Roadside and transmitter grounds cleanup, 443MHz repeater back on the air

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-07-12 02:00:31 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 2951 Message: 2951

To make this easier, I'm sending GRARA and LARC info to both club emails.

The American Red Cross / Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association highway road side pickup is this Tuesday, July 14. The area is a two mile stretch along Hwy M-57 / 14 Mile Road east of Hwy US-131 and Northland Dr between Ritchie Ave and Myers Lake Ave. Assignments will be to a 1/2 mile stretch.
Meet 6:00 PM at the Mobil / J&H Family Stores / Subway. The NE corner of M-57 and Northland, 11800 Northland Dr, east of Hwy US-131 exit 101.
Map at https://goo.gl/maps/Y9IuX
Ham radio talk-in will be on W8DC 147.26- (94.8Hz), however during the pickup, the Cedar Springs NW8J 146.88- (141.3Hz) will be used. Any non-hams will be paired with a ham while out on assignment.
(I'm also going to see if I can get the Red Cross to email to their people)

As discussed at Saturday's Lowell Amateur Radio Club meeting.
Grounds keeping, mowing, Wednesday, July 15, 5PM at the WBBL-FM and W8LRC 145.27-(94.8Hz) main repeater site. 6 miles north of Lowell, 2900 Lincoln Lake Ave NE (Lowell/Vergennes Township) just north of 3 Mile Rd.
Map at https://goo.gl/maps/LJXPy
This is part of our agreement with WBBL-FM / Cumulus Broadcasting for hosting our repeater. Your help is appreciated. If you can bring a mower, that would also be helpful.

The 443.850+(94.8Hz) repeater in Lowell is back on the air, thanks to Jim AA8JR. He is sponsoring and hosting the repeater at his QTH about 5 miles north of Lowell on his 130 ft tower. This is the repeater previously operated as K8LHS at the Lowell High School. Give a shout and start some activity.

73 Jack NY8D

2952. RE: [GRARA members] Results - Pettis repeater site grounds cleanup

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-07-13 01:56:43 UTC
From: <stprovost@...>
Topic: 2952 Message: 2952

Hello, saturday July 11th, I mowed the grass inside the fence and ran the weed whacker on the fence line.
we are all set for another two weeks!
stephen AC8QE

-------- Original Message --------
Subject: [GRARA members] Results - Pettis repeater site grounds cleanup
From: Jack Amelar <jamelar@...>
Date: Wed, July 08, 2015 5:43 pm
To: "GRARA@yahoogroups.com" <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>,
"grara_members@..." <grara_members@...>

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Grara_members mailing list
Grara_members@...
http://mail.w8dc.org/mailman/listinfo/grara_members_w8dc.org
Message delivered to stprovost@...

2953. RESULTS - Road side pickup

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-07-15 19:49:41 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 2953 Message: 2953

The stretch of Hwy M-57 roadside pickup happened with
Tom N8DGD
Hank N8XX
Jim K8CAN
Jack NY8D and
Bob KD8HNF

Thanks so much for your help.

Part of the section was accomplished. It takes a minimum of 8 and ideally 12 to do the entire 2 mile stretch. We have one more pickup sometime in September. Consider participating then and we can have the entire area nice and clean.

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2954. Re: [GRARA] RESULTS - Road side pickup

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-07-16 01:54:56 UTC
From: wd8usa@...
Topic: 2953 Message: 2954

If we had much increased lead time in notification of these Pickups, Perhaps more would help out!

-----Original Message-----
From: Jack Amelar jamelar@... [GRARA] <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
To: GRARA <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Cc: Red Cross WM Alexys M Lemans <alexys.lemans@...>
Sent: Wed, Jul 15, 2015 3:49 pm
Subject: [GRARA] RESULTS - Road side pickup

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2955. Coming hamfests, Spark in the Park

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-07-16 02:09:57 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 2955 Message: 2955

The following events for the ham community.

--------Lansing Hamfest Saturday July 25----------
From: Julie McLain <kb8zxr@...>
Subject: 2015 CMARC ?OUTDOOR? HAMFEST

Greetings Ham Enthusiasts,

I KNOW you?re all looking forward to attending CMARC?s 2015 ?OUTDOOR? HAMFEST on Saturday, July 25th, because it's going to be a day FULL of FUN for Ham Radio, Computer, and Electronic equipment enthusiasts, as well as their families! Once again, it?s at the Holt Christian Church located at 2424 S. Washington Road in Lansing, Michigan from 8am-1pm (Vendor set-up at 6am). Admission is still only $3.00 per person, with kids 15 years and under FREE!! Admission for Vendors/Sellers is also still $3.00 each and that includes 1 sales space (additional sales spaces are $5.00 each). The ?RF ADAPTER GUY? will be back as well as our local Independent ?Amsoil? Dealer, plus many more.

We?re having VE testing (11am?Walk-ins are Welcome!); a GOTA Station (Get On The Air) for unlicensed visitors so they can find out why Ham Radio is such a fun Hobby; a Forum on ?APRS FOR YOU & ME!? with a time for Q & A from 9am-10:30am. We also have a lot of great hourly prizes again this year, and our Grand Prize is a Yaesu FT-60R Dual-Band HT, which will be drawn at 1pm and mailed, if you?ve already left!) We even have some really nice Ladies prizes for all the Ladies that attend!

We have Donuts and Coffee in the morning and later on be sure to stop by the Food Tent where we?ll have BBQ Pulled Pork Sandwiches, Hot Dogs and Brats fresh off the grill with all the trimmings. So if you can?t find something to buy, sell, or trade?you?ll definitely find something good to eat!!

While you're having fun shopping and rag chewing with your friends, please don't forget to stop by the ARRL table and visit with Larry Camp WB8R, our Michigan Section Manager. Talk-in for the event will be on the 145.39 repeater (100 Hz PL). To register for a Hamfest sales spot, or if you have questions, please contact Julie McLain/KB8ZXR via the contact information below. I?ve attached our flyer for your convenience or to share with your Club and friends.

73,
Julie McLain KB8ZXR
2015 CMARC ?Outdoor? Hamfest Chairperson
President, Central Michigan Amateur Radio Club
(517) 694-0812
KB8ZXR@...

http://www.centralmiarc.com/outdoorhamfest.php

----------Spark in the Park, Saturday August 1----------
A Science Fair for Amateur Radio

August 1, 2015
3:00 PM to 8:00 PM (Yes, an afternoon event !!) No Admission Charge

Home School Building
5625 Burlingame SW, Wyoming, MI

Sponsoring Clubs:
Holland Amateur Radio Club
Lowell Amateur Radio Club
Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association
Allegan County Amateur Radio Club
Kalamazoo Amateur Radio Club

http://www.k8tb.org/sitp.htm
Pictures from last year http://www.k8tb.org/sitpp/sitpp.htm

It's not a flea market.
It's not a field day. It's kinda like a science fair for amateur radio.
It is an exposition of many facets of amateur radio, including:
-Human powered tricycle with Elecraft KX3 onboard, Bob, K8EIO
-On site Fox Hunting (hidden transmitters), Chuck, AJ8W and James K8JHR
-VHF/UHF roving in a pickup truck, Bob, K8DOG -Itty Bitty Radio
Telescope (IBRT) and a solar telescope, by Doug, K8EXB
-VHF/UHF vehicle roving, Dave, KF8QL
-Mototrbo digital radio, Mike, KB8ZGL
-Replica of military drone (non-flying!), Al KC8OPU
-Portable satellite operation (AMSAT), Doug, KD8CAO
-HF digital modes, John, AC8JW, ARRL Michigan Section Technical Specialist
-Amateur Mesh networks
-QRP portable operations
-Amateur Television, Ron K8DMR
-Remote transceiver operation, Bob, KD8HNF and Art, K0TWB
-"Go Bags" and boxes
-Microwave
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For more information, contact Tom Bosscher k8tb@...

----------Hamfester's Hamfest, Sunday August 2, Peotone IL (South of
Chicago)---
From: WB9FMC
Subject: HAMFESTERS HAMFEST
RE: Drawing And Invite!

Well, it□s that time of year! Well, we're giving away $50 again this
year!. Yup: that's right, $50. And all you have to do is submit your

call and e-mail address at our Hamfest on Sunday, 2 August (at the Will county fairgrounds in Peotone, IL (South of Chicago)). Well, okay, it's not *exactly* free: You'll have to get in to the fest first! Afterword, we'll draw two submissions randomly and they'll each get a $50 check. The "rules" are below... Oh yeah, YOU COULD ALSO WIN $500, $300 or $100 in the entry ticket drawing!

E-Mail drawing rules: 1) You must enter at the Hamfesters Hamfest. 2) You must give a valid e-mail address (we'll be contacting you by e-mail!). 3) You must respond to the "winner" notice within 1 week of when it is sent out (should be either that Sunday night or the Monday after). 4) Only one entry per attendee. 5) Enter this number (000b:d43a and DOUBLE your chances of winning $50!

Who: Hamfesters Radio Club
What: 82nd Annual Hamfesters Hamfest and Computer Festival
When: Sunday 2 August 2015, Will County Fairgrounds
Main gate opens at 6AM
Main exhibition hall opens 8 AM
Activities: VE Testing 8 AM - 10:30 AM
Scheduled Presenters! * Val, NV9L from Ham Nation will be talking on contesting! *
Weather Spotting by Dave, N9KPD
Blood Mobile will be on the premises!
Where: I-57 Exit 327 on the East side of Peotone (about 30 miles South of Chicago)
Web Info: https://hamfesters.org/hamfest/
E-Mail Questions: WB9FMC@...

Donation: In advance $8: DOUBLE STUB! $10 at the gate (Single stub!)
Tickets On-Line: http://hamfesters.org/hamfest/buy-tickets
Tickets via Snail Mail: Dave Bukowski, N9KDP, PO Box 1135, Oak Forest, IL 60452

----------AND SAVE THE DATE----------
for GRAHamfest 2Ø15 (Grand Rapids Area Hamfest) Saturday October 3.
Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association.
Same location as Spark in the Park, but earlier in the morning. More information as time approaches. http://www.w8dc.org

2956. Re: RESULTS - Road side pickup

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-07-16 03:29:23 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 2953 Message: 2956

Joe,

Who would be the best contact at the Red Cross forward to have email
the RC people / volunteers. We can at least try to get some of the RC
people out there. The only email I have is Alexys M Lemans
<alexys.lemans@...>
Is this the person to contact or is there a better contact.

73 Jack NY8D

Jack Amelar
13110 Victory Woods Dr NE
Lowell, MI 49331-8857
Home Phone #: (616)438-5412
Cell Phone #: (616)438-1464
E-mail: jamelar@...

----- Message from GRARA@yahoogroups.com ---------
Date: Wed, 15 Jul 2015 21:54:56 -0400
From: "wd8usa@... [GRARA]" <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>

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> If we had much increased lead time in notification of these Pickups,
> Perhaps more would help out!
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2957. Re: [GRARA] Re: RESULTS - Road side pickup

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-07-17 03:27:30 UTC
From: wd8usa@...
Topic: 2953 Message: 2957

Probably Kit Stolsak- I will confirm and get back to you- JB

-----Original Message-----
From: Jack Amelar jamelar@... [GRARA] <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
To: GRARA <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Wed, Jul 15, 2015 11:29 pm
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2958. Spark in the Park, August 1, 2015 starting at 3 PM

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-07-18 23:54:26 UTC
From: Tom
Topic: 2958 Message: 2958

/SPARK IN THE PARK!/

Saturday, August 1, 2015

3:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Home School Building

5625 Burlingame SW, Wyoming, MI

(Site of GRARA Hamfests)

Be sure to put Saturday, August 1, from 3PM to 8PM on your calendar.Head on over to the Home School Building, located at 5625 Burlingame SW, Wyoming (same location as the GRARA hamfest).Check out what's going on outdoors and then come into the air conditioned gym to cool off and enjoy all the indoor demos and displays.Grab a drink and a bite to eat while you explore the exhibits.Better yet, bring an exhibit!

What is Spark in the Park?Think of a science fair for amateur radio. This event is absolutely free, both to the exhibitors and the attendees. This is not a hamfest – it is an afternoon event geared toward all radio enthusiasts and their families. This event is free thanks to the sponsorship of these West Michigan amateur radio clubs:Holland ARC, Lowell ARC, Grand Rapids ARA, Allegan County ARC, and the Kalamazoo ARC.

There will be demonstrations of amateur satellite, Motorola Turbo, HF digital modes, VHF-UHF roving, Mesh networking, remote transceiver operation, Arduino projects, amateur television, software defined radios, and more.

We will also have a "Made in Michigan" row, featuring items made for amateur radio here in Michigan, including solar equipment from Solar 24, antennas from Tenna-Dyne, study guides from Dan Romanchik, electronic kits from John, KC9ON and more.Meet the makers and pick their brains.

Do you have rolls of coax in your garage or basement that you have no idea if they are good? Bring them down, and we will check them for loss..Look for the Michigan VHF-UHF Society tableHave you built an antenna tuner? A QRP transmitter? Anything with electronics in it for amateur radio? Vintage equipment?Take it along, grab a table and show it off to others. You made your very own linear power amplifier? Others would like to see it. Almost everyone has a "bug-out" kit or go-bag. Bring yours in - displays don't need to be elaborate.What is ordinary to you may seem like a stroke of genius to others! Even new equipment, bought or homebrewed. A one watt transmitter in an Altoids can, or the latest transceiver with gold-plated trim? Bring it down and show it to

others.

The Michigan VHF-UHF Society will hold its annual meeting at 5 PM.SATERN and several other amateur radio public service groups will be in attendance as well.

Pictures of last year's inaugural event are located athttp://www.k8tb.org/sitpp/sitpp.htm. Additional information for this year's upcoming event, which promises to be bigger and better than last year’s, can be found athttp://www.k8tb.org/sitp.htm.

The Home School Association will have their concession stand open, which will sell coffee, soft drinks, snacks, hot dogs, and other items.

2959. Form letter from COngress

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-07-22 01:16:12 UTC
From: UncleFester@...
Topic: 2959 Message: 2959

Got one from Bill Huizenga, thanking me for taking part in SKYWARN and letting me know he supports HR 1301.

Jerry AC8QC

2960. Spark in the Park this Saturday

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-07-29 23:17:03 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 2960 Message: 2960

It's not a hamfest, it's a science fair for Ham Radio. This Saturday, August 1. And you get to sleep in! NO admission charge. Same location as the Fall GRAHamfest.
http://www.k8tb.org/sitp.htm

Spark in the Park

A Science Fair for Amateur Radio

August 1, 2015

3:00 PM to 8:00 PM

(Yes, an afternoon event !!)

No Admission Charge

Home School Building

5625 Burlingame SW, Wyoming, MI

Sponsoring Clubs:

Holland Amateur Radio Club

Lowell Amateur Radio Club

Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association

Allegan County Amateur Radio Club

Kalamazoo Amateur Radio Club

Pictures from last year: http://www.k8tb.org/sitpp/sitpp.htm

It's not a flea market.

It's not a field day.

It's kinda like a science fair for amateur radio.

It is an exposition of many facets of amateur radio, including:

-Human powered tricycle with Elecraft KX3 onboard, Bob, K8EIO

-VHF/UHF roving in a pickup truck, Bob, K8DOG

-VHF/UHF vehicle roving, Dave, KF8QL

-Mototrbo digital radio, Mike, KB8ZGL

-Replica of military drone (non-flying!), Al KC8OPU

-HF digital modes, ARRL Michigan Section Technical Specialist

-Amateur Mesh networks

-QRP portable operations

-- Amateur Television, Ron K8DMR

-Remote transceiver operation, Bob, KD8HNF and Art, K0TWB

-"Go Bags" and boxes

-Microwave

-Amateur radio controlled quad and hexcopters, with live video downlinks

-Arduino amateur radio projects

For more information, contact Tom Bosscher k8tb@...

Save the dates for these coming West Michigan Hamfests:

Saturday, October 2015 | GRAHamfest

Location: Wyoming, MI
Type: ARRL Hamfest
Sponsor: Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association
Website: http://www.w8dc.org

Saturday, October 17, 2015 | Muskegon Color Tour Hamfest

Location: Muskegon, MI
Type: ARRL Hamfest
Sponsor: Muskegon County Emergency Communication Services, Inc.
Website: http://muskegoncolortourhamfest.com/

Sunday, October 18, 2015 | Kalamazoo HamFest 2015

Location: Kalamazoo, MI
Type: ARRL Hamfest
Sponsor: Kalamazoo Amateur Radio Club & Southwest Michigan Amateur Radio Team
Website: http://KalamazooHamFest.com

Lookup hamfests in the US and Canada

http://www.arrl.org/hamfests/search

73 Jack NY8D

2961. A call for Help for Spark in the Park this saturday

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-07-30 02:57:42 UTC
From: stprovost@...
Topic: 2961 Message: 2961

Gentlemen,

We get access to the HomeSchool gym at 5625 Burlingame this Saturday at 1pm.

I would like to ask each club involved to have two people, who can move tables around, to be there right around 1 or so. We need to set up tables before 3 pm, and I need everyone's ideas on how to set this up. I have some ideas, but I would like some alternatives.

Don from Kalamazoo, Don, I'm not sure who is coming up from Kalamazoo to help or present, but I had your email, so if you could pass this on to whomever, I would appreciate it.

73 and thank you to everyone for your help...

Tom Bosscher K8TB

2962. General Class this fall, starting September 9

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-08-03 23:57:36 UTC
From: Tom
Topic: 2962 Message: 2962

There will be a ten week general class this fall, starting September 9,
a Wednesday night.

The class will start at 7 pm, and located at the Kent County Red Cross
building located 1050 Fuller, NE, Grand Rapids.

We will be using the W5YI book to study from.

More information and registration is at:

*http://tinyurl.com/general-k8tb

73 de Tom K8TB

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2963. GRARA meeting this Friday August 7

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-08-06 02:18:15 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 2963 Message: 2963

Reminder, this Friday, August 7, is the Grand Rapids ARC montly meeting
at the American Red Cross on Fuller Ave between the I-196 Ford
Expressway and Leonard St.
Social at 6:30PM, meeting 7. After meeting usually Chinese or Mexican TBD.
All are welcome.

2964. Radios for sale

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-08-08 20:26:43 UTC
From: <tigerfan158@...>
Topic: 2964 Message: 2964

I have some antique short-wave receivers (no transceivers) which all work that I would like to sell. I also have some other radio equipment that I would include. I am not a ham operator. I know when I die, my daughters will just dump this valuable merchandise which I have enjoyed over the years. I would hate to see this equipment destroyed.

I don't want to sell the equipment at a hamfest, because I would end up taking some of it home. Here is what I have.

1. Hallcrafters S-38 D
2. Hallicrafters Model SX-110 With Hallicrafters Model 46B Speaker
3. Lafayette Model SX-110 With Model HE 48 Speaker
4. RCA Victor Model 3-BX-671 Short wave receiver (tan)
5. Brown RCA Trans-Oceanic Short wave receiver
6. Black RCA Trans-Oceanic Short wave receiver
7. Realistic DX-100 Short wave receiver (transistor)
8. Realistic DX-390 Short wave receiver (transistor)
9. Tube tester with some extra tubes for the above radios.
10. Pyramid phase 3 110 Volt 20 amp power supply
11. 250 W. Linier Amplifier (12 Volt input) (transistor) also some sundry electronic items

I would like $ 500.00 for the entire lot. If anyone is interested, please send an email to: tigerfan158@...

2965. Great story about WWII radio efforts

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-08-14 23:36:52 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2965 Message: 2965

Thanks to the OHKYIN Radio Club, Cincinnati, OH

This is a really great little-known story of radio>counterintelligence in, of all places, Rhode Island.

http://www.providencejournal.com/article/20150808/NEWS/150809367

Imagine being able to hear tank-to-tank communications from Africa up in Rhode Island!

2966. Re: [GRARA] Great story about WWII radio efforts

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-08-15 12:28:34 UTC
From: John Streyle
Topic: 2965 Message: 2966

I've heard that the tanks were on 21 MHz, so with good propagation, Africa - US not too hard to do
W8QZ
Sent from my iPad

> On Aug 14, 2015, at 7:36 PM, Hank Greeb n8xx@... [GRARA] <GRARA@yahoogroups.com> wrote:
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2967. World Radiosport Team Championship on Public Radio

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-08-15 13:04:21 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2967 Message: 2967

NPR's "Only a game" featured Ham Radio's World Radiosport Team
Championship "WRTC" in August, 2014, about a month after the event.

This transcript was referred to me by a fellow in W5 Land.

http://onlyagame.wbur.org/2015/08/15/wrtc-ham-radio-radiosport
<http://onlyagame.wbur.org/2015/08/15/wrtc-ham-radio-radiosport>

Good publicity for ham radio!

72/73 de n8xx Hg
QRP >99.44% of the time

2968. Clean Up

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-08-16 08:23:43 UTC
From: Jim Leys
Topic: 2968 Message: 2968

Grounds cleanup / mowing at the The WLAV-FM tower and 147.26+ GRARA repeater site is this Tuesday,Aug 18, at 615 PM. This is part of the agreement with WLAV-FM / Cumulus Broadcasting for hosting our repeater. Your help is appreciated.

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See map here https://goo.gl/maps/hU1R6
Head down the driveway. Keep going strait for about 1/2 mile, passing a house, barn and a fairly steep hill along the way. The drive makes a right turn, then a right turn again. You're there

2969. 2nd Hand Ham Shop Facebook page

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-08-17 02:30:20 UTC
From: tomkd8deg
Topic: 2969 Message: 2969

Hi All !!!!

The "2nd Hand Ham Shop" now has a Facebook page. This will help keep you informed about all activates, weekly specials, monthly raffles, new items for sale, etc.

Looking forward to seeing you soon.

73

KD8DEG Tom
&
KC8PCL Dave

https://www.facebook.com/pages/2nd-Hand-Ham-Shop/1007064166010266?sk=timelin
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2970. RE: [GRARA] Clean Up

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-08-18 20:17:33 UTC
From: Dave Ed
Topic: 2968 Message: 2970

Jim
Are we mowing at Pettis tonight,
Dave Ed
To: grara@yahoogroups.com
From: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Date: Sun, 16 Aug 2015 08:23:43 +0000
Subject: [GRARA] Clean Up

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2971. Re: [GRARA] Clean Up

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-08-18 20:23:31 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2968 Message: 2971

It has rained fairly hard here in Rockford. Is the cleanup/mowing on
for the Pettis Site?

Hank

On 8/16/2015 4:23 AM, Jim Leys jm_leys@... [GRARA] wrote:
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2972. Re: [GRARA] Clean Up

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-08-18 20:24:51 UTC
From: Mitch Briggs
Topic: 2968 Message: 2972

Not sure
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GRARA@yahoogroups.com> wrote:

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2973. Re: [GRARA] Clean Up

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-08-18 20:38:57 UTC
From: Wendell
Topic: 2968 Message: 2973

Just for FYI
I live about 2 miles NW of the site and it has not rained very hard here.
Wendell K8OO

Sent from my iPad

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2974. Re: [GRARA] Clean Up

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-08-18 20:41:34 UTC
From: Mitch Briggs
Topic: 2968 Message: 2974

Ok, I'll be there.
Mitch KE8BNH
On Aug 18, 2015 4:39 PM, "Wendell wendellbro@... [GRARA]" <
GRARA@yahoogroups.com> wrote:

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2975. Re: [GRARA] Clean Up

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-08-18 21:14:59 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2968 Message: 2975

I was just asking a rhetorical question, because of the spottiness of
the rain showers. My dentist says I should take it easy for the next
few daze, so I can't be there. Maybe next time.

Hank

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2976. Re: Clean Up - STILL ON

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-08-18 21:15:34 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 2968 Message: 2976

> Just for FYI
> I live about 2 miles NW of the site and it has not rained very hard here.
> Wendell K8OO

With that observation and things looking clear on the radar, I say
let's get 'er done!

73 Jack NY8D

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2977. Results - Pettis repeater site grounds cleanup

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-08-19 03:11:23 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 2950 Message: 2977

Thanks to

Mitch KE8BNH
Dave AC8AB
Jim K8CAN
Jack NY8D

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2978. RE: [GRARA members] Results - Pettis repeater site grounds cleanup

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-08-19 16:24:27 UTC
From: <stprovost@...>
Topic: 2952 Message: 2978

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-------- Original Message --------
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From: Jack Amelar <jamelar@localnet.com>
Date: Tue, August 18, 2015 11:11 pm
To: "GRARA@yahoogroups.com" <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>,
"grara_members@..." <grara_members@...>

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Grara_members mailing list
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http://mail.w8dc.org/mailman/listinfo/grara_members_w8dc.org
Message delivered to stprovost@...

2979. RE: [GRARA] RE: [GRARA members] Results - Pettis repeater site grounds cleanup

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-08-19 16:26:51 UTC
From: Dave Ed
Topic: 2952 Message: 2979

Stephen,
I can help you if you would like me to.
Dave Ed

To: jamelar@localnet.com; GRARA@yahoogroups.com; grara_members@...
From: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Date: Wed, 19 Aug 2015 09:24:27 -0700
Subject: [GRARA] RE: [GRARA members] Results - Pettis repeater site grounds cleanup

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Message delivered to stprovost@...

2980. General Class this fall, starting September 9

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-08-20 23:53:50 UTC
From: Tom
Topic: 2962 Message: 2980

There will be a ten week general class this fall, starting September 9,
a Wednesday night.

The class will start at 7 pm, and located at the Kent County Red Cross
building located 1050 Fuller, NE, Grand Rapids.

We will be using the W5YI book to study from.

More information and registration is at:

*http://tinyurl.com/general-k8tb

73 de Tom K8TB

*

2981. WK0K hidden part of automotive history

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-09-03 16:38:01 UTC
From: CR
Topic: 2981 Message: 2981

John Clubbs' call-sign, along with the signatures of others who worked to build the millionth Corvette, appears on one of it's component parts. The car was just restored by GM after being swallowed by a 2014 sinkhole at the Corvette Museum, Bowling Green KY.

http://imgick.mlive.com/home/mlive-media/width960/img/detroit/photo/2015/06/10/-c3c14930a4e44573.jpg

Article:
http://www.mlive.com/auto/index.ssf/2015/09/damaged_in_giant_sinkhole_1_mi.html#incart_river\

Cortland
KA5S

2982. Meeting Friday 4 September 2015?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-09-03 20:17:33 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2982 Message: 2982

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If it has been otherwise noted, I missed the notice.

So, someone please tell me either "go to the meeting" or, the "meeting has been cancelled/rescheduled/et. cetera"

Thanks for telling me where to go.

72/73 de n8xx Hg
QRP >99.44% of the time

2983. Re: [GRARA] Meeting Friday 4 September 2015?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-09-04 01:40:01 UTC
From: streyle.j@...
Topic: 2982 Message: 2983

I assume that you are correct, Hank - GRARA meets tomorrow night.
We have a number of things to discuss r/e the GRAHamfest. I plan to be there.
John W8QZ

----- Original Message -----

From: "Hank Greeb n8xx@... [GRARA]" <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
To: "GRARA" <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 3, 2015 4:17:33 PM
Subject: [GRARA] Meeting Friday 4 September 2015?

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2984. Anyone going out on the ARRL September VHF Contest?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-09-08 04:15:34 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2984 Message: 2984

Operates the second full weekend of September. Begins 1800 UTC Saturday and runs through 0259 UTC Monday (*September 12-14, 2015*).

We often have one or two VHF gurus who like to activate high spots in the area (like Fisk Knob, etc), and corners of grid squares (Someplace in NW Kent county or in Newago county, or where?) etc....

New Rules changes allow self spotting on the Dx Clusters, and other forms of communications amongst the participants.

See
http://www.arrl.org/september-vhf
for details.

If any GRARA member, or any non member is reading this message, please lettuce no your plans for operation, so those capable can contact you at as many locations as you plan to activate.

72/73 de n8xx Hg
QRP >99.44% of the time

2985. Anyone going to the Findlay Hamfest Sunday Sept 13?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-09-09 00:46:23 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2985 Message: 2985

I'm considering going, but don't want to drive the 230 miles or so. I'd be happy to pay for gasoline or share other costs for the trip.

Anyone making the trip?

Please lemme no.

72/73 de n8xx Hg
QRP >99.44% of the time

2986. LARC Annual meeting reminder, Saturday Sept 12, Hong Kong Buffet

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-09-10 03:23:32 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 2986 Message: 2986

The Lowell Amateur Radio Club "Annual meeting is this Saturday,
September 12, 1300 EDT (1PM).
Hong Kong Buffet, 2155 W Main St (Hwy M-21 / Fulton St), Lowell. The
back room has been reserved for our meeting.
Hong Kong Buffet is located in the same shopping center as TSC Store,
Arby's, and Ada-Lowell 5 movie theater.

All are welcome.
Questions? Contact Nathan N8THN <coffeefein24@...>
Talk-in 145.27-(94.8Hz)

The Annual meeting is where election of officers for the October 2015
thru September 2016 happens. Other events plus eyeball QSOs and a nice
lunch.
Lunch price with beverage, tax, and tip under $10.

73 Jack NY8D

2987. September VHF Contest This Weekend

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-09-12 01:30:45 UTC
From: David DeVos
Topic: 2987 Message: 2987

Hey everyone - this weekend is the Fall VHF contest, and it runs from 2PM Saturday local time to 11PM on Sunday night. 6 meters and up, any mode. Or as the ARRL describes it:

"For amateurs in the US and Canada (and their possessions) to work as many amateur stations in as many different 2 degrees x 1 degree Maidenhead grid squares as possible using authorized frequencies above 50 MHz."

K8DOG and I will both be roving, and here is my rough schedule:
Saturday 2-4PM Coopersville Grid Corner EN62/72/63/73Travel to EN82
Saturday 6-7:30PM GP Hill in EN82 (or until the park closes, if later than sunset)Travel Home
Sunday 9AM-12PM EN71 near Coldwater, MI
Sunday 7-11PM EN72 near Grand Rapids, MI
Please text me if you want to know where I am so you can point at me. We are allowed to do that with the new VHF rules adopted this year. My 2m hangout frequency is 144.230, or the call frequency 144.200. I will have 10 bands in the rover: 6 meters to 10GHz.
73, and let's have some fun! Dave DeVos - KF8QL/R - 616-706-8736
http://www.davedevos.com
http://www.mythinplace.com

2988. Estate sale with ham equipment

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-09-19 17:10:58 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 2988 Message: 2988

From the West Michigan Hams Yahoo Group

73 Jack NY8D

----- Forwarded message from WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com -----
Date: 19 Sep 2015 08:46:33 -0000

HAM EQUIPMENT ESTATE SALE

Fri Sep 18, 2015 7:43 am (PDT) . Posted By:

WINGERHAM

A friend of mine sent me a notice of an estate sale that has ham
radio equipment. The pictures of the equipment are near the bottom of
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View on www.estatesales.net
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Ross
N8GMY

----- End forwarded message -----

2989. Re: [GRARA] Estate sale with ham equipment

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-09-19 19:04:32 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2988 Message: 2989

*NOTE that the ENTIRE LOT of Ham Radio gear will be sold as a collection
- NO individual rigs, NO individual meters, etc.
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2990. Verizon Tower Project Latest Status

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-09-21 03:14:53 UTC
From: stprovost@...
Topic: 2990 Message: 2990

Hello, last friday Sept 18th, I met with the project manager of the Verizon Tower Project. It appears that within the next six weeks (about the first week of november), the new tower will be up and installed.

We have been asked to provide a final list of hardware (radios, antennas, etc) for this project.

I want to host a meeting this wednesday Sept 23rd at 8:30pm at the Red cross Building.

I want to finalize the list this week so I can give list to the project manager.

I need to confirm what groups want what equipment installed.
We will be discussing the MARS install, Amateur TV install, HF rig install, etc.

Please spread the word for this meeting.

thanks
stephen AC8QE

2991. Re: [GRARA] Estate sale with ham equipment

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-09-21 23:21:48 UTC
From: John Streyle
Topic: 2988 Message: 2991

Is GRARA interested in doing this as a club project? Could be a fundraiser for a ham club.
W8QZ

Sent from my iPad

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2992. SAARC Swap

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-09-23 15:22:38 UTC
From: esterline.dj.t@...
Topic: 2992 Message: 2992

The Straits Area Amateur Radio Club will be holding it's annual Swap and Shop on October 3rd in Petoskey from 8:00 to 11:00. Emmanuel Evangelical Church 620 Emmet St. (corner of Grove and Emmet). Entry $5 Tables $5. Contact kg8jk @ qsl.net for more info.

2993. Steidman park - Peanut Power Sprint - Sunday Sep 27 4 p.m to 6 pm

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-09-24 13:02:12 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2993 Message: 2993

Hear ye, Hear ye! QST QST all area hams and friends!

Please peruse the rules for the North Georgia QRP Club's "Peanut Power Sprint" at:
http://www.nogaqrp.org/peanutpower/rules.pdf

I've been cogitating on a private effort, but after mentioning the subject to others, it seems that a multi-multi effort may be possible. I looked around and Steidman Park seems very reasonable for Sunday, September 27, 2000Z to 2200Z (4 p.m to 6 p.m. Eastern Daylight) for the Peanut Power Sprint! AND, I've reserved the use of N8P as a "special event" call. This is a "laid back" event - no pressure, just fun! The more the merrier! I haven't found the park on a topo map, but it appears on high ground, with power lines not immediately overhead, so I hope it will be quiet for RFI!

You will find a map of the park at
http://www.kentcountyparks.org/document_center/park_maps/Seidman_Park.pdf
or: http://goo.gl/jR4c8X

A Google map is at
https://goo.gl/7GtGWR

Note - this is a QRP effort. Many folks will be operating at 10 to 15 WPM, so if you're just learning the code, give it a try!

The event starts at 4 p.m., so I'll show up around 3 p.m. Please let me know if you plan to join the effort, and what kind of rig & antenna, if any, you'll be bringing. There is NO commercial power at this location, so bring your battery or generator with your rig!

I'll be setting up near the parking area along Honey Creek Road, just south of 2 mile road. I'll be bringing a portable table. There is one and only one covered picnic table at this site. "Facilities" include one porta-potty. I think there are flush facilities at the other parking area along Conservation Street to the south.

Both SSB and CW are encouraged! If you prefer SSB, be sure to bring a rig along, because the rig I'm bringing is a very small CW rig, built into an Altoids Tin, operating on 20 and 40 meters.

If you prefer to operate from home, here's another link to the rules, etc., for this event:
http://www.nogaqrp.org/peanutpower/rules.pdf

You MAY operate with over 5 watts (cw) or 10 watts (SSB) in the RAW category, so have fun at any legal power you wish!

Hope to see you either at the park, or on the air!

72/73 de n8xx Hg
QRP >99.44% of the time
Operating as N8P during Peanut Power Sprint, 27 Sep 2015

2994. Anyone looking to erect a tower?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-09-24 13:14:48 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2994 Message: 2994

Wonder how much they charge by the minute or hour?

https://www.youtube.com/embed/qJHlXe_RnYo

Sure makes tower erection seem easy.

72/73 de n8xx Hg
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2995. Re: [GRARA] Anyone looking to erect a tower?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-09-24 16:11:14 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 2994 Message: 2995

Tower erection can go smother when you have someone who's handy with a helicopter. As far as the guys on, or should I say, inside the tower, that is one job that can't be over payed.

73 Jack NY8D

----- Message from GRARA@yahoogroups.com ---------
Date: Thu, 24 Sep 2015 09:14:48 -0400
From: "Hank Greeb n8xx@... [GRARA]" <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>

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----- End message from GRARA@yahoogroups.com -----

2996. SUPER "Blood Moon"27 September

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-09-25 02:27:23 UTC
From: CR
Topic: 2996 Message: 2996

From WIRED:
http://www.wired.com/2015/09/watch-weekends-total-lunar-eclipse/?mbid=nl_92415
(excerpt)
Peak eclipse will be at 2:47 am UT on September 28th—so, 10:47 pm ET on Sunday, September 27th. If you're in the eastern United States, that's good news! You should be able to see the eclipse just fine. The moon will start darkening at 8:11 pm Eastern time, and it will start to pass through the Earth's dark umbral shadow at 9:07 pm. It'll be completely shaded for about an hour starting around 10 pm (the last total eclipse, on April 4, lasted for a mere five minutes <http://eclipse.gsfc.nasa.gov/LEplot/LEplot2001/LE2015Apr04T.pdf>). That means the fully eclipsed moon will just be rising as viewers on the west coast tune in. So, you know, squeeze your magickal rites in appropriately.

2997. GRAHamfest 2015 (Grand Rapids Area Hamfest) Saturday, October 3

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-09-26 16:59:32 UTC
From: GRAHamfest 2Ø15
Topic: 2997 Message: 2997
Attachments: 2 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

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FOR THE GRAPHICS IMPAIRED, The GRAHamfest flier can be viewed at
http://www.w8dc.org/attachments/2015GRAHamFestFlyer.pdf

Here it is in plain text:

GRAHamfest 2015
Grand Rapids Area Hamfest
Saturday, October 3
an ARRL Approved Hamfest
The Home School Building
5625 Burlingame, SW
Wyoming, MI 49509-9702
Talk-In: W8DC on 147.26+ (94.8HZ PL)
Annual Electronics, Ham Radio, Shortwave
CB and Computer Equipment, Trains, Airplanes or just about anything with an
electron in it ! Swap Meet / Flea Market
Opens at 8 AM
Ends at 1:00 PM
Seller Setup: Friday 7- 9PM, & Saturday 7AM (Vendors only prior to 8AM)
Indoor and Outdoor Sales
ARRL VE Session - 10AM
QSL card Field checking
Concessions available on-site
Admission: $6 at the door
K-12 students free admission
See: www.w8dc.org
for updates, maps, directions and
additional information.
Table Reservation Form
Table rental does not include admission to the swap. No charge for tailgate
space(s),
except: a hamfest admission ticket is required for each person
General questions:
KC8NKA 616-531-6218
Table reservations:
W8QZ 616-791-9411 (evenings)
or streyle.j@...
Deadline for guaranteed reservations
(paid in advance): Sept. 22
Make checks payable to:
G.R.A.R.A.

Paid table requests rec’d after August 26
will be held at the door. Tables unclaimed
after 8 AM are available first-come, first
served! Reservation form and payment to:
John Streyle W8QZ
1487 Maderia Ave. SW
Grand Rapids, MI 49534
Name / Callsign
Phone (optional)
Email * (req’d for table confirmation)
Address
City, State, Zip
Description
Qty.
Ext. amount
6’ table along wall / WITH access to electricity
(check for availability—limited quantity) @ $10 ea.
6’ table no electricity @ $6 ea.

You are being sent this email as a past attendee at a Grand Rapids area hamfest. If you no longer wish to receive reminders, don't have a cow, just send a reply and a real human will delete your address.
73 Jack NY8D

2998. Estate sale

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-09-27 23:44:32 UTC
From: Michael J. Wolthuis
Topic: 2998 Message: 2998

Everyone,
I wanted to let you know that I won the estate out in Spring Lake. There is some good Heathkit stuff, which I personally don’t know much about or use.

If you are interested in any of the items that were pictured, prior to Dayton Hamvention, please let me know and we can probably work something out.

Lots of HF radios, IC-271a, IC-471a, TS-850s, etc.

Email me kb8zgl at kb8zgl.net if looking for stuff.

I should have most of it online on the Virtual Hamfest Site by next week.

Mike
kb8zgl

2999. Hamfest setup, prior meet?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-10-02 18:03:01 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 2999 Message: 2999

Hamfest setup at 7PM tonight.

In the past some have met before hand at the Steak and Shake next to Target. Are there any such plans this evening?

73 Jack NY8D

3000. Re: [GRARA] Hamfest setup, prior meet?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-10-02 18:07:09 UTC
From: Dave Ed
Topic: 2999 Message: 3000

I heard there are no plans but I will meet you at 6:00!if you want to
Dave
AC8AB

Sent from my iPhone

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3001. Re: Hamfest setup, prior meet?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-10-02 19:18:05 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 2999 Message: 3001

"......but I will meet you at 6:00!if you want to, Dave AC8AB"
That works, see you and anyone else so inclined, 6PM, Steak and Shake,
Clyde Park Ave just south of 54th St.

73 Jack NY8D

----- Message from GRARA@yahoogroups.com ---------
Date: Fri, 2 Oct 2015 14:07:09 -0400
From: "Dave Ed davided1938@... [GRARA]" <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Reply-To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: Re: [GRARA] Hamfest setup, prior meet?
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com

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----- End message from GRARA@yahoogroups.com -----

3002. Meeting location

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-10-02 20:15:52 UTC
From: Mitch Briggs
Topic: 3002 Message: 3002

Is the 7:00 meeting at the red cross? Or The Home School Building?

3003. Re: Meeting location

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-10-02 20:26:41 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 3002 Message: 3003

"Is the 7:00 meeting at the red cross? Or The Home School Building?"
Home School Building.

----- Message from GRARA@yahoogroups.com ---------
Date: Fri, 2 Oct 2015 13:15:52 -0700
From: "Mitch Briggs trbbuilder@... [GRARA]" <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>

3004. Re: [GRARA] Meeting location

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-10-02 20:28:14 UTC
From: Bob Robinson
Topic: 3002 Message: 3004

Home school building.

They will be setting up for the ham swap.

I will not be able to attend.

I am with a family member in the hospital.

Saturday I have to be at a funeral at 10 am in Lansing.

Bob
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3005. Re: [GRARA] Re: Meeting location

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-10-02 20:32:41 UTC
From: Mitch Briggs
Topic: 3002 Message: 3005

Okay, thanks. Going to give my best shot to be there. I've been out of the loop last few weeks. Just got done with traction at physical therapy. Recovering from a herniated disc.
73 Mitch KE8BNH
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> "Is the 7:00 meeting at the red cross? Or The Home School Building?"
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> ----- Message from GRARA@yahoogroups.com ---------
> Date: Fri, 2 Oct 2015 13:15:52 -0700
> From: "Mitch Briggs trbbuilder@gmail.com [GRARA]" <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
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3006. Re: [GRARA] Re: Meeting location

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-10-02 20:33:53 UTC
From: Bob Robinson
Topic: 3002 Message: 3006

Sorry to hear that. Get better.
On Oct 2, 2015 4:32 PM, "Mitch Briggs trbbuilder@... [GRARA]" <
GRARA@yahoogroups.com> wrote:

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> Okay, thanks. Going to give my best shot to be there. I've been out of the
> loop last few weeks. Just got done with traction at physical therapy.
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3007. Re: [GRARA] Re: Meeting location

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-10-02 20:35:02 UTC
From: Mitch Briggs
Topic: 3002 Message: 3007

Thanks, one day at a time.
On Oct 2, 2015 4:34 PM, "Bob Robinson kd8hnf@gmail.com [GRARA]" <
GRARA@yahoogroups.com> wrote:

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3008. 2015 Hamfest

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-10-04 09:18:04 UTC
From: Jim Leys
Topic: 3008 Message: 3008
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Our Hamfest Chef

3009. Mowing at Pettis, Tuesday Oct 6TH

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-10-05 15:58:52 UTC
From: edwallace38@...
Topic: 3009 Message: 3009

Just a reminder that we will be mowing the grass at Pettis Tomorrow, Tuesday Oct 6th at 6:00 PM. It should not take to long and will be our last mowing for this year.

Dave Ed
AC8AB

3010. NOT SK, Cortland KA5S

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-10-07 21:44:30 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 3010 Message: 3010

There have been emails reporting Cortland Richmond KA5S as SK (Silent
Key ie. dead!)
Apparently originating from the QCWA (Quarter Century Wireless Association).

I stopped by his residence this afternoon and can report he is
definitely alive.
That or I came across the most realistic haunted house I've ever seen :)

73 Jack NY8D

Jack Amelar
13110 Victory Woods Dr NE
Lowell, MI 49331-8857
Home Phone #: (616)438-5412
Cell Phone #: (616)438-1464
E-mail: jamelar@...

3011. Petis repeater site / WLAV-FM grounds cleanup done

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-10-08 11:43:22 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 3011 Message: 3011

Thanks to the members helping with the Petis repeater site / WLAV-FM grounds cleanup this season. We should be all set until next spring.

This past Tuesday evening:
Dave AC8AB
Stephen AC8QE
Jim K8CAN
Bob AC8ZX
Jack NY8D

3012. Re: [GRARA] Digest Number 1357

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-10-08 17:54:57 UTC
From: CR
Topic: 3012 Message: 3012

On 10/8/2015 5:02 AM, GRARA@yahoogroups.com wrote:
> There have been emails reporting Cortland Richmond KA5S as SK (Silent
> Key ie. dead!)

I may be ready for the Parade of Zombies by next Halloween.

Cheers,

Cortland
KA5S

3013. Re: [GRARA] NOT SK, Cortland KA5S

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-10-08 21:26:32 UTC
From: Al Pineiro
Topic: 3010 Message: 3013

Jack:

I had to pick my jaw up after reading your first sentence. Didn't see the subject line.
 Glad to hear Cortland is okay.

Al

KC8OPU

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

From:"Jack Amelar jamelar@... [GRARA]" <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Date:Wed, Oct 7, 2015 at 5:44 PM
Subject:[GRARA] NOT SK, Cortland KA5S

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Key ie. dead!)
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3014. Illinois QSO Party, Sunday, October 18, (1700Z October 18 to 0100Z October 19)

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-10-14 17:01:31 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3014 Message: 3014

*http://www.w9awe.org/ILQP2015.html
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*Announcing the 2015 Illinois QSO Party

The 2015 Illinois QSO Party will be held Sunday, October 18. *

(1700Z October 18 to 0100Z October 19)

Logs will be due by 2359 CST Nov 18, 2015

*2015 ILQP Rules
http://www.w9awe.org/ILQP%202015%20Rules.pdf

2015 Summary Sheet
http://www.w9awe.org/2015%20ILQP%20Summary.pdf

Planned Activity Map As Of 10/01/15
http://www.w9awe.org/2015%20ILQP%20Activity%20Map.pdf

NEW! - 2015 ILQP Plaque Sponsors - New!
http://www.w9awe.org/ILQP%202015%20Plaque%20Sponsors.html

EXCEL Template To Manually Create Your Cabrillo Style ILQP Log!
http://www.w9awe.org/Sample_Excel_Log.xlsx*

3015. CQ WW SSB October 24 & 25

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-10-20 19:48:37 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3015 Message: 3015

CQ WW SSB contest is coming up, 0000Z October 24 to 2400Z October 25
(Friday evening to Sunday evening here in the Eastern Time Zone)
Rules @ http://www.cqww.com/rules.htm

This can be a fun contest - I've dabbled in it as SOSB/QRP 10 meters for four years. With good propagation power helps, but good conditions are a boon to the low power and QRP operators! Bands like 10 meters, which are often devoid of contacts, often pop up with lots of activity when a big contest like this starts!

Depending on the antics of Olde Sol and the tendency of Coronal Mass Ejections (CME) which have been shot in the direction of Mother Earth, it could be an interesting contest! Sometimes the after effects of a CME are a boon to propagation. Other times it's a dud. One never knows. :) Why not give the CW WW SSB a try?

72/73 de n8xx Hg
QRP >99.44% of the time

3016. Fwd: ARISS Contact Scheduled with Dearborn School - errata

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-10-26 19:37:43 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3016 Message: 3016

Thanks to Jack, NY8D, he noted that the date for this sked is tomorrow, October 27, at 1601Z. Apologies to folks who were listening today.

-------- Forwarded Message --------
Subject: ARISS Contact Scheduled with Dearborn School
Date: Mon, 26 Oct 2015 09:06:57 -0400 (EDT)
From: ARRL Members Only Web site <memberlist@...>
To: hgreeb@...

Greetings, We have a second Michigan Section school contact scheduled with the International Space Station. This contact will be with the Dearborn Public Schools. Here is the information that I have: An International Space Station school contact has been planned with participants at Dearborn Public Schools, Dearborn, Michigan on 27 Oct. The event is scheduled to begin at approximately 16:01 UTC. It is recommended that you start listening approximately 10 minutes before this time. The duration of the contact is approximately 9 minutes and 30 seconds. The contact will be direct between NA1SS and K8UTT. The contact should be audible the eastern U.S, and adjacent areas. Interested parties are invited to listen in on the 145.80 MHz downlink. The contact is expected to be conducted in English.

I have no information about Twitter, IRLP or Echo Link feeds for this contact.

73, Larry, WB8R

3017. Fwd: ARISS Contact Video Coverage Last Minute Update

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-10-26 20:33:40 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3017 Message: 3017

Update for tomorrow's ARISS contact

-------- Forwarded Message --------
Subject: ARISS Contact Video Coverage Last Minute Update
Date: Mon, 26 Oct 2015 16:22:58 -0400 (EDT)
From: ARRL Members Only Web site <memberlist@...>
To: hgreeb@...

Attention all ARISS fans:

I just received word that you can see the video of the Dearborn Public Schools ARISS contact by going to the website of the Dearborn Schools athttp://www.dearbornschools.org.

Once there you will see a link which will open the video.

That is all....

Larry, WB8R

ARRL Michigan Section
Section Manager: Larry Camp, WB8R
wb8r@...

3018. W8DC in Field Day 2015

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-10-28 16:54:45 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3018 Message: 3018

The results are out for Field Day, W8DC's records

W8DC 2,446 2A 617 2 W8GVU MI 25 Grand Rapids ARA

In the Michigan Section, in class 2 A we were # 4 out of 12 or in the upper 35 percentile

In The Michigan Section, in all categories, we were #30 out of 88 or in the upper 40 percentile

In the Great Lakes Division, in Class 2A we were #11 out of 25, or the upper 50 percentile

In the Great Lakes Division, in all Categories, we were #83 out of 243, or in the upper 35 percentile

Overall, in the US and Canada, in Class 2A we were #154 out of 391, or in the upper 40 percentile

Thanks to all who help with this effort!

For reference, I found a few from the area...
W8LRC 5,842 4A 2,244 2 KD8RXD MI 45 Lowell ARC
K8hg
4340
7A
981
2

MI
20
Holland ARC

K8BMI 2,924 8A 685 2 MI 24 Barry ARA
W8ZHO
2554
8A
395
2

MI
35
Muskegon AARC
W8USA
2522
3A
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MI
12
MARA

Please mark The weekend of June 25 and 26, 2016 on your calendars for Field Day, 2016!

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QRP >99.44% of the time

3019. Interview: Gail Lowe KC8IXY, North Country Trails Through Hiker, Nov 7

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-10-30 00:05:46 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3019 Message: 3019

Original info from Al, WW8WW. Thanks, Al.

Note to all lovers of the outdoors. FYI, you can "tune in" to WRWW
92.3 on the air via
http://www.lowellradio.org

As all members of LARC know, Al Eckman is WW8WW, retiree from Lowell
High School and "spark plug" for the WM8YC Lowell Amateur Radio Youth
Club, and the WRWW 92.3 Low Power FM Radio station at the Lowell High
School.

72/73 de n8xx Hg
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-------- Forwarded Message --------
Subject: North Country Trails
Date: Thu, 29 Oct 2015 14:30:58 -0400
From: Al Eckman <aeckman@...>
To: n8xx@...

Our radio station (WRWW) is interviewing the local office director of
North Country Trails at 10 a.m. on Saturday, November 7th. Most of our
segment will be with Gail Lowe KC8IXY, who calls Lowell her home and is
probably recognized as being the number one female thru hiker in the
United States.

p.s. from n8xx: A few articles about Ms. Lowe
http://www.mlive.com/outdoors/index.ssf/2012/02/how_a_lowell_woman_transformed.html
if the above gets truncated in transmission, try http://goo.gl/ZSuT6i
Note the above works with Internet Expolrer for me, but not with Firefox
http://www.parkrapidsenterprise.com/content/love-hike
or http://goo.gl/3LV98z
http://lowellbuyersguide.com/lowell-woman-trekking-mile-north-country-trail-p1687-89.htm
or http://goo.gl/124c8K
You will find over a million "hits" with an internet search for "GAIL P
LOWE hiking"

3020. Selling Ham Equipment

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-10-30 12:10:19 UTC
From: stprovost@...
Topic: 3020 Message: 3020

Hello, please email stprovost@provtechs.com for any questions, thanks!
I am selling the following equipment:

Icom IC7000 package
Details here:
http://forums.qrz.com/index.php?threads/icom-ic-7000-with-extras.497156/#post-3640161
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Kenwood D710A Mobile with original box and manual $450

Kenwood TH-72A HT with charger, 3 batteries, speaker mic, and non stock antenna $330

Motorola MTX-9000 HT 900 Mhz radio, charger, speaker mic, and programming cable $160
Already programmed with Grand Rapids MI area 900 Mhz repeaters.

Stephen AC8QE

3021. Re: Selling Ham Equipment

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-10-31 03:41:00 UTC
From: stprovost@...
Topic: 3020 Message: 3021

The IC-7000 is sold!

3022. Re: [GRARA] Re: Selling Ham Equipment

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-10-31 11:18:11 UTC
From: Bob Robinson
Topic: 3020 Message: 3022

Glad for you.
On Oct 30, 2015 11:41 PM, "stprovost@... [GRARA]" <
GRARA@yahoogroups.com> wrote:

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> The IC-7000 is sold!
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3023. Re: [GRARA] CQ WW SSB October 24 & 25

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-11-01 02:40:59 UTC
From: streyle.j@...
Topic: 3015 Message: 3023

I made 78 qsos, and snagged about 10 new countries. Now to see if I can get confirmations - 10M wasn't so great, but 15 was pretty good, I thought. Was kinda fun, even if on 'sloppy side band'. Boy, there were a number of over-modulated splattery signals on 40M, Friday night. What a mess! "All knobs to the right" seems to be the operating practice of some.
W8QZ
----- Original Message -----

From: "Hank Greeb n8xx@... [GRARA]" <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
To: "GRARA" <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 20, 2015 3:48:37 PM
Subject: [GRARA] CQ WW SSB October 24 & 25

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3024. ARRL Sweepstakes This Month

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-11-01 19:51:02 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3024 Message: 3024

One of the longest lasting contests in the United States, if not the world, is coming up this month. This contest started in 1930 as a two week event in January, with the rules requiring a complete ARRL formatted message be transmitted from one contestant to another. There were some 200 or so contestants that year, and high score was a bit over 13,000 points. The rules then specified that an entire ARRL formatted message be sent as the exchange. CW was the majority of the entries, with only a smattering of AM phone. SSB was still a Laboratory curiosity, if used at all on the bands. Wow! what a change from those days.

Anyway, the ARRL CW Sweepstakes will start this year Saturday, November 7, at 2100Z (5 p.m. EST), and run until 0300Z (Monday) November 9 or (10 p.m. Sunday November 8 EST).

The Phone version of this contest will be from 2100Z, Saturday,November 21 (or 5 p.m. EST), and run until 0300Z (Monday) November 23 (10 p.m. Sunday, November 22).

Details are at http://www.arrl.org/sweepstakes

Will W8DC be operational by November 21/23? If so, it has RFI problems on 80 and 40, so I'd suggest that if members wish operate Multi operator-Single Transmitter, the best times would be during daylight hours, when 20, 15, and (hopefully) 10 meters would be open. And, most ops prefer SSB, so Sunday, November 22 would seem the day to operate.

I can't be at the November 7 meeting, so please talk about SS over at the monthly meeting. Personally, I'm not sure of my availability. If I'm in town, I have an obligation to a contest club, so someone else would have to be "organizer and cheerleader" for any organized club activity. But, the "organizer" doesn't need to do much except encourage folks to "give it the olde college try." We have a nice station - and it should be used to acquaint members in its operation, and to be sure that it would be usable in a real communications emergency.

Oh, and if any member prefers to operate solo from home, please fire up on either weekends. It a "fun" contest. I "cut my teeth" on Sweepstakes in the early to mid 50's with very few Q's, and a score of around 2000 - but the rest is history.

72/73 de n8xx Hg
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3025. Upcoming General and Technician Classes

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-11-05 01:14:02 UTC
From: Tom
Topic: 3025 Message: 3025

There will be a nine-week General class held in Grand Rapids at the Kent County Red Cross building starting Wednesday, January 13, 2016 at 7 PM. The last class will be March 9, and there will be a GRARA VE test session two days later on March 11.

More details and registration are available at:
*http://tinyurl.com/general-k8tb

*Also, the Holland ARC will hold their tenth "Ham-in-Day" class Saturday, December 12 starting at 1PM at the Holland Red Cross building at 270 James Street, Holland. If you have any unlicensed friends or relatives who have thought about getting their amateur radio license, send them to this event. In the last 3 years, 76 people have been licensed using this 5 hour class. At 6PM that day, a VE test session will be held for the 'Ham in a Day" participants. That session is also open to anyone wishing to obtain their Technician, General, or Extra class license.

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<http://tinyurl.com/harchiad>http://tinyurl.com/harchiad

Tom K8TB

3026. Re: [GRARA] Upcoming General and Technician Classes

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-11-09 17:26:00 UTC
From: Terry
Topic: 3025 Message: 3026

Tom,
Are the monthly tests still being given at the Red cross Building? If so can you tell me what day of the month they are?
Thanks,Terry

On Wednesday, November 4, 2015 8:14 PM, "Tom k8tb@... [GRARA]" <GRARA@yahoogroups.com> wrote:

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Tom K8TB

3027. Re: [GRARA] Upcoming General and Technician Classes

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-11-09 17:41:44 UTC
From: ab8nd@sbcglobal.net
Topic: 3025 Message: 3027

Not Tom, but VE testing is the 2d Friday of every month. Next test is this Friday 13 November.

Jack,
AB8ND

> On Nov 9, 2015, at 12:26 PM, Terry ab8al@... [GRARA] <GRARA@yahoogroups.com> wrote:
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> Tom K8TB

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3028. Re: [GRARA] Upcoming General and Technician Classes

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-11-09 18:38:53 UTC
From: Terry
Topic: 3025 Message: 3028

Don't need the class just the testing.

On Wednesday, November 4, 2015 8:14 PM, "Tom k8tb@... [GRARA]" <GRARA@yahoogroups.com> wrote:

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Tom K8TB

3029. Re: [GRARA] Upcoming General and Technician Classes

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-11-10 00:00:46 UTC
From: John Streyle
Topic: 3025 Message: 3029

See also

www.w8dc.org/_mgxroot/page_10737.html

W8QZ

Sent from my iPad

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3030. Re: [GRARA] Upcoming General and Technician Classes

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-11-10 00:04:51 UTC
From: Terry
Topic: 3025 Message: 3030

Excellent this is what I was looking for, not sure why it doesn't show on the ARRL site anymore.
Thanks,Terry

On Monday, November 9, 2015 7:00 PM, "John Streyle streyle.j@... [GRARA]" <GRARA@yahoogroups.com> wrote:

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Tom K8TB

3031. Fwd: Urgent Call to Action

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-11-12 19:16:37 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3031 Message: 3031

-------- Forwarded Message --------
Subject: Urgent Call to Action
Date: Thu, 12 Nov 2015 13:06:54 -0500 (EST)
From: ARRL Members Only Web site <memberlist@...>
To: hgreeb@...

Greetings to the amateurs of Michigan:

We have learned that Senate Bill S 1685 may soon come up for a vote in the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

Michigan Senator Gary Peters is a member of that committee and we need to urge him to support S 1685.

WE NEED TO TAKE ACTION NOW!

This can be done easily by contacting his office by telephone at: 202-224-6221.

The following simple message will get the point across:

"Good morning/Good afternoon,

My name is _____ from _____, Michigan.

I urge Senator Peters to support S. 1685, the Amateur Radio Parity Act, when it comes up for a vote in committee. Thank you."

This action is only for Senator Peters, because he is a member of the committee where S 1685 is being considered. Our letter writing campaign for both Senators Peters and Stabenow still continues, but this special telephone call to action is for Senator Peters only.

Thank you for your prompt assistance. Time is of the essence, so please pick up the telephone and make that call. It takes only about a minute of your time to make the difference.

Please send me a brief note telling me that you have made that call. (wb8r@...)

73,

Larry, WB8R

ARRL Michigan Section
Section Manager: Larry Camp, WB8R
wb8r@...

3032. Re: [GRARA] Fwd: Urgent Call to Action

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-11-12 22:05:43 UTC
From: Marcelo W6EUH
Topic: 3031 Message: 3032

Done.

73,
Marcelo W6EUH@...

On Nov 12, 2015 2:16 PM, "Hank Greeb n8xx@... [GRARA]" <
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> Larry, WB8R
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> wb8r@...
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3033. Neat article on why we should maintain a Strict Listening Watch during an event (races, etc)

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-11-18 13:11:25 UTC
From: stprovost@...
Topic: 3033 Message: 3033

Quiet Periods, Listening Watches and Amateur Radio
He knew about the quiet periods and listening watches of old and the stories of lives lost and saved. He also knew that the necessity of maintaining a strict listening watch has not been lost to time and technology. In fact, it's a greater necessity than we may have considered in our own Amateur Radio service. The very first Amateur Radio public service event I was responsible to organize included this concept. "Let's keep an ear on the radio, so we might be less tied up with getting your attention and have more time to pass actual traffic." Time and experience reveals that other problems such as the limitations of newer digital modes are mitigated by the maintenance of the strict listening watch.
My local club, the Police Amateur Radio Team http://www.wb1gof.org/ (PART) of Westford, Massachusetts, operates a 2-meter analog repeater that is a fantastic performer. It's reliable. It has a wide reach. It is well maintained. Still, there are instances where the combination of interference, distance from the repeater site, and operator technique combine adversely.
The Boston Athletic Association Boston Marathon http://www.baa.org/ communications system offers excellent fodder for study. With almost 300 communications volunteers and a few dozen unique repeaters and other radio-communication systems all pressed to the limit within a very short time span, anything and everything that can go wrong generally does go wrong. I have, as a volunteer (this is my 15th year), listened in pain to dreadfully long attempts at getting a simple message between two units, which generally begin with several unanswered calls, adding to the mess. In 2015, in a leadership capacity, I targeted the only variables within our immediate control: the operator on both ends of the circuit. Maintaining a strict listening watch became a mantra, and it will continue as long as we hold a radio in one hand and a cup of coffee in the other.
At a public service event many of us clip our radio to the belt. Body fading, the same physical phenomena that aids us in Fox Hunting, attenuates what's coming in and of course what goes out. I now encourage my Net Control Operators (NCO) to request that field units "raise the radio over your head and try again" in the first instance where that unit is unreadable. This solves the input problem in almost all cases. With sufficient practice, it's hoped that awareness will spread, and the reminders be made obsolete.
The output problem - the ability to receive the repeater output in the field - is rarely that the (stronger) repeater transmission cannot be heard. It's simply that the operator is not focused, not listening for the call. The operator is chatting with friends, tired and glazed, or listening to other communications. One volunteer insisted that he bring along another radio so he might "listen in on public safety." "That's nice," I replied, "but it's not in our job description." I feared that, while lost to more exciting radio banter, my volunteer would lose awareness - of our situation and responsibility -- so necessary to maintain. I was right. He was often difficult to reach and generally ineffective. Hopefully it was a lesson learned.
Sure, our work can sometimes involve simply waiting for that one call, and this can be boring. But think of how interesting we can make our listening watch when we form a picture in our mind of what's happening at the event overall, and what has happened in the past, to grasp that we perform a life or death function. 100% focus on our duty and assignment is critical to our "client" event officials being able to secure the public's safety as best

they can, at the rest stop, intersection, or Red Cross facility to which we are assigned. Maintaining that strict listening watch repeatedly overcomes the limitations inherent in our technical communications method, promotes situational awareness, improves our effectiveness to the teams we support, and in the end is a discipline that keeps us focused on the reason we're standing underneath that silly orange hat in the first place: to provide instant, reliable communications.

So maintain that strict listening watch. Your performance and overall satisfaction, and public safety at the next public service event will be all the better for it. --

Mark Richards, K1MGY [Richards serves as a member of the Boston Athletic Association Communications Committee, and is a frequent public service event volunteer and organizer. He is employed in the technical design and product development of hand-held environmental monitoring instrumentation].

3034. Amateur Radio Parity Act of 2015 Senate Activity

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-11-19 20:01:04 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3034 Message: 3034

Amateur radio and the ARRL had a successful day on November 18 when the US Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Technology endorsed Senate Bill 1685. This bill is the Senate version of the Amateur Radio Parity Act of 2015. In addition to this small victory, we gained another cosponsor when committee member Senator Jerry Moran from Kansas signed on as cosponsor for S1685.

Of the 24 committee members, only the Senators from Florida and Hawaii went on the record as voting no. Those Senators choosing to endorse the bill included Michigan's Senator Gary Peters.

As you will recall, we just recently completed a telephone campaign to urge Senator Peters to support our bill. While I am not suggesting that our phone calls were the sole reason that Senator Peters supported our bill, I will say that our calls and letters did play a part in that decision.

Here is the link to the complete ARRL news from the ARRL website:
http://www.arrl.org/news/amateur-radio-parity-act-passes-senate-committee-gains-cosponsors

This committee action is just another step in the process and we still have work to do.

We have been collecting signatures on letters to our Michigan senators for a number of weeks now and we need that process to continue.

If this has not already been done, your club can (and should) do this:

Download a copy of the letters for Senators Peters and Stabenow using these links:

http://www.k8tb.org/Stabenow.pdf
http://www.k8tb.org/Peters.pdf

Print the appropriate number of copies. At your next meeting, ask that all hams that have not yet sent a letter to their Senators to add the date and their signature, printed name, callsign, address, city, state and zip code to a letter for each Senator. Bring a handful of pens so that no one has to stand in line waiting for a pen to use. In 10 minutes you can have 30 or more letters signed for each Senator.

Collect the completed letters, and mail them to ARRL HQ at:

ARRL
225 Main St
Newington, CT 06111
Attn: S1685 Grassroots campaign

Or, if you would like to avoid the postage costs, you can scan the signed letters into PDF format and then email them to: reginfo@... <mailto:reginfo@...>.

Please include “S1685 Grassroots Letter” in the subject field of your email.

Please send me a note at wb8r@... <mailto:wb8r@...> telling me how many letters your
club generated and sent to HQ.

This is a pretty simple process and a very important one. The actions we take now can pay us huge dividends in the future when it comes time to install our antennas. Even if you are a person who just uses an HT for your ham activities or if you are fortunate enough to live in an area where there are few or no antenna restrictions, please think about the other folks that for whatever reason find themselves restricted because of where they live. We all make conscious choices, but sometimes the need to live in a certain area really gives us few choices of what neighborhood we settle in.

Remember that the Amateur Radio Parity Act of 2015 does not guarantee that you can erect that huge tower and major league antenna array no matter where you live. Rather, it simply requires that Homeowner’s Associations and the enforcers of the Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions (CC&R’s) sit at the table with us and negotiate in good faith. No longer would they be able to simply say “NO” when we request permission to erect and amateur radio antenna. Our PRB-1 law here in Michigan only affects regulation by government entities and the Amateur Radio Parity Act of 2015 is part two of our efforts for parity.

Thanks to all who have helped us get this far. The challenge remains and we need to continue to keep the pressure on.

I look forward to hearing from all those clubs that have not yet had the letter-signing event at your meeting! If your club has already done this, at subsequent meetings, be sure to offer letters for those that may have not been present when letters have been signed. This will ensure that everyone has a chance to sign and send letters.

Thanks for your help and 73,

Larry, WB8R
ARRL Michigan Section
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wb8r@... <mailto:wb8r@...>
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3035. Upcoming General and Technician Classes

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-11-22 21:45:33 UTC
From: Tom
Topic: 3025 Message: 3035

There will be a nine-week General class held in Grand Rapids at the Kent County Red Cross building starting Wednesday, January 13, 2016 at 7 PM. The last class will be March 9, and there will be a GRARA VE test session two days later on March 11.

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Tom K8TB

3036. Verizon Antenna Project status 11-23-15

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-11-25 00:42:09 UTC
From: stprovost@...
Topic: 3036 Message: 3036

Hello, just a quick fyi on this project:

The new radio room is completed and waiting for cabling from the tower and old radio room.
The equipment will be arriving next week tuesday.

The vendor is completed with the verizon part of this project.
They will be pulling cabling for our platform monday Nov 30th.

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I need to know if anyone wants these tower sections.
The vendor will remove the tower section if we don't have any takers.

thanks
stephen

3037. Red Cross Antenna Project

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-11-26 16:20:23 UTC
From: stprovost@...
Topic: 3037 Message: 3037

Hello, here is what information I have for the tower located by the red cross building.

"please reply this message in the group so everyone can read it."

More information on the antenna removal process:

I am waiting to hear when a crane will be on site to remove the sections of the GRARA tower.
The vendor will attempt to separate the 10 ft sections by removing bolts at the joints. Should this process not work, they will cut the sections apart.

The red cross antenna will be moved from the 100 ft level to the 60 foot level to keep the transportation department going with their radio service.

Here is the list of equipment that will be provided from the verizon antenna project for the red cross tower:

Mosley TA-53M HF Beam (due to arrive in mid-december)
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each cable will be terminated with an N-Male Connector at both ends.

Grara will need to purchase triplexer units for the two tri-band antennas.

I will need someone to come up with a wiring diagram for the antennas to radios.

looking forward to hearing with new antennas and cables!
stephen

3038. Peanut Power Sprint Photos are up

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-11-29 00:54:37 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3038 Message: 3038

*At least the crew, LARC and GRARA members, who went out to Seidman Park
are shown at**
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http://www.nogaqrp.org/PeanutPower/2015/blog/ppsblog2015.php
if the above gets truncated in transmission try
http://goo.gl/1sgvZR
**
And, we didn't even break any cameras while taking such pictures!
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**I couldn't find any results, but it appears that the organizers of
peanut power are working on things.**
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**In case you're interested, considerable info about the peanut power
sprint is at**
http://www.nogaqrp.org/PeanutPower/index2.php
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QRP >99.44% of the time
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3039. Re: [GRARA] Red Cross Antenna Project

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-11-29 04:46:11 UTC
From: wd8usa@...
Topic: 3037 Message: 3039

We should already have the triplexers on site for the comet triband antennas.

All of the old triband antennas should have been saved when they were taken down hopefully properly and with care as they are not that old and are in good working condition- JB

-----Original Message-----
From: stprovost@... [GRARA] <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
To: GRARA <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Thu, Nov 26, 2015 11:20 am
Subject: [GRARA] Red Cross Antenna Project

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3040. WTB: Drake 4-line speaker MS-4

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-11-29 15:09:39 UTC
From: qschultze@...
Topic: 3040 Message: 3040

Anyone have an extra Drake MS-4 speaker/cabinet to sell?

Quin, K8QS

3041. 3" OD mast availability?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-11-30 21:08:20 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 3041 Message: 3041

Anyone know where I can acquire a 3" OD mast?
I'm installing an intermediate size satellite dish with a 3" mount.
A 2-1/2 EMT conduit might work (OD 2.875"), but not a common hardware
store item.

TIA 73 Jack NY8D

Jack Amelar
13110 Victory Woods Dr NE
Lowell, MI 49331-8857
Home Phone #: (616)438-5412
Cell Phone #: (616)438-1464
E-mail: jamelar@...

3042. Re: [GRARA] 3" OD mast availability?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-11-30 21:35:54 UTC
From: RMoe@...
Topic: 3041 Message: 3042

Jack,
Try Central Steel on Alpine, I buy a lot of steel and aluminum from them.
73, Bob AC8ZX

In a message dated 11/30/2015 2:08:34 P.M. Mountain Standard Time,
GRARA@yahoogroups.com writes:

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Home Phone #: (616)438-5412
Cell Phone #: (616)438-1464
E-mail: jamelar@...

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Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-12-01 01:11:52 UTC
From: Tom
Topic: 3025 Message: 3043

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3044. FCC cracks down on unintentional radiator

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-12-01 18:02:56 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3044 Message: 3044

From another ham radio related reflector...

Of possible interest to the amateur community is this story in a
communications law blog about the FCC ordering a Lemont, Ill. resident
to cease and desist operating a device that's interfering with a nearby
AT&T cell site. The blog post notes that the individual has ignored
FCC's earlier attempts to contact him (including visiting his house).
Now, he has thirty days to respond - or else, including a fine of
$16,000 per day.

The blog post:
http://www.commlawblog.com/2015/11/articles/enforcement-activities-fines-forfeitures-etc/dear-mr-kozol-the-fcc-has-bad-news-for-you/
(with a comment by K1ZZ, ARRL HQ CEO)

The FCC order:
http://transition.fcc.gov/Daily_Releases/Daily_Business/2015/db1124/DA-15-1345A1.pdf

3045. December GRARA & LARC meetings

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-12-02 15:35:29 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 3045 Message: 3045

This month's Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association meeting is this Friday, December 4, at the American Red Cross building on Fuller Ave, 7PM, room opens at 6:30. http://www.w8dc.org 147.26+(94.8Hz)
This will be the annual holiday potluck. GRARA is providing the main dish, bring something to pass. All are welcome.

The Lowell Amateur Radio Club is holding meeting one week earlier than usual to avoid conflict with F.R.O.M.'s holiday distribution. The meeting is this Saturday, December 5, at the Flat River Outreach Ministry building on E Fulton / Main St / Hwy M-21 in Lowell Township. http://www.w8lrc.org 145.27-(94.8Hz).
All are welcome.
For the F.R.O.M. holiday distribution on Saturday the 12th, we volunteer to help with parking and welcome your participation. Note that we use FRS radios since we are in close proximity to each other. By using FRS, F.R.O.M. officials and shuttle bus drivers can be included. We help because we have radio experience, we also have space at F.R.O.M for our "shack" and meetings. We have FRS radios if you don't.

73 Jack NY8D

3046. anyone have a TR-4 I can briefly borrow?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-12-03 19:52:19 UTC
From: qschultze@...
Topic: 3046 Message: 3046

Gang --

I just finished upgrading two AC-4 power supplies and would like to rest them on a TR-4. Anyone have one I can borrow briefly? I can bring the supplies to your place, too, if that's easiest.

My QRZ email is accurate if you want to write directly.

Thanks.

Quin, K8QS

3047. Re: [GRARA] Verizon Antenna Project status 11-23-15

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-11-25 01:43:49 UTC
From: William Hayes
Topic: 3036 Message: 3047

How much $.

How many sections?

Size of sections?

Will tower be down and separated into sections?

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

From:"stprovost@... [GRARA]" <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Date:Tue, Nov 24, 2015 at 7:42 PM
Subject:[GRARA] Verizon Antenna Project status 11-23-15

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thanks

stephen

3048. Re: [GRARA] Verizon Antenna Project status 11-23-15

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-12-07 22:03:47 UTC
From: John Streyle
Topic: 3036 Message: 3048

$ = zero (a donation to the Red Cross would be good)
2 sections
20' each
60' of the tower stays up; just 2 of the sections come down, Probably separated (but if not, merely removing the bolts will separate the sections)
You must haul. (These sections will require a crane to set them back up.)
W8QZ

> On Nov 24, 2015, at 8:43 PM, William Hayes wbchayes@... [GRARA] <GRARA@yahoogroups.com> wrote:
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> stephen
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3049. Contest this weekend

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-12-16 23:31:44 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1298 Message: 3049

Perhaps some folks are looking for some activity this coming weekend?

Well, one "fairly large" contest coming up is the Canadian Winter
Contest. This is sponsored by our neighbor's national Amateur Radio
Association, namely the Radio Amateurs of Canada (RAC).

The contest starts at 0000Z Saturday, December 19, (7 p.m. ES T Friday)
and runs through 2400Z, (or 7 p.m. Saturday EST). It's all bands
(except, WARD bands) both CW and SSB.

Rules are at
http://wp.rac.ca/wp-content/uploads/2015/07/2015-Winter-Contest-Rules-English-French.pdf
If the above gets truncated in transmission, try
http://goo.gl/oJguhE

I'll "probably" be pecking away at CW with my J-38 and my left foot, and
possibly even exercising my vocal cords with SSB.

72/73 de n8xx Hg
QRP >99.44% of the time

3050. 3" OD mast found, TNX for the sugestions.

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-12-19 17:44:24 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 3041 Message: 3050

A couple weeks ago I inquired about a source for a 3" OD mast.
I want to thank everyone who responded.
I got some good ideas:
Well pipe (2.5" ID, 2.875 OD)
Galvanized water pipe (same as well pipe)
Chain link fence post (ditto)
Horse fence post, TSC store
DX Engineering (mail order)
Central Iron and Steel, Alpine Ave GR

I ended up using Frank N8UVI and "above2014" lead and went to
Elenbaas Steel Supply Co in Greenville. They had what I was looking for
plus some square stock I was in the market for, cut to spec.
Just note, as I found out, you don't just walk in and out with your
order, you have to come back a day or so later.
In case you're curious, a 3" 11 gauge x 7 ft ran $39.58 + tax

Thank again everyone.

73 Jack NY8D

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> I'm installing an intermediate size satellite dish with a 3" mount.
> A 2-1/2 EMT conduit might work (OD 2.875"), but not a common hardware
> store item.
>
> TIA 73 Jack NY8D

3051. FT-767 Radio for sale

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-12-19 18:16:06 UTC
From: John Streyle
Topic: 3041 Message: 3051

Hope it's OK to post a for-sale -

I have for sale my FT-767 HF radio, good used condition (may have a few scratches, minor wear, etc.) 98% operational - only known defect is that the built-in antenna tuner does not work correctly. Includes band modules for 6, 2 and 440, matching Yaesu speaker / phone patch, CAT interface, homemade audio interface for digital modes, cables, 2 USB-to-serial converters, original owner's manual, factory service manual, and Yaesu hand mic. Radio has been opened up to allow 60M transmit. Pictures available on request. (Selling because I have recently upgraded to a Flex 5000). $500 firm. Local sale & pickup preferred.
616-791-9411 streyle.j@...
John Streyle W8QZ

3052. RAC Winter N8XX SO CW QRP

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-12-19 21:30:55 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3052 Message: 3052

RAC Winter Contest

Call: N8XX
Operator(s): N8XX
Station: N8XX

Class: SO CW QRP
QTH: MICHIGAN
Operating Time (hrs): 6

Summary:

Band	CW Qs	Ph Qs	CW Mults	Ph Mults
160:	0	0	0	0
80:	21	0	3	0
40:	24	0	4	0
20:	41	0	8	0
15:	17	0	92	0
10:	0	0	0	0
6:	0	0	0	0
2:	0	0	0	0
Total:	103	0	19	0

Total Score = 12,198

Club: Mad River Radio Club

Comments: Nice Contest, great conditions, what more could one ask?

Probably NOT to have a major station glitch! Yep, first time in my 60+ years of hamming that a chunk of coax broke during a contest. I thought the finals had for some reason gone out on my "trusty Drake TR-5." I could still hear signals, but no transmit power. Finally decided the rig was the problem, didn't dawn on me when receiving signal level came up dramatically as I was removing the coax from the back of the rig. (DUH!) The somewhat older TR-7 was put into service and it had no power. (That SHOULD have been clue.) About 30 minute later of fussing around, I figured that the coax between the rig and the matching until was defective. A new chunk of coax solved the problem!

Had to leave early - conditions were still great! But, an evening on the town with my lovely bride took precedence!

Thanks to the Radio Amateurs of Canada/Radio Amateurs du Canada for a fine festival!

3053. ARRL National Parks on the Air and the North Country Trail

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-12-20 00:52:28 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 3053 Message: 3053
Attachments: 2 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

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3054. Fwd: Software & cloning cable

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-12-23 19:13:26 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3054 Message: 3054

Can anyone supply this need for a cloning cable & Software?

Contact Al Eckman, WW8WW aeckman@...
<mailto:aeckman@...>
if you have one each which could be used for a few days for the Lowell Youth Club's effort.
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Hank. Do you know of anyone I could borrow the Yaesu Ft-60 software and cloning cable from. Our youth club members are going to that handheld. In fact, we have 4 of the handhelds that just arrived. I have the software & cable ordered but it will be several days before it will be delivered.

Sent from my iPhone

3055. Santa net, open radio room, January meeting

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-12-23 19:56:13 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 3055 Message: 3055
Attachments: 3 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

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3056. Re: [GRARA] Fwd: Software & cloning cable

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-12-23 20:01:12 UTC
From: Marcelo W6EUH
Topic: 3054 Message: 3056

Hi, I have a USB cable for the FT-60R. I'm in East GR, if someone wants to pick it up, you can use it until your new cable(s) arrive.

If interested, just shoot me an email.

Regarding software, CHIRP is free but I recommend G4HFQ's FTB60 ($15).

73,

Marcelo W6EUH - XQ6BQ
w6euh@...

>> cqham.blogspot.com <<

On Wed, Dec 23, 2015 at 2:13 PM, Hank Greeb n8xx@... [GRARA] <GRARA@yahoogroups.com> wrote:

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3057. Winter Storm Warning

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-12-28 14:33:24 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3057 Message: 3057

From the National Weather Service Grand Rapids, courtesy Tom, K8TB, via the West Michigan Hams Reflector - Thanks Tom!

1. It may not be nice in the next few days...
Posted by: "Tom" k8tb@... k8tb_en72
Date: Sun Dec 27, 2015 2:25 pm ((PST))

*URGENT - WINTER WEATHER MESSAGE
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE GRAND RAPIDS MI
353 PM EST SUN DEC 27 2015

Winter storm warning in effect from 10 am Monday to 6 am EST Tuesday...

The national weather service in Grand Rapids has issued a winter storm warning.which is in effect from 10 am Monday to 6 am EST Tuesday. The winter storm watch is no longer in effect.

Hazardous weather...

* Sleet and freezing rain are expected from Monday into Monday night.

* Ice accumulations of one quarter to one half of an inch are possible between 10 am Monday morning and 5 am early Tuesday morning.

* Strong east winds of 20 to 30 mph with gusts to 40 to 50 mph are expected Monday afternoon and evening.

Impacts...

* Significant icing on trees and power lines.

* Strong winds and icing may lead to widespread power outages.

* Travel could be dangerous to nearly impossible.

* The Monday afternoon and evening commute will be impacted...as the precipitation will spread in during the day

Precautionary/preparedness actions...

* Now is the time to ensure you have gas for backup generators and deicing material for you sidewalks and driveway.*

3058. N8XX, National Parks on the air, January 1, 2016

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-12-29 01:05:58 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3058 Message: 3058

I just found out that the North County Trail has been authorized for the National Parks On the Air (NPOTA) event. For general info on this year long event, see
http://www.arrl.org/npota

So, I'll be out on the trail

North Country National Scenic Trail
NPOTA # TR04
Call used N8XX
Start Time 2016-01-01 17:00Z
End Time 2016-01-01 19:00Z
Start and end times are approximate. I'll be operating QRP, battery powered, CW only. Frequencies around 7030, 10116, and 14060. If you hear me or work me, please spot me on the DX cluster network

I'll appreciate any and all contacts. Exchange will be RST and Unit number (TR04) for me, for people not at a National Park or affiliate, a RST is all that's necessary. (I'll accept a RST plus S/P/C).

Thanks in advance for your support.

Note, you do NOT need to be portable, I'll gladly work you if you're in the comfort of your home shack. :)

72/73 de n8xx Hg
QRP >99.44% of the time

Op Note: Lest anything think this isn't related to contesting, I say it's similar to the W1AW portable operations during 2015, which had many features in relation to contesting.

3059. Re: [GRARA] N8XX, National Parks on the air, January 1, 2016

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-12-29 21:58:00 UTC
From: John Streyle
Topic: 3058 Message: 3059

What is an "S/P/C" ?
And, as per normal contest practice, are all RST reports required to be "599" ?

W8QZ

Sent from my iPad

> On Dec 28, 2015, at 8:05 PM, Hank Greeb n8xx@... [GRARA] <GRARA@yahoogroups.com> wrote:
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3060. Re: [GRARA] N8XX, National Parks on the air, January 1, 2016

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-12-29 23:08:04 UTC
From: Paul VanOveren
Topic: 3058 Message: 3060

SPC is State, Province or Country, and report should be (599).

3061. Re: [GRARA] N8XX, National Parks on the air, January 1, 2016

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2015-12-30 03:50:37 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3058 Message: 3061

Hi, John:

Thanks for the inquiry. And pardon my lack of defining an acronym before I used in in a sentence. S/P/C is State (USA)/Province (usually Canada*)/Country
* Of course, this is a look at the world from the vantage point of the USA. One example of another view: Worked all Germany contest requires copying of a province (state) and a few other administrative units within Germany.

RST is typically not even checked, and most people use 599 or 59 (for Sideband)

Logbook of the world doesn't even store the RS(T), I've been told, but don't hold me to that, it's only hearsay.

I'll accept anything a person sends, 221 for RST is OK with me. :)

The idea is to
1. activate as station operating from an "administrative unit" like I'll be doing on Friday, or
2. to contact the station who is within a unit administered by the National Park Service, like I hope you and others will be attempting to do.

The weather forecast is for a somewhat low temperature, but I'll stay inside my automobile, so things should work out OK.

One problem is that my "Plan A" operating site (Russel Street near Summit)j near Russel hasn't been plowed of sn*w. I might have to go to plan "B" which is somewhere close to downtown Cedar Springs or Rockford. Last time I was at Cedar Springs it had lots of RF noise, but Rockford is considerably lower in elevation. I may go to both locations tomorrow or Thursday and see how propagation goes from each place.

And, I sure hope you're around on Friday between noon and 2 p.m. to work me!

72/73 de n8xx Hg
QRP >99.44% of the time

On 12/29/2015 4:58 PM, John Streyle streyle.j@... [GRARA] wrote:
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3062. [GRARA] Verizon Antenna Project status 1-3-16

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-01-04 02:53:22 UTC
From: stprovost@...
Topic: 3036 Message: 3062

Hello, at the next GRARA meeting I will have all the details on this project.

I have received Ron's latest email stating how he will setup his ATV connections to his antennas on the new tower.
I will be working with Joe WD8USA on getting the MARS equipment installed and have T&W perform the needed adjustments on the radio and diplexer.

We have received all the radios, antennas, and cabling as promised by Verizon.

On Jan 4th, 2016; the tower crew will be on site to finish the cabling process.

We did have one expense that has been approved by Tom N8DGD for this project.
We needed to purchase covers and other hardware for the cabling piping and cable holes in the walls.
This expense is around $800. I have forwarded this quote to Tom and Rich Douglas via email.

I have several spools of Times Microwave LMR 600 Ultraflex cable that GRARA can sell to offset this cost.
I believe we have 11 spools with at least 100 feet of cable on each spool.

I will have a spreadsheet ready by the next meeting that will show how much GRARA has received in equipment and new antennas from this project.

stephen

3063. General Class starting next week Wednesday, Jan 13

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-01-04 22:27:53 UTC
From: Tom
Topic: 3063 Message: 3063

There will be a nine-week General class held in Grand Rapids at the Kent County Red Cross building starting Wednesday, January 13, 2016 at 7 PM.

The last class will be March 9, and there will be a GRARA VE test session two days later on March 11.

More details and registration are available at:
http://tinyurl.com/general-k8tb

3064. NWS SkyWarn Basic Spotter Training

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-01-09 02:48:25 UTC
From: Tom
Topic: 3064 Message: 3064

Now that the New Year is behind us, it's time to start thinking about
STORM SEASON!
The Ottawa and Kent County SkyWarn Teams are proud to present

NWS SkyWarn Basic Spotter Training

Click on the link below to register for the class.

https://skywarn2016.eventbrite.com
<http://kentcountyskywarn.us10.list-manage.com/track/click?u=7d8d0bd94fab9459d33b16cfe&id=364db619a1&e=f576fa211f>

Please share this email with anyone you feel would be interested in
attending this training.

View this email in your browser
<http://us10.campaign-archive1.com/?u=7d8d0bd94fab9459d33b16cfe&id=bdc29ef538&e=f576fa211f>

This course covers the basics of being a SKYWARN Spotter. The goal of
the course is to provide baseline training for all spotters through
multiple modules covering the procedures for spotting (including
communication and spotter report criteria) and safety considerations for
all hazards.

NOAA's National Weather Service
<http://kentcountyskywarn.us10.list-manage.com/track/click?u=7d8d0bd94fab9459d33b16cfe&id=5599edc302&e=f576fa211f>
meteorologists across the country could use a hand – or more precisely
extra eyes – to help them produce the most accurate weather information
possible. If you are fascinated by weather, you have the opportunity to
become a trained volunteer SKYWARN®
<http://kentcountyskywarn.us10.list-manage2.com/track/click?u=7d8d0bd94fab9459d33b16cfe&id=6f68bf5368&e=f576fa211f>
storm spotter for your local weather forecast office.

Storm spotters provide valuable information on all types of weather
hazards to meteorologists in their local National Weather Service
forecast offices. Meteorologists use this information, especially when
it comes to severe storms, to create a more complete picture of area
weather conditions.

The SKYWARN program helps improve the timeliness and accuracy of weather
warnings. When coupled with Doppler radar imagery, satellite and other
data, reports from storm spotters help forecasters know exactly what is
happening on the ground with rapidly developing storms.

“The more lead time we can provide with our warnings, the more time people have to take cover from life-threatening storms,” says Christopher Maier, who oversees the national SKYWARN program.

The Ottawa and Kent County SKYWARN groups are proud to once again offer this training to the residents of the counties surrounding the NWS office in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

The SKYWARN training will be held at the Jenison Center for the Arts, located at...

8375 20th Ave

Jenison, MI 49428

*_Please enter off the Bauer St. entrance, just north of the Center. _*__

Our training this year will be held February 26th 2016, beginning at 6:30pm. Doors will open at 5:30pm. There will be several organizations with booths set up for you to enjoy. Please feel free to arrive early to take a look around and reserve your seats.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRINT AND BRING YOUR TICKETS WITH YOU FOR ADMISSION.

FAQs

Are there ID requirements or an age limit to enter the event?

There are no age limits or requirements for attendees, however this event is best suited for those ages 11 and up.

What are my transport/parking options getting to the event?

Please enter from the Bauer St entrance, located just North of the Center. Ample parking is available, however if the lot fills up - please use the Jenison Jr. High School parking lot located south of the Center.

Is my registration/ticket transferrable?

Sorry, your registration is not transferrable to another attendee.

Can I update my registration information?

You may update your registation information as many times as you wish, up to the actual event.

Do I have to bring my printed ticket to the event?

Your printed ticket will help faciliate a quick and easy entrance for everyone, however if you forget your ticket - your registration can be looked up online at the entrance to the facility.

The name on the registration/ticket doesn't match the attendee. Is that okay?

Your ticket holds information that we collect for use with the National Weather Service and SKYWARN activities. Please update your ticket information to include your correct name and contact information.

Share this event on Facebook <http://kentcountyskywarn.us10.list-manage.com/track/click?u=7d8d0bd94fab9459d33b16cfe&id=185e3f83af&e=f576fa211f> and Twitter <http://kentcountyskywarn.us10.list-manage.com/track/click?u=7d8d0bd94fab9459d33b16cfe&id=8f6290d763&e=f576fa211f>

We hope you can make it!

Cheers,
Ottawa / Kent Skywarn

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3065. NPOTA update

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-01-14 02:08:53 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 3065 Message: 3065

A follow-up to what I wrote last month about the ARRL sponsored National Parks On The Air (NPOTA). https://npota.arrl.org
As I'm sure you are aware, the status of the North Country National Scenic Trail has been elevated by the National Park Service (NPS) so is now included in the ARRL list of qualifying NPS Units. The ARRL code is TR04.
But note the bill before congress, HR3511 and S1074 ☐The National Scenic Trails Parity Act☐, is still valid. Passage would elevate the NCT to full NPS Unit status. Since the trail now qualifies for NPOTA, why should we care? Because the Lowell NPS and NCTA offices are supporting us as much as they can, read on. And besides, it's the right thing to do for our area. Contact your Congressman (HR3511) and Senator Stabenow (S1074) to urge their support. Senator Peters is already a cosigner to S1074, send him a thank you. Information to who your Congressman is and how to contact your Congressman and Senators is at https://www.congress.gov

I stopped in the Lowell NPS office and NCTA office, they are next door to each other. Talking with Superintendent Mark Weaver at the NPS office, he is very enthusiastic about ham radio participation. You may have read his welcome in the January 7 ARRL Newsletter. His biggest request is to be sure to upload any operations to the Logbook of the World. He will be using this data in support of the trail. Mark, BTW, is studying for his Technician Amateur Radio license.
Keep in mind, although the trail is national, most of the land the trail passes on is not. On Michigan State Game Areas, County/State parks, etc., day use is generally OK. To do an overnight operation, you need to obtain a permit from the DNR or Parks. Much of State Forest and National Forest areas allow boondocking, but be sure you are in an area allowed and follow their rules.

At the NCTA office, I talked with the Executive Director Bruce Matthews. I got the same enthusiastic response from him. They know who we are and are very supportive of us, which is why we should support them by supporting the bills in congress.

One of the NPOTA rules, besides operating with-in 50 yards of the trail, is for documentation of an operation.
☐An official 'cancellation' from the NPS unit☐s 'NPS Passport Program.' This is a free date/location ink stamp available for most NPS units, available at each unit☐s main Visitors Center or Ranger Station. This is the preferred method of verification and should be sought out by Activators first. More information on the NPS Passport Program is available at en.wikipedia.org/wiki/National_Park_Passport_Stamps☐
Other forms of documentation are accepted if requested by the ARRL. If

you want an NCT Stamp, the stamp is located at the NCTA office, not the NPS office. You can bring or mail in a copy of your log and they will gladly stamp it for you. Be sure to enclose an SASE for mail in.
The address is NORTH COUNTRY TRAIL ASSOCIATION, 229 East Main St., Lowell, MI 49331. Their hours are Tuesday-Thursday 1:PM-4:30PM, Friday 10:AM-4:30PM. If arriving in person, they encourage to call ahead (616)897-5987. Website http://www.northcountrytrail.org

In NCTA's January edition of the Blue Blaze Bulletin, sent out the 13th, there is a nice shoutout for ham radio and the New Year's Day operation by Hank N8XX:

NPS and Ham Radio put NCNST on the Air!

As part of its year-long centennial celebration, NPS has teamed with amateur radio to give ham operators incentive to operate from parks and trails to tell the world about the NPS system.

There were 70 NPS units "activated" over New Year's, and our own NCNST was one of the first on the list! Hank, callsign N8XX, operated from the Trail in the snow near Rockford, MI and made 55 contacts.

Hundreds of amateur operators have already jumped in, and making these special contacts is becoming a global competition. The word is getting out!

Learn more about how the National Association for Amateur Radio (AARL) is working with the National Parks Service to mark the National Park Service Centennial in the link below.

So with an NPOTA qualified unit so close to many of us, let's have fun this year.

73 Jack NY8D

3066. West Michigan Hams Dinner

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-01-28 13:15:38 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 3066 Message: 3066
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WEST MICHIGAN AREA AMATEUR RADIO BANQUET
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GET OUTTA THE CABIN DINNER
Formerly called “The New Hams Dinner”
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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2016, 1:30PM
At the OLD COUNTRY BUFFET
IN ROGERS PLAZA
1038 28th St SW (Hwy M-11), Wyoming, MI
From the US-131 expressway, exit #81, 28th St (Hwy M-11), head west past
Clyde Park Ave, turn left into
Rogers Plaza. The restaurant is inside near the west end of the plaza.
BRING YOUR SIGNIFICANT OTHER, the KIDS, FRIENDS, anyone involved or
interested in ham radio is
welcome, regardless of any club affiliation. In tradition, we especially
like to encourage and welcome any new
licensees or new to the area hams. Dress casual.
LET THE NEW HAMS KNOW WE WELCOME THEM, and enjoy each others company
without the need to
split so not to miss that hamfest deal! And you don’t want to miss out on
the door prizes, nothing spectacular like
a new rig, but a prize is a prize. We’ll all have a good time!
Buffet style. Pay at the door. Normal restaurant rates, gratuity apply.
No reservations, just show up.
Questions? Contact Jack NY8D, callsign @..., (616)438-5412

3067. Re: West Michigan Hams Dinner

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-01-29 21:43:49 UTC
From: stprovost@...
Topic: 3066 Message: 3067

Please spread the word about this event!!! We want everyone to come and enjoy fellow hams who have been here awhile and have just arrived!
stephen

3068. GRARA antenna project; requesting help saturday morning!

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-01-29 21:46:54 UTC
From: stprovost@...
Topic: 3068 Message: 3068

Hello, on Saturday Jan 30th at 10am, I will be at the red cross radio room to assist a vendor in managing the cabling between the red cross radio room and the new remote radio room located in the red cross garage.
All are welcome to come and help out and see what we have going on.
I know this is late notice (sorry), but the vendor confirmed with me today around 4pm that he will be there.

stephen

3069. Any Satellite operators in the club?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-01-30 21:26:07 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3069 Message: 3069

The National Parks On the air gives extra credit for making contacts through a satellite while operating from a National Park. We have the North country Trail running through Kent county. Anyone interested in firing up on a satellite and making a contact from the trail?

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3070. February GRARA Meeting Friday 5th

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-02-03 14:58:45 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 3070 Message: 3070

Reminder this Friday, February 5, the GRARA monthly meeting at the Red Cross Building.

Other events:
Skywarn training: Ottawa / Kent Skywarn presents Ottawa / Kent Severe Weather Spotter Training 2016 - Friday, February 26, 2016 at Jenison Fine Arts Center, Jenison, MI. Event and registration information.
https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ottawa-kent-severe-weather-spotter-training-2016-registration-19530476180?aff=ebrowse
or https://goo.gl/W5fPim

West Michigan Hams GET OUTTA THE CABIN Dinner, Saturday, February 27, 1:30 PM Old Country Buffet at Roger's Plaza.
I'll provide a link to the .pdf flier whenever it gets posted.

73 Jack NY8D

3071. FS: Alpha 99 2 KW HF amplifier -- Superb; $2500 deal

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-02-04 11:25:47 UTC
From: qschultze@...
Topic: 3071 Message: 3071

I'm selling my much-loved Alpha 99 HF amplifier, one of the great ones that runs legal limit without trying. I have numerous interested buyers around the country for the firm asking price of $2500, but I would prefer to sell it to someone in the area.

Contact me right away if you are interested.

Quin, K8QS
450-1256

3072. Going to Traverse City Hamfest?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-02-04 16:20:54 UTC
From: qschultze@...
Topic: 3072 Message: 3072

I sold my amp and would like to have it delivered to a ham in TC. Hamfest is a week from Saturday. What say? Quin, K8QS

3073. GRARA meeting, NPOTA activation

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-02-05 19:11:17 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 3073 Message: 3073

Reminder of tonight's (February 5) meeting at the Red Cross Building.
Open at 6:30, meeting at 7.

Anyone interested in participating or observing a National Parks on the Air event along the North Country Trail.
Tomorrow, Saturday, February 6, at the Boy Scout Cabin in Lowell. The cabin is in range of the trail, and is heated! Setup starts about noon, operation should commence about 1PM. The cabin is at 848 N Washington Rd, the very end of the street. Your hosts Hank N8XX and Dell W8WDW.
Map here:
https://goo.gl/maps/fMoUkcnuo732

73 Jack NY8D

3074. Re: [GRARA] Going to Traverse City Hamfest?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-02-06 01:34:45 UTC
From: Robert Schroeder
Topic: 3072 Message: 3074

I maybe going to the he TC Swap. I will not know for sure till Sunday.

Rob Schroeder (KD8VHV)

Sent from my iPhone

> On Feb 4, 2016, at 11:20 AM, qschultze@... [GRARA] <GRARA@yahoogroups.com> wrote:
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3075. Fwd: 2016 Michigan QSO Party Announcement

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-02-09 02:33:47 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3075 Message: 3075

Please mark your calendars, and join the fray. Any chance of activating
W8DC?

Note, I'll be in SCHOolcraft County, in the Upper Peninsula, activating
a county which has NEVER in history dating back to ~ 1975 had a fixed
station entry. Look for me running as N8I - with (not used)
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phonetics "November 8 India"

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-------- Forwarded Message --------
Subject: 2016 Michigan QSO Party Announcement
Date: Mon, 8 Feb 2016 21:05:34 -0500
From: Mike N8MR <n8mr@...>
To: Mike N8MR <n8mr@...>

To all Michigan Amateur Radio Clubs,

Please pass along this announcement to all of your club members
regarding the 2016 Michigan QSO Party.

Thanks and 73,
Mike, N8MR
2016 MiQP Publicity

*Announcing the 2016 **Michigan QSO Party***

Just Have Some Fun!!!!!

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o*Chance to get on the air*

o*Single Op, Multi Op, Mobile, EOC*

o*Be the station others want to work*

o*Maybe activate a rare county?*

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o*Excellent Club Activity*

o*Reason to get together as group*

o*Join the fun in the ?EOC? station category
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o*Excellent Training opportunity!*

o*Get new members on the air!*

o*Friendly Competition*

Let?s all help make Michigan ?radio-active? on the 16th of April!!!!

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Get your local EOC on the air and show the emergency management team how amateur radio can benefit their efforts!!!

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The 2016 Michigan QSO Party, sponsored by the Mad River Radio Club, is from 1600Z April 16 until 0400Z April 17.

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Suggested frequencies: CW-3545, 7045, 14045, 21045, 28045; Phone-3825, 7200, 14250, 21300, 28450.One point per phone QSO, two points per CW QSO.Count multipliers once per mode.

Multipliers are MI counties for all entries, plus states, provinces and "DX" for MI entries only.Final score is total QSO points times total multipliers.

Submit logs no later than 30 days after the contest.Electronic logs in Cabrillo format are submitted via the Log Submittal page on the MiQP web site http://www.miqp.org/submitLogFileMiQP.html.Mail paper logs with summary sheets to: Mad River Radio Club, c/o Dave Pruett, 2727 Harris Road, Ypsilanti, MI 48198.

For full rules, along with free logging software, log and summary sheets, see http://www.miqp.org.

3076. GRARA announces cable for sale and 7 slots available at Hamvention 2016

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-02-10 04:16:03 UTC
From: <stprovost@...>
Topic: 3076 Message: 3076

Hello, GRARA has recently finished the verizon project and has high end
Times Microwave Systems LMR600 ultra flex cable to sell.
We are asking $2 per foot.
Upon review on the internet, pricing ranges from $2.60 to $7.50 per foot
for this top of the line cable.
Use this link for a pdf on this great cable:
https://www.timesmicrowave.com/documents/resources/LMR-600-UF.pdf

If interested, please contact Stephen AC8QE at 616-648-5983 (cell/text)
or email at stprovost@...

Hamvention 2016 lodging options
GRARA has two 6 people suites at the Dayton University South tower.
This is the location that has parking right outside of the tower.

We have seven slots left to fill.
The charge is $100 for thursday night to monday morning stay per person.
You can come later or leave earlier for this great rate!
If interested, please contact Tom N8DGD at n8dgd@...
Details about Hamvention 2016 at http://hamvention.org

Any questions, please contact Stephen AC8QE at stprovost@...

3077. February LARC mtg, NPS guest speaker

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-02-10 14:48:38 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 3077 Message: 3077

The February meeting of the Lowell Amateur Radio Club is this Saturday, 13th.
We will welcome Mark Weaver, Superintendent of the North Country Trail
Lowell NPS office. He will discuss the trail and our role in the year
long ARRL NPOTA.

We will also be voting on bylaw amendment proposals.
All are welcome, only paid LARC members may vote on the proposals.

The "shack" opens 9:30AM, meeting 10. 11535 Fulton St E (Hwy M-21),
just west of the Lowell Meijer. Look for the 100 foot tower on the
north side of Fulton at the Flat River Outreach Ministries building.

LARC will have flea market spots at Dayton Hamvention(r) next to GRARA
this year. Flea market reservation and ticket purchase will be
finalized at the meeting.
Email from Stephen AC8QE for accommodations was sent. The floor plan
for the South Tower may be viewed at
https://www.udayton.edu/studev/housing/residential-facilities/secondyearhousing/Campus%20South/campussouthfloorplan.php

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3078. RE: [GRARA] GRARA announces cable for sale and 7 slots available at Hamvention 2016

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-02-10 19:42:41 UTC
From: John C. Bradley
Topic: 3076 Message: 3078

If anyone has a problem looking at the cable:

The link to the cable source works if I omit the "https://" at the beginning

when I copy the link into my antique Win XP Google Chrome browser address box.

http://www.timesmicrowave.com/documents/resources/LMR-600-UF.pdf

John, AB8WT

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From: GRARA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:GRARA@yahoogroups.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 09, 2016 11:16 PM
To: w8lrc@...; GRARA@yahoogroups.com; grara_members@...; westmichiganhams@yahoogroups.com
Cc: tom hansen; stephen provost
Subject: [GRARA] GRARA announces cable for sale and 7 slots available at Hamvention 2016

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Posted by: <stprovost@...>

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<http://geo.yahoo.com/serv?s=97359714/grpId=21361574/grpspId=1705063108/msgId=3076/stime=1455077768>

<http://y.analytics.yahoo.com/fpc.pl?ywarid=515FB27823A7407E&a=1000131032227 9&js=no&resp=img>

3079. [LARC Officers] 2016 Michigan QSO Party Announcement

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-02-09 02:05:34 UTC
From: Mike N8MR
Topic: 3079 Message: 3079
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3080. Tonights VE test session

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-02-13 03:02:37 UTC
From: Tom
Topic: 3080 Message: 3080

It may have been cold outside, but it was 74 degrees and sunny inside the Red Cross Building in Grand Rapids tonight.

First up were two "regular" citizens who took and passed their technician class exam.

Congratulations to Glen Johnson from Sand Lake and to Hercules Andrus from Lowell on their techs.

Then we had two techs step to take their general, and they passed.

Congratulations to Joshua Hoekwater from Jenison, KE8CWW and to John Kuiphuf, KD8KMA, from Holland, on their generals.

And from the GRARA/Holland general class being held at the Red Cross, testing out early were three of the students:

Ron Alberda, KD8ZWB from Wyoming and Doug Ballast, KE8BZF, from Rockford took and past their general.

But the shining star was the general class student Bob Anderson, KD8ZVX, from Belmont who took and passed his general.
Asked if he wanted to take the extra, Bob said yes. 35 minutes, Bob became an extra. Cool moment there.

If you run into or hear any of these folks on the air, congratulate them.

Tom K8TB

3081. Re: Tonights VE test session

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-02-13 15:47:09 UTC
From: Dave DeVos
Topic: 3080 Message: 3081

Congrats to you and the VE team & thanks for teaching the class!

KF8QL
David DeVos

3082. Skywarn training, WM Hams Dinner

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-02-24 13:30:32 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 3082 Message: 3082
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3083. Open Radio Room

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-02-24 22:43:03 UTC
From: Jim Leys
Topic: 453 Message: 3083

Due to poor weather, Batten the Hatches!Could someone put this out on yahoo! group please.Open Radio Room not so for tonight!

3084. March GRARA Meeting Friday 4th

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-03-03 19:05:07 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 3084 Message: 3084

The March meeting of the Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association is this Friday evening the 4th, American Red Cross Building on Fuller Ave between I-96 expressway and Leonard St. 6:30 social, 7 meeting.

3085. Re: [GRARA] March GRARA Meeting Friday 4th

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-03-03 20:08:25 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3084 Message: 3085

I heard at the last meeting that there was going to be a technical presentation of some sort. Any word on what that will be? It might encourage a few more people to show up!

If we don't publicize these presentations, the folks who come expecting the same old humdrum drivel of endless "club business" will be the only ones who show up.

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3086. ARRL International DX Contest, SSB: 0000Z, Mar 5 to 2400Z, Mar 6

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-03-03 21:00:13 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3086 Message: 3086

Please note:

The ARRL International DX Contest, SSB: 0000Z, Mar 5 to 2400Z, Mar 6
will start at 7 p.m. Friday, and run to 7 p.m. Sunday (Eastern Time).

In past years a few of us have activated W8DC for part of this time. I
don't know what kind of antennae we have for the station at this time,
so I don't know if participation this year is feasible.

Anyway, Lettuce talk about this on Friday evening, and see if we have
any*suckers... errr...* volunteers who wish to partake of the event.

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3087. Re: [GRARA] March GRARA Meeting Friday 4th

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-03-03 23:15:33 UTC
From: John Streyle
Topic: 3084 Message: 3087

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W8QZ

Sent from my iPad

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3088. Re: [GRARA] March GRARA Meeting Friday 4th

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-03-03 23:21:35 UTC
From: Marcelo W6EUH
Topic: 3084 Message: 3088

Hi, are non-members invited?

73,

Marcelo W6EUH

w6euh at qsl.net

>> Visit my blog: cqham.blogspot.com <<

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3089. Mtg

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-03-03 23:28:50 UTC
From: Jim Leys
Topic: 3089 Message: 3089

Yes non members are invited. Jim K8CAN

3090. Re: [GRARA] March GRARA Meeting Friday 4th

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-03-04 04:33:13 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3084 Message: 3090

Marcelo:

Sure, anyone interested in ham radio is cordially invited to the GRARA meetings. Sounds like many folks has small lots and/or live in apartments, so the subject of antennas suitable for use in apartments and similar locations should have wide applicability and of interest to many.

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3091. The "It's Almost Spring" Fox Hunt... Saturday March 12

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-03-05 00:47:23 UTC
From: Tom
Topic: 3091 Message: 3091

Warm up your antennas, charge your batteries, and gather up your maps. Hunting season is open - and you don’t even need a license for this one! For the first time in a while, we’re having a Fox Hunt! The “Spring is Almost Here” hunt will be held on Saturday morning, March 12. Starting place will be the Family Fare parking lot (6480 28th Street in Hudsonville, crossroads of Port Sheldon & 28th). Be there, get your odometer reading recorded, and be ready to take off at 9:00am. You’ll have two hours to roam the countryside looking for the vixen (female fox) before we call it quits and meet up for the post hunt session where we’ll hear all the coulda, woulda, shoulda excuses.

If you have fox hunting equipment, bring a friend along and show them the ropes. If you don’t have fox hunting gear, just show up and ride along with one of the so-called experts. Remember - being inexperienced doesn’t mean you can’t win. Bring the family! (Families – bring something to occupy yourselves during the two hour car ride.)

The details are that transmissions will be on 145.530 Mhz, with the backup frequency of 145.580 Mhz. The vixen will be hiding within ten crow flying miles of the starting point and will be using a foxbox, transmitting one minute on and two minutes off.

Let’s plan on a long, fun hunting season this year.

88,

K8AJ

3092. Ham In A Day - Saturday, March 26

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-03-05 04:27:11 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3092 Message: 3092
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Since the attachment might not make it through the Yahoo Groups system,
I transcribed the text of the pdf attachment which was sent to me about
a Ham In a Day course. If the attachment makes it through, it is
probably more easily read.

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Muskegon County Emergency Communication Services and Muskegon Area
Amateur Radio Council in cooperation with Muskegon Community College
Present:

HAM IN A DAY

HIAD is an intense exercise in the use of memory. All of the correct
answers will be shown during the class and some discussion will take
place but the exam will be based on the applicant's ability to remember
the correct answers.

Five (5) reservations are needed by March 20 to be able to conduct the
class and test session.

Please contact Tom Porritt (see below) to reserve a spot. The contact
information you provide will be used in case the class needs to be canceled.

Date: Saturday, March 26, 2016
Time: 9AM to 3PM
Location: Muskegon Community College
221 S. Quarterline Road
Muskegon MI 49442
Rm 1204 and Rm 1206 (Stevenson Center)

Classwork and Training 9:00AM to Noon

Lunch (on your own) Noon to 1PM

Practice Testing 1PM to 2PM

Exam: 2PM to 3PM

Cost: class is free: $15.00 for the exam (correct amount and cash preferred)

Picture ID required for the exam

For more information and to reserve a spot contact: Tom Porritt, K8EOD
231 955-6857
k8eod@...

-------- Forwarded Message --------
Subject: Ham In A Day
Date: Fri, 04 Mar 2016 22:28:00 +0000 (GMT)
From: Tom Porritt <tom.porritt@...>
To:

All,
Please find attached an announcement for a Ham In A Day class to be held at Muskegon Community College on March 26, 2016. I hope you will know someone who is interested in ham radio and could benefit from this opportunity and will pass the flyer on to them. The deadline for reserving a spot is March 20. We can accommodate about 15 participants which is determined by the number of spaces in the computer lab.
Tom, K8EOD

3093. Reminder, this Saturday, The "It's Almost Spring" Fox Hunt... Saturday March 12

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-03-10 19:29:24 UTC
From: Tom
Topic: 3093 Message: 3093

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3094. Intergalactic PI Day/Einstein's Birthday 3.14.16

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-03-11 14:06:52 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3094 Message: 3094

Yes, at least four quite (ir)rational operators will be celebrating

Intergalactic PI Day & Albert Einstein's Birthday on Monday, 3/14/16,
or 3.1416 if you denote the day in a slightly different day.

Look at the QRZ Web sites for

N4P (AKA K4AKC) @ http://qrz.com/db/n4p
N8P (AKA KD8DKU) @ http://qrz.com/db/n8p
W8P (AKA N8XX) @ http://qrz.com/db/w8p
N9N (AKA N9UXU) @ http://qrz.com/db/n9n

On each of these pages is description of the mathematical significance
of 3.1416, and a brief biography of Albert Einstein, who was born on
March 14, 1879.

Each of us are (ir)rational enough to believe that this is worthy of a
celebration, and what better way to celebrate is to get on the air, have
a few QSO's, and generally spread the word.

Tentative operating schedules for the day are on each of the above web
sites beginning at 0000Z and ending at 2359Z. There will be CW, SSB,
PSK31, and other modes!

Please pass the word!

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3095. Intergalactic PI Day/Einstein's Birthday Added Info

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-03-13 11:51:42 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3095 Message: 3095

There is one more quite (ir)rational operator who just joined the fray for operating during the celebration of Intergalactic PI Day & Albert Einstein's Birthday on Monday, 3/14/16.

This is Chas, W2SH, who will be using the special event call W2P, operating from New Jersey. So far Chas has not listed his operating schedule, but look for him on CW and SSB, QRP.

The operating schedules PI Dar day begin at 0000Z Mar 14 and end at 2359Z. There will be CW, SSB, PSK31, RTTY and other modes! Look for us W2P, N4P, N8P, W8P, and N9N! If you work any of us, please spot us on the DXcluster network (DXwatch.com or any other web based spotting site, or your favorite Telnet Dxcluster.)

Please pass the word!

72/73 de n8xx Hg
QRP >99.44% of the time
Operating as W8P on 3.14.16

3096. 2016 River Bank Run

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-03-14 13:30:19 UTC
From: jamelar@...
Topic: 3096 Message: 3096

River Bank Run 2016 Communications Volunteer Sign up

If you cannot read this email please go to: http://www.kcest.org/rbr

Why should you help out with the 5/3rd River Bank Run?

1. As amateur radio operators we should give back to the community.

2. Time to dust off those radios and hone our communication skills.

3. Great opportunity to show the community what ham radio operators can do to support their community.

4. For those of you who volunteer in the emergency community it is a great time to work with other emergency service personnel.

5. See old friends.

6. We think this is fun.

Please pass this invitation along to your local clubs and friends.

Several things to keep in mind. We have 2 Events.

#1) The JR Event which we will need about 15-20 People to help. May 11th 2016 from 4PM - approximately 8PM

#2) The Main Event Which is on May 14th 2016 from 6AM - 1PM with varying end times.

We will also have a RBR Pre-Meeting on Friday May 13th 2016 at KCSD

701 Ball Ave from 6:30PM - 8:30PM. (We need about 80-85 People to help with the main event in various positions)

For those who have never worked the River Bank Run.

This is the PREMIER Communications event in Kent County. This event is one that you'll enjoy and come back every year for more! The RBR event is HUGE and keeps growing!

Please sign up @ http://vrm.cc/rbr

Any questions please email: rbrsafety@...

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3097. Results from the "It's Almost Spring" Fox Hunt. And a word about an upcoming one!

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-03-17 00:55:29 UTC
From: Tom
Topic: 3097 Message: 3097

This past Saturday, March 12, at 9AM, we had a bunch of people show up for our first fox hunt in quite a while. They included:

Nick, KB8JBG
Ken, AC8OF
Mike, W8XMI and Bob, KD8QIJ
John, KE8ARJ and his son John
James, K8JHR and Chuck, AJ8W
Bob, K8EIO and Mike, KB8KB
Mike, W8DER
Dan, N8DJY and Tom, K8TB

The vixen was in the parking lot at the Family Fare at Byron Center and Gezon Parkway, running 10 watts to a roof mounted 1/4 wave mag mount antenna.

Three vehicles found her:

Dan and Tom, 8.6 miles
James and Chuck, 10.6 miles
Bob and Mike (K8EIO/KB8KB), 15.4 miles (1st hunt)

There were four cars that had never hunted before.

It has been decided that we need a "tune up party". So put April 30, 2016 (Saturday) on your calendar. At 10AM, we will meet at the Douglas Walker Park, located at 1195 84th St. SW, Byron Center, MI. This park is 1.25 miles west of US 131, exit 74. Talk-in will be the IRA repeater, 147.16+

There will be at least three Micro-Foxes hidden in the park, which will allow you to take your time to calibrate your equipment, and pick up some of the nuances of fox hunting. At 12 noon, once again, there will be a hidden transmitter hunt. The transmitter will be within 8 miles of the park, and will be a simple set up transmitting from the car.

Put April 30th at 10AM on your calendar, and plan on a good time.

In case of a downpour, this event will be rescheduled.

73 de Tom K8TB

3098. Kent County Auxiliary Communications (ARES/RACES/AUXCOMM)

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-03-19 16:08:39 UTC
From: jamelar@...
Topic: 3098 Message: 3098

All:

Kent County ARES / RACES is restarting its auxiliary communications program. We will be holding a meeting on March 24th 2016 at the Kent County Sheriffs Department. Starting at 7:00PM. The building is secure, so you must arrive a few minutes before 7PM to get in. Doors will be open starting at 6:30PM.

If you have an interest in participating please sign up using the link below.

http://vrm.cc/auxcom

We will be discussing the following at this meeting:

- Whats the plan
- 2016 Calendar
- Application process for RACES specific members
- Go Kits
- Skywarn 2016

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3099. Kent County Search and Rescue Ground Operations Training

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-03-22 02:33:47 UTC
From: jamelar@...
Topic: 3099 Message: 3099

For those who are looking for basic SAR training.

Our Spring Operations class.

Please share with your folks.

Saturday, April 2, 2016 from 8:00 AM to 11:00 PM (EDT)

To sign up or check out our other upcoming trainings:

http://www.kentcountysar.org/training-classes/

The most comprehensive and highest quality class in the state of Michigan. This Class (Sponsored by Kent County Search and Rescue) is a crash course in search and rescue operations. Following the standards outlined in the FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) Working Group, this class is designed for the professional responder.

The course begins with a 6 hour lecture on many aspects of search and rescue as practiced by professional teams around the United States.

The topics include, SAR Resources, Legal Aspects, Incident Command, Lost Person Behavior, Rapid Search Techniques, Search Patterns, Techniques for increasing detection, Man Tracking Concepts, Containment Techniques, Search Management, K9 operations, and a variety of other topics to prepare the individual to serve as a Search and Rescue responder.

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3100. Ride for Wednesday?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-03-23 02:49:28 UTC
From: UncleFester@...
Topic: 3100 Message: 3100

Haven't been around for quite a while. I first ran out of cash, then out of car, then out of health. Dialysis started almost a month ago, and it seems like it's all I do -- sit in the chair for four hours, then recover from it.

If anyone lives convemniently close to Shaffer and 32nd in Kentwood (South of WOodland Mall) and is going to Open Mic tomorrow (Wednesday), can I get a ride both ways? My phone is six three five four four six two.

Jerry
AC8QC

3101. weather causes GRARA radio room to close today :(

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-03-23 18:36:44 UTC
From: stprovost@...
Topic: 3101 Message: 3101

Hello, we made the decision to not have radio room today due to the possibility of freezing rain.
See ya next week!
stephen AC8QE

3102. Re: Ride for Wednesday?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-03-23 18:37:46 UTC
From: stprovost@...
Topic: 3100 Message: 3102

Jerry: just wanted you to know that do to freezing rain today, we are closing radio room tonight. stephen AC8QE

---In GRARA@yahoogroups.com, <UncleFester@...> wrote :

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3103. Re: [GRARA] Re: Ride for Wednesday?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-03-24 01:13:32 UTC
From: Tom Hansen
Topic: 3100 Message: 3103

GRARA meeting canceled tonight but give a shout out anytime.Tom n8gd

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JerryAC8QC

3105. MIQSO party ~Challenge~

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-03-24 01:54:51 UTC
From: n8dgd@...
Topic: 3105 Message: 3105

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Our club has been challenged by the MARA club and I believe last year they beat our socks off.
GRARA should stand up and be counted in this contest visit MiQP Home Page
http://www.miqp.org/ for more info.
Can we get a running list of operators?
Tom H. n8dgd

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3106. Re: [GRARA] MIQSO party ~Challenge~

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-03-25 23:55:30 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3105 Message: 3106

Does this count for GRARA folks like me who are going to another county
to activate it? or, is it only for operation @ W8DC vs W8USA? IF it's
a club aggregate score, count me in.

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3107. Re: [GRARA] MIQSO party ~Challenge~

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-03-26 02:40:56 UTC
From: streyle.j@...
Topic: 3105 Message: 3107

"(d) Club Competition – Scores attributed to any amateur radio club will be credited towards that club."
Sounds like it is a 'club aggregate' - although not worded clearly or explicitly so. I interpret this to mean that I could operate from my home station, and attribute the score to GRARA (although if the weather is good that day, I will probably be out with my flying toys!)

Can we get clarification on this?

W8QZ

----- Original Message -----

From: "Hank Greeb n8xx@... [GRARA]" <GRARA@...m>
To: "GRARA" <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Friday, March 25, 2016 7:55:30 PM
Subject: Re: [GRARA] MIQSO party ~Challenge~

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3108. Ann Arbor to Hamvention Bus

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-03-24 01:45:48 UTC
From: John Wasciuk
Topic: 3108 Message: 3108
Attachments: 3 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

March 23, 2016

2878 Ticknor Ct

Ann Arbor, MI 48104-6921

Dear Radio Amateur Club Members,

Here is just a gentle reminder of the Dayton Hamvention Bus Trip from Ann Arbor, Michigan to Hara Arena on May 21, 2016. We guarantee the *most fun, most prize-filled* ham radio bus trip anywhere in the world!

As in years past, The Arrow Communication Association is sponsoring a bus trip from Ann Arbor to Hara Arena and back. The date is Saturday, May 21. We leave the park-and-ride at 4:30 am and get to the show at 8:00 am. We leave Hara at 5:30 pm and arrive back to our large park-and-ride site by 8:30 pm. A continental breakfast is included on board. Even if you come from out of town, you still relieve yourself of almost 8 hours of drive time! What more could you ask for?

There is more. If you want to sell your stuff in the flea market, we have reserved a space there just for you! Every year, Arrow reserves a swap spot just for the bus trip crowd. You save $70.00. All we ask is that you keep your items to a reasonable limit and that you volunteer at least one hour of your time at the swap tables. (We just ask that you keep your amount of sale stuff reasonable, to give others room on the swap tables!)

There is still more! As in the past several years, we are giving away *DOOR PRIZES*! In 2016, we have *OVER $1,400.00* in donations from Ham Radio Dealers around the U.S! (And Germany and India!!) Please see the list at the end of this email! You read correctly: One-Thousand Four-Hundred. Even if you have to drive from Escanaba (in the moonlight! It *will* be full moon on the 21st.) It will be worth your while to come on this trip. The list is growing!

I just want to thank a few of our sponsors (more than 20 of them). Actually, I would like to see more than *$1,400.00* *in donations*! There was an email response from a beam antenna manufacturer who has been in business since before I became WN8TON fifty years ago. They asked for a final possible ship date. While nothing is certain, I’m hoping. Shucks, maybe some well-to-do DXer will offer us a K3s (I can dream, can’t I?)

Heil Sound: Our top prize. Bob Heil has given us a great prize for years. I read that his audio enterprise is celebrating fifty years in the rock-n-roll concert PA business. I wonder if he can get his old buddies Pete Townshend and Roger Daltrey to perform an unplugged version of “Magic

Bus" for us next year?

EAE Sales: Our second-place contributor so far. You've met Bruce Sander at numerous ham swaps in the 8th and 9th call areas. EAE Sales is the third successful career for Bruce. Amazing! Among other things, he's given us a EDSYN 951SX Soldering Station.

DX Engineering: Three 24 hour analog wall clocks with the DX Engineering logo. Beautiful to behold!

Five Dash, Inc.: Retired Purdue Engineering Alum Tony Parks, KB9YIG, has been doing *Software Defined Radio* for over ten years since he introduced the "Softrock 40" receiver. There is a Yahoo Group devoted to his receivers and transceivers. Kit or built, Tony's products are still the easiest – and most fun – way of getting into SDR. He has been reviewed in both ARRL publications QST and QEX. He offers us a built-and-tested one-watt SDR transceiver for 80/60/40.

Tigertronics: SignaLink USB Interface. More digital modes than you can name, I'll bet!

Mike's Electronic Parts: Crystal sets you can build with your grandkids!

Skilman: 6-CD Morse Code Course designed by a PhD in learning and memory. Simply outstanding!

RT Systems: Gift Certificate for their great rig-programming software. She even included a small gift for each passenger!

Borden Radio Company: WB5REX is a retired NASA/Shuttle Communications Engineer. He sells a number of nostalgic type radio kits. For you "old-timers" (and OTs at heart), he's given us a classic one-tube regen receiver for the AM Broadcast Band with instructions on how to wind the coil to cover 80 and 40 meters. Maybe you'll be able to tune George and Gracie?

Ham Radio Outlet: This is the third year they have been generous with us. We generally get a big box filled with ARRL Repeater Directories, Yaesu DX Wall Maps, Icom Pens, Kenwood Flashlights, QSTs, and more – a gift for nearly everyone!

And there is even MORE!

Please Note! If anyone purchases their bus seat *BEFORE APRIL 1*, the ARROW club will be having a drawing to give away A HAMVENTION TICKET to TWO of these early birds on our April 13 meeting! You can still use *PayPal* on our web link:

http://www.w8pgw.org/activities/dayton-bus-trip/

The cost is $60.00 for the round trip. (This increases to $65.00 on or after April 1.) Please mail all applications to ARROW Communication Association, 3322 Yellowstone Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48105. *Please note that

this does not include the Hamvention ticket.* That one you'll have to do yourself! You may also use the link below to purchase a seat using *PayPal.*

We are trying to generate as much publicity as possible, which is why we are writing you. If you can, please share this information as widely as you are able. If you have a web page, please consider adding a paragraph about the trip and a link to http://www.w8pgw.org/activities/dayton-bus-trip/ or simply http://www.w8pgw.org. Talk it up on the air! If you check into a state wide or regional net, please mention it there, also. Feel free to include us in your publications.

We at Arrow deeply appreciate your help in this matter and we thank you.

73,

John Wasciuk,

WA8TON / VO1TON

Activities Coordinator, ARROW Communication Association

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RT Systems

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3109. Re: [GRARA] MIQSO party ~Challenge~

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-03-28 00:44:25 UTC
From: Tom Hansen
Topic: 3105 Message: 3109

Hank, We would love to have you operate w8dc but your score with ours is most welcome as John mentioned for clubs. Thanks!

Any one else?

Tom n8dgd

3110. Re: [GRARA] MIQSO party ~Challenge~

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-03-28 14:26:53 UTC
From: Michael J. Wolthuis
Topic: 3105 Message: 3110

Tom,
In the past I had an issue when I tried to do this for Michigan State University where it had to be an ARRL recognized contesting club. Is that different in the MIQSO Party?

Mike
kb8zgl

From: "GRARA@yahoogroups.com" <GRARA@yahoogroups.com> on behalf of "GRARA@yahoogroups.com" <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Reply-To: "GRARA@yahoogroups.com" <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Date: Sunday, March 27, 2016 at 8:44 PM
To: "GRARA@yahoogroups.com" <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>, "GRARA@yahoogroups.com" <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Subject: Re: [GRARA] MIQSO party ~Challenge~

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3111. Re: [GRARA] MIQSO party ~Challenge~

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-03-28 14:52:08 UTC
From: Tom
Topic: 3105 Message: 3111

Mike,

I dunno. The MIQSo party is not run by the ARRL. K8CC does it, and he changes the rules every year so his group can win. I've been thinking about getting the Holland club to run the combined score method, and join the fray. I'm going to look at the miqso party website and look at the rules.

Tom

On 3/28/2016 10:26 AM, 'Michael J. Wolthuis' wolthuis@... [GRARA] wrote:
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3112. Re: [GRARA] MIQSO party ~Challenge~

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-03-28 19:34:23 UTC
From: Tom
Topic: 3105 Message: 3112

Hank, and everyone else,,,

Hank, are you suggesting that we have a multi-club revival/challenge? Like a GRARA/MARA/LARC/HARC highest club wins?

Well, count the Holland club in. Oh minor problem, I checked the MIQSO website, and the Holland and Lowells clubs were not listed as "attributable" clubs. One email. and the folks at the MIQSO have taken care of that. So now, Holland and Lowell can compete with the , um, big boys.

I'll rally the West Coast Club, and we will all see each other April 16 and 17.

Tom K8TB

3113. Re: [GRARA] MIQSO party ~Challenge~

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-03-28 20:09:37 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3105 Message: 3113

You have a great idea. I congratulate whoever thought of this challenge.

But, how about challenging the North Ottawa ARC (W8CSO), the Muskegon Area Amateur Radio Club (W8ZHO), the Allegan County ARC (AC8RC), the Montcalm Area ARC (N8MA), the The Auto State Young Ladies ARC (TASYL), The Barry Amateur Radio Association (K8BMI), West Michigan Venturing Crew (KD8PGT), The MICHIGAN VHF-UHF SOCIETY (AD8U), The WEST MICHIGAN LIGHTS AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, KD8SET

All as close as Holland is to Grand Rapids. Just because we, rather narcissistic and insular groups don't know about them is no reason to discriminate against them. As you say, any of these club who wish to join the challenge can become an "attributable club" with one message.

Maybe we should have a traveling trophy to the winner, inscribing the name/call letters of the winner for each year?

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> website, and the Holland and Lowells clubs were not listed as
> "attributable" clubs. One email. and the folks at the MIQSO have taken
> care of that. So now, Holland and Lowell can compete with the , um, big
> boys.
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> I'll rally the West Coast Club, and we will all see each other April 16
> and 17.
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> Tom K8TB

3114. Re: [GRARA] MIQSO party ~Challenge~

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-03-28 21:20:47 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3105 Message: 3114

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3115. Re: [GRARA] MIQSO party ~Challenge~

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-03-28 21:46:09 UTC
From: Marcelo W6EUH
Topic: 3105 Message: 3115

Hi everybody,
I would like to participate from my home station... unless somebody else with a better station (i.e., anyone) is in need of a 2nd op, in which case I gladly volunteer for a few hours.
Does it matter if I am not an actual member of GRARA?

73,
Marcelo W6EUH

On Mon, Mar 28, 2016 at 5:20 PM, Hank Greeb n8xx@... [GRARA] <GRARA@yahoogroups.com> wrote:

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3116. Re: [GRARA] MIQSO party ~Challenge~

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-03-29 15:09:19 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3105 Message: 3116

Since Dave is not a member of the GRARA yahoogroup, I'm forwarding this from a private message, with permission from David Pruett, K8CC

-------- Forwarded Message --------

*Subject: *

Re: [GRARA] MIQSO party ~Challenge~

*Date: *

Mon, 28 Mar 2016 21:06:52 -0400

*From: *

David Pruett <k8cc@...> <mailto:k8cc@...>

*To: *

Hank Greeb <n8xx@...> <mailto:n8xx@...>, GRARA@yahoogroups.com <mailto:GRARA@yahoogroups.com>, k8tb@... <mailto:k8tb@...>

All,

Most of what has been written on this thread is true, but some of it is wrong, most likely unintentionally.Since my callsign has been bantered about during the discussion, and falsely maligned by K8TB for some reason, I think it's only fair to set the record straight.

The club portion of the MiQP rules, published on http://www.miqp.org, states in section 6.d:

Club Competition – Scores attributed to any amateur radio club will

be credited towards that club. All clubs with two or more credited

scores will be included in an overall ranking of those scores with a

certificate awarded to the club with the highest score. It is not

necessary for the club to submit a roster or list of claimed

entrants.Michigan and non-Michigan clubs will be ranked separately.

Again, if we get two or more logs claiming to be part of a particular club, the individual scores are simply added up and the club name is credited with that score in the listings. There is no requirement to be an ARRL club, or for the club to pre-register to be included in the listing.The only requirement is to have two or more scores attributed to the same club name.This is consistent with the published MiQP rules.

BTW, the MSU ARC was listed in the 2015 MiQP club competition results with 130,544 points from logs submitted by NF8M, W8SH and W8JRK.The MSU ARC finished seventh out of twenty-one Michigan clubs.A link to the full MiQP listing of results from the 2015 MiQP as an Excel spreadsheet file is available at:

http://www.miqp.org/2015/MiQP_2015.htm

Some people get concerned because of the pull down list of club names on the MiQP log submittal site.They should not be worried if their club name does not appear there.If they submit a log for MiQP, but their club is not on the pull down list, as long as the club name in the Cabrillo file they submitted comes close to matching the logs of other club members, the club will get credit for their score.The club name from the pull down list is there for convenience and to provide clarity when necessary.For example, some people will just put the initials of their club name in their Cabrillo file and we have to guess what it is.If you live in the local area of the club (or perhaps are a member) you know what it means, but when the log checker lives 200 miles (or more) away, he's stuck trying to guess what it means :-(

For ARRL contests, a club has to be "ARRL-affiliated" to be in the club competition.To be affiliated it must submit a report to the ARRL listing things like the club officers, how many club members are ARRL members, the primary interests of the club, whether it has a newsletter or web site, etc., then the affiliation must be approved.For a club's affiliation to remain "active", this report must be updated with the ARRL annually or the club becomes "inactive".ARRL club rules require that after a contest, a club must submit a list of members eligible for their scores to be counted for the club in that contest, but it appears that this requirement is seldom enforced.

Now, to address K8TB's comments when he wrote:

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I became chairman of the Michigan QSO Party in 1999.The rules were clarified and published at that time.The club rules have not changed since.Tom statement that K8CC "changes the rules every year" has no basis in fact.

As for his comment "so his group can win", I am a member of the Mad River Radio Club.The MiQP rules specifically state in section 6.d:

As the sponsoring club of the MiQP, the Mad River Radio Club is

excluded from this competition, although its members may attribute

their scores for other clubs to which they belong.

So, have I not been changing the rules every year so that "my" group can win, the rules specifically state the "my" group *cannot* win.And just who authored this clause in the MiQP rules?I did...

Looking at the time stamp of Tom's e-mail, it appears he started hurling insults before he read the rules, and before he sent me an e-mail this morning asking to have the Holland ARC and the Lowell ARC added to the pull down list on the MiQP log submittal page.We responded to his request in at most an hour or two and let him know that we had done it. Further evidence that his accusations to the GLARA list were unfounded...

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3117. Allegan County ARC Annual Trunk Swap, April 2

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-03-30 10:26:52 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 3117 Message: 3117

Allegan County ARC Annual Trunk Swap, (Saturday) April 2
Posted by: "C. Michael Long" madblogr

Allegan County ARC's Annual Trunk Swap is returning to the Salem Township Hall (http://www.salemtownship.org/) for the second year in a row, April 2, from 8AM-12PM with vendor setup at 7AM. Event will occur rain, snow, or shine. Admission is just $5 per car whether a vendor or an attendee. For more information, contact Jim Gillis, AC8AG.

73,
Mike
W6RP

Location is in Burnips in Allegan County, corner of 30th st (Inter County A37) and 142nd Ave. From US 131, Exit 68, west 9 miles.
https://goo.gl/maps/g8RAhP9YtgM2

3118. FW: Recommendations for activations on the North Country National Scenic Trail

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-03-30 10:49:17 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 3118 Message: 3118

Forwarding from "Weaver, Mark" <mark_weaver@...>, NPS
Superintendent, North Country National Scenic Trail:

I thought it would be a good thing to consolidate recommendations for
Centennial associated activations on the Trail.

My apologies since some of this may be redundant.

The National Park Service/North Country Trail does not "own/manage"
land thru which the trail passes. We are a partnership of various
public and private landowners, with each relationship often being quite
different. Most authority lies with the property owner.

Regardless of where activations are planned to occur it is imperative
to make contact and receive permission to activate from the "landowner".

For Federally owned lands, there is a list of contact information on
the Trail website:
https://www.nps.gov/noco/learn/management/trail-partner-organizations.htm

For other public lands- state, local, etc, we do not have a list- it
would be prohibitively overwhelming to collect it. Googling the name of
the public land unit should give you a number to call.

For private lands, we don't recommend that activations occur on private
lands. If for some reason it is important, please contact me directly
and I'll connect you with the North Country Trail Association state
trail coordinator who MAY be able to help.

When contacting public land managers seeking permission to have an
activation, ask to speak with their special events person. Be sure to
indicate that your actions are in direct support of their partner
National Park Service's 100th birthday. And if there is uncertainty
expressed by your contact, ask them to give me a call.

Don't do an activation without a hardcopy permission in hand.

Sorry for all the bureaucracy, I just want everything to go off without
a hitch.

Contact me with questions.

MARK WEAVER, Superintendent
North Country National Scenic Trail
PO Box 288
Lowell, MI 49331

cell and office: 616 430 3495
mark_weaver@...

3119. April GRARA meeting

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-03-30 10:54:46 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 3119 Message: 3119

Reminder the Friday, April 1 (no joke), the GRARA monthly meeting at the Red Cross Building, Fuller Ave between the I-196 expressway and Leonard St.
6:30 PM social, 7PM meeting.

73 Jack NY8D

3120. 4 Week Notice, West Michigan Fox Hunt Practice and Hunt

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-04-03 00:08:08 UTC
From: Tom
Topic: 3120 Message: 3120

A reminder that in 4 weeks, there will be a combined fox hunt practice session with a fox hunt.

When: Saturday, April 30, starting at 10:00AM

Where: Douglas Walker Park, located at 1195 84th St. SW, Byron Center, MI. This park is 1.25 miles west of US 131, exit 74. Oh, where we will be in the park is not known yet. Just look for a bunch of grown men twirling antennas like a baton. Or not. Talk-in will be the IRA repeater, 147.16+

What: Starting at 10:00AM, there will be at least four "Micro-Foxes" operating within the park. These will all be within walking distance. You will have plenty of time to assemble your equipment, and acquaint yourself with how it all works. The Micro-Foxes will operate on a 30 seconds on, 30 seconds off schedule. There will be one Micro-Fox that will be essentially on the air the entire time. This one can be used by you to check out different methods and equipment hookups.

At 12 noon, once again, there will be a hidden transmitter hunt. The transmitter will be within 8 miles of the park, and will be a simple set up transmitting from a car. Power will be around 10 watts to a 1/4 wave mag mount on the roof.

If you are interested in 2 meter fox hunting, but have no equipment, please stop by and observe us all in action. With a four week notice, you have plenty of time to either build your own equipment, or even buy it.

Recommended is to either build your own "tape-measure" antenna, or buy one. Look up "tape-measure" antenna on the Internet, and find plenty of instructions on how to build your own. If you would prefer to simply buy a kit, look at http://www.west.net/~marvin/wb2hol.htm

The next item you should have is called an "active attenuator". Again, look this up on the Internet, or you can buy a kit or assembled unit from KC9ON (in Gaylord, MI) at: http://kc9on.com/store/kits/fox-hunt-offset-attenuator/ There are others on the 'net, like Arrow Antennas, http://www.arrowantennas.com/main/4ofha.html . However, this one comes in at $59.00 Another more reasonable site is http://www.west.net/~marvin/k0ov.htm

There is an amazing amount of information on the Internet about 2 meter Fox Hunting. It's fun, and you learn a lot about your equipment, multipath and strategy.

This event is open to all in the west Michigan area. We are aware of pockets of activity and interest in Muskegon, Kalamazoo and other west Michigan cities. You are more than invited to join us.

Put April 30th at 10AM on your calendar, and plan on a good time.

In case of a downpour, this event will be rescheduled.

73 de Tom K8TB

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3121. Wires-X Room List

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-04-04 19:22:31 UTC
From: ab8dt@...
Topic: 3121 Message: 3121

WIRES-X ACTIVE NODE ID list https://www.yaesu.com/jp/en/wires-x/id/active_room.php

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View on www.yaesu.com https://www.yaesu.com/jp/en/wires-x/id/active_room.php
Preview by Yahoo

Follow link to the active room list. My digital Wires-X Node is RF linked to the W8DC 146.760 for all to experiment with. Access is available via C4FM mode. To dial up a room press the buttons on your microphone (WITHOUT keying up). Press & hold # then the 5 digit room number then # again (i.e.: "#21080#" will access "AMERICA LINK". To disconnect press & hold * (again all without keying up). The last node name will flash signifying that it has been disconnected & the node will automatically return back to my room 21924 WEST-MICHIGAN after about 10 seconds after disconnect. If you (or someone else keys up in C4FM it will re-establish the connection back to the last room so let it do it's thing or manually select another room. When you are done please remember to press * to disconnect so not to tie up the repeater in case you are in a busy room.

Any questions or need help you can down load they WIres-X manual for your radio at yaesu.com or give me a reply or email at ab8dt@yahoo.com and I will see if I can assist. I am not familiar with the FT-1 so I hope to meet up with someone who has one sometime.

If there is any interest I can set it up to run on the analog side with use of DTMF codes to access & disconnect then no C4FM is needed.

Ron AB8DT

My C4FM Rigs:
FT-991 HF thru 6M w/UHV & VHF
FTM-400XDR using as node radio w/HRI-200 interface going into WiFi internet via RCA Cambio Win10 tablet
FTM-100DR using as base radio
FT-2DR hand held

3122. Local Red Cross Needs volunteers for fire alarm installs including amateur radio volunteers

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-04-06 20:09:13 UTC
From: stprovost@...
Topic: 3122 Message: 3122

Hello, I was just informed that on April 23rd, the local red cross will be going to mobile homes to install free fire alarms.

Thanks for volunteering!
Stephen AC8QE

They are asking for volunteers to help install the fire alarms and amateur radio volunteers to use local repeater to assist with communications.

Here is the details:

April 23rd
Kentwood Home Fire Campaign
11:00AM–6:00PM (time may be subject to change)

Join this one day event to help local Kentwood fire fighters and
Red Crossers install free smoke alarms in neighborhood homes.

Volunteers and Amateur Radio volunteers (for communications) very much needed!

Email lily.fossel@redcross.org to RSVP for this fun event!

Here is some details provided by Leslie from the Red Cross:

Here’s the tentative plan. Things will change a bit as we get closer and get appointments scheduled.

Here are the mobile home parks in Kentwood we will be canvassing and installing
Paris Estates
Windmill Pointe
Brentwood
Pinewood
Brookside.

Here’s the tentative schedule.

Meet at Red Cross (1050 Fuller NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503)
at 11a.m for instructions and training.
Leave and meet at Kentwood fire station at noon

12:00 to 5:00 or 6:00 for installing fire alarms

Meet back at KentWood fire station for pizza and review of the day.

We would love to have radio guys involved and hopefully help with the installations as well.

Leslie

Leslie Montgomery-Bean | Disaster Program Manager

3123. License Exam on April 8th?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-04-07 04:40:26 UTC
From: mspl15@...
Topic: 3123 Message: 3123

I've been studying for the Extra exam over the last couple weeks and was hoping to take it this Friday.

Looked on the ARRL website and did not see GRARA listed for an exam location (at all for any dates).

Is GRARA planning to have an exam this Friday, April 8th? If so, GREAT! And if so, why isn't GRARA listed on the ARRL website anymore?

Thanks,

Mike
W8SPL

3124. Re: License Exam on April 8th?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-04-07 15:34:20 UTC
From: w8nsi@...
Topic: 3123 Message: 3124

Yes, there is a VE exam on this Friday. They are on the 2nd Friday of each month unless conflicted with a holiday. As to why no listing on ARRL... don't know.

3125. Re: [GRARA] License Exam on April 8th?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-04-07 17:44:30 UTC
From: ab8nd@sbcglobal.net
Topic: 3123 Message: 3125

Exam is every 2d Friday of the month at 1830 hours.

Jack
AB8ND

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3126. Re: [GRARA] License Exam on April 8th?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-04-08 01:22:06 UTC
From: John Streyle
Topic: 3123 Message: 3126

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W8QZ

Sent from my iPad

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3127. Re: [GRARA] License Exam on April 8th?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-04-08 05:29:21 UTC
From: Mike Supplee
Topic: 3123 Message: 3127

Thanks everyone for confirming & hopefully I didn't get anyone in too much trouble... Looking forward to tomorrow evening & finally working those S. African stations I've been hearing lower down on 40m phone the last few weeks! Also looking forward to helping out w/ the RBR this year!
Respectfully,
MikeW8SPL

On Thursday, April 7, 2016 9:22 PM, "John Streyle streyle.j@... [GRARA]" <GRARA@yahoogroups.com> wrote:

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Looked on the ARRL website and did not see GRARA listed for an exam location (at all for any dates).
Is GRARA planning to have an exam this Friday, April 8th? If so, GREAT! And if so, why isn't GRARA listed on the ARRL website anymore?

Thanks,
MikeW8SPL

3128. VOA Antenna Farm Leveled

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-04-08 12:54:17 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3128 Message: 3128

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3129. Re: [GRARA] VOA Antenna Farm Leveled

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-04-08 13:33:35 UTC
From: Douglas Luurs
Topic: 3128 Message: 3129

When all else fails .. C4

From: "Hank Greeb n8xx@... [GRARA]" <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
To: GRARA Group <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Friday, April 8, 2016 8:54 AM
Subject: [GRARA] VOA Antenna Farm Leveled

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3130. RE: [GRARA] VOA Antenna Farm Leveled

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-04-08 14:17:46 UTC
From: Richard Ranta
Topic: 3128 Message: 3130

I had tears in my eyes…..oh the horror….

Rich K8JX and the cat

"Science is the father of knowledge, but opinion breeds ignorance." -- Hippocrates

From: GRARA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:GRARA@yahoogroups.com]
Sent: Friday, April 08, 2016 9:34 AM
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: Re: [GRARA] VOA Antenna Farm Leveled

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3136. Re: Wires-X Room List

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-04-17 12:50:59 UTC
From: n8dgd@...
Topic: 3121 Message: 3136

Thanks Ron for setting this up, please keep connected to the repeater and we'll discuss another node location.

Tom n8dgd

3137. HI Way Pick up

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-04-18 06:59:48 UTC
From: Jim Leys
Topic: 3137 Message: 3137

HI-Way Pick Up Tuesday April 19, 6pm. Meet at the Mobil gas station corner of M-57(14 mile rd) and Northland Dr. Food and beer afterwards, if desired.
Jim K8CAN

3138. Saturday, April 23, 1700Z, QRP To the Field

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-04-19 14:41:10 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3138 Message: 3138

What: QRP To the Field: http://www.zianet.com/qrp/qrpttf/2016/ttf.htm
Where: Seidman Park, 1768 Honey Creek Avenue NE, Ada, (GPS 42.9970, -85.4711)

Map at https://goo.gl/OkSmpu

Date/Time: Saturday, April 23, 1700 Z (1 p.m. EDT) to whenever we "give up" or 2200Z (6 p.m. EDT), whichever is earlier.

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If you can't make it to this location, why not set up in a park near your home, or operate from your home QTH, and join the fun! The rules accommodate, "Any Old Park", and home stations.

The weather is predicted to be in the mid to high 60's. There's a chance of rain, so be alert. We have an alternate covered site, so if it rains, contact me at my cell 616-828-9663 for directions.

Please let me know if you plan to attend! RSVP <n8xx@...>

3139. Smoke Aalarms

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-04-20 10:48:56 UTC
From: Jim Leys
Topic: 3139 Message: 3139

April23rd

KentwoodHome Fire Campaign

11:00AM–6:00PM(time may be subject to change)

Jointhis one day event to help local Kentwood fire fighters and

RedCrossers install free smoke alarms in neighborhood homes.

Volunteersand Amateur Radio volunteers (for communications) very much needed!

Emaillily.fossel@... to RSVPfor this fun event!

Hereis some details provided by Leslie from the Red Cross:

Here’sthe tentative plan. Things will change a bit as we get closer and getappointments scheduled.

Hereare the mobile home parks in Kentwood we will be canvassing and installing

ParisEstates

WindmillPointe

Brentwood

Pinewood

Brookside.

Here’sthe tentative schedule.

Meetat Red Cross (1050 Fuller NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503)

at11a.m for instructions and training.

Leaveand meet at Kentwood fire station at noon

12:00to 5:00 or 6:00 for installing fire alarms

Meetback at KentWood fire station for pizza and review of the day.

Wewould love to have radio guys involved and hopefully help with theinstallations as well.

Leslie

LeslieMontgomery-Bean | Disaster Program Manager

3140. Saturday, April 23, 1700Z, QRP To the Field

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-04-21 17:51:08 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3138 Message: 3140

Don't want to compete with the smoke alarm installation exercise, which is a very useful event. So, first of all, let K8CAN know of your availability for the smoke alarm installation this Saturday.

But, if for any reason, you can't make it for the smoke alarm installation, please remember the QRP to the Field and North Country Trail activation for National Parks on the air:

Latest addition: We will have a FM rig on simplex, 146.46 MHz, so if you're in the vicinity fire up on FM and give us a blast!

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The weather is predicted to be in the mid to high 60's. Looks like the change of rain is heading toward zero, but be alert. We have an alternate covered site, so if it rains, contact me at my cell 616-828-9663 for directions.

Please let me know if you plan to attend! RSVP <n8xx@...>

3141. Burrito Night

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-04-21 19:59:14 UTC
From: ab8nd@sbcglobal.net
Topic: 3141 Message: 3141

Tomorrow, 22 April, is MARA's Burrito night. Held at the 5th St Hall (NW Corner of 5th and Davis St in Grand Rapids)
5pm to 8pm $8.00 a plate.

3142. Re: [GRARA] Burrito Night

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-04-21 20:21:51 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3141 Message: 3142

Thanks for the reminder, Jack. Looks like the MARA web page
http://w8usa.org/events/burrito-night/ will be updated sometime in the
next few weeks. :)

I hope to eat a burrito with a few of my friends tomorrow evening @ the
5th Street Hall.

72/73 de n8xx Hg
QRP >99.44% of the time

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3143. Re: Burrito Night

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-04-22 15:08:47 UTC
From: ka5s@...
Topic: 3141 Message: 3143

Not on Sabbath, and definitely not on the first night of Passover!

Cortland

3144. Special Event HG225

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-04-22 21:35:11 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3144 Message: 3144

I was browsing 20 meters and there was a minor pileup on HG225M, so I worked him after a few tries.

Turns out the Hungarian Amateur Radio ops are giving out awards for spelling SAMUEL MORSE with their HG225? calls. You need to get enough contacts with the various HG225 prefixes to spell the entire name.

I doubt that I'll try to spell the name, but thought I'd publicize this here on QRP-L

See http://www.mrasz.org/morse-award-rules

for details of how this is done, how to apply for the award, etc. It's all done through the Logbook of the World, so no postage or hard copy QSLs are needed. You can get paper QSL's if you wish for suitable SAE and $$'s or IRC.

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3145. Allegan Fox Hunt Sunday -- everyone welcome

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-04-22 23:08:51 UTC
From: Michel
Topic: 3145 Message: 3145

Just a reminder guys and gals, the Allegan Fox Hunt is coming up this Sunday. Everyone is welcome and invited.

Sunday, April 24th at 1:30 pm.
Sponsored by the Allegan ARC, Wes Miller, Chairman

Location: Allegan High School
1560 M-40, Allegan MI, 49010
(Visitor and faculty Parking lot out my the road)

Please come a little early so that we can get you added to the list of hunters and record your Odometer reading.
(see K8CAN, Jim, to sign-in)

The fox will be transmitting on 145,530 mhz, and will be located within 7 miles of the high School. The fox transmissions have been tested to be readable in the high school parking lot.

The winning team will be in the car that has the lowest trip odometer reading _and_ finds the fox within the two hour deadline. In the case of a tie trip odometer reading, the team that found the fox first will be the winner.

Let's have a safe hunt!

Posted for Allegan ARC, Wes Miller, KD8VQH, hunt chairman.

3146. NPOTA Kent County activations + QRP and VHF

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-04-23 11:29:59 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 3146 Message: 3146

Reminder / announcement of NPOTA activations this weekend.

SATURDAY (April 23) Seidman Park north of Ada on Honey Creek Ave just
shy of 2 Mile Rd. 1PM to 6PM give or take.
From Hank N8XX:
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for ham radio in
general! So, it's a 2-fer, QRP TTF and NPOTA!

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and home stations.

The weather is predicted to be in the mid 60's. We have an alternate
covered site, so if it rains, contact me at my cell
616-828-9663 for directions.

Please let me know if you plan to attend! RSVP <n8xx@...> (It's
OK to just show up -ja)

Add a VHF station will be set up operating 146.46 simplex. If in the
vicinity, give a shout on 2M FM.

SUNDAY (April 24), Boy Scout Cabin north end of Lowell.

Anyone interested in participating or observing a National Parks on the Air event along the North Country Trail (TR04) at the Boy Scout Cabin in Lowell. The cabin is in range
of the trail. Setup starts about 1:30, operation should commence about 2PM. The cabin is at 848 N Washington Rd, the very end of the street. Map here:
https://goo.gl/maps/fMoUkcnuo732 Your hosts Riverside Radio Amateurs (Ionia County).

73 Jack NY8D

3147. Re: Saturday, April 23, 1700Z, QRP To the Field

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-04-23 13:34:16 UTC
From: ka5s@...
Topic: 3138 Message: 3147

Today's Passover, so I won't make it.
How Important Is The Second Seder? - On the two-day observance of the holidays in the Diaspora http://www.chabad.org/holidays/passover/pesach_cdo/aid/1493558/jewish/How-Important-Is-The-Second-Seder.htm

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View on www.chabad.org http://www.chabad.org/holidays/passover/pesach_cdo/aid/1493558/jewish/How-Important-Is-The-Second-Seder.htm
Preview by Yahoo

Cortland

3148. Re: [GRARA] Smoke Aalarms

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-04-26 16:34:27 UTC
From: Tom Hansen
Topic: 3139 Message: 3148

Thanks Jim and all who assisted.

3149. Re: [GRARA] HI Way Pick up

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-04-26 16:40:34 UTC
From: Tom Hansen
Topic: 3137 Message: 3149

Moved out to tonight, same time.

3150. Reminder, this Saturday, April 30th, a West Michigan Tune up and Fox Hunt

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-04-28 12:28:58 UTC
From: Tom
Topic: 3150 Message: 3150

A reminder that this Saturday, April 30, there will be a combined fox hunt practice session with a fox hunt.

When: Saturday, April 30, starting at 10:00AM

Where: Douglas Walker Park, located at 1195 84th St. SW, Byron Center, MI. This park is 1.25 miles west of US 131, exit 74. Oh, where we will be in the park is not known yet. Just look for a bunch of grown men twirling antennas like a baton. Or not. Talk-in will be the IRA repeater, 147.16+

What: Starting at 10:00AM, there will be at least six "Micro-Foxes" operating within the park. These will all be within walking distance. You will have plenty of time to assemble your equipment, and acquaint yourself with how it all works. The Micro-Foxes will operate on a 30 seconds on, 30 seconds off schedule. There will be one Micro-Fox that will be essentially on the air the entire time. This one can be used by you to check out different methods and equipment hookups.

The park is still spring wet, so you might want to wear boots to slug through the grounds.

At 12 noon, once again, there will be a hidden transmitter hunt. The transmitter will be within 8 miles of the park, and will be a simple set up transmitting from a car. Power will be around 10 watts to a 1/4 wave mag mount on the roof.

If you are interested in 2 meter fox hunting, but have no equipment, please stop by and observe us all in action.

Recommended is to either build your own "tape-measure" antenna, or buy one. Look up "tape-measure" antenna on the Internet, and find plenty of instructions on how to build your own. If you would prefer to simply buy a kit, look at http://www.west.net/~marvin/wb2hol.htm

The next item you should have is called an "active attenuator". Again, look this up on the Internet, or you can buy a kit or assembled unit from KC9ON (in Gaylord, MI) at: http://kc9on.com/store/kits/fox-hunt-offset-attenuator/ There are others on the 'net, like Arrow Antennas, http://www.arrowantennas.com/main/4ofha.html . However, this one comes in at $59.00 Another more reasonable site is http://www.west.net/~marvin/k0ov.htm

There is an amazing amount of information on the Internet about 2 meter Fox Hunting. It's fun, and you learn a lot about your equipment,

multipath and strategy.

This event is open to all in the west Michigan area. We are aware of pockets of activity and interest in Muskegon, Kalamazoo and other west Michigan cities. You are more than invited to join us.

Put April 30th at 10AM on your calendar, and plan on a good time.

In case of a downpour, this event will be rescheduled.

73 de Tom K8TB

3151. request to help with selling equipment for a fellow ham

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-04-29 02:51:21 UTC
From: stprovost@...
Topic: 3151 Message: 3151

Hello, this saturday (I know another event for Sat April 30th at 10am to consider), some of the GRARA group is going to help Ron K8DMR with picking up equipment to sell for an amateur radio operator who can't use his equipment anymore. Here is the email from Ron:

Hi Stephen et al,

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We will meet this Saturday, April 30, at 10 AM for equipment pick-up at Mel and Shirley Keesler’s home at 2000 Frontier Ct. SW Wyoming, MI 49519. Frontier Court is a short Cul-d’sac that runs west off of Pinnacle SW just south of where Pinnacle intersects 52nd avenue. You are invited to help Stephen and me and perhaps purchase some of the gear for yourselves. The offer is to spilt sales proceeds 50:50 between the club and Mel's wife.

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Antenna selector switch
Polamar R-X Noise Bridge
E-F Johnson TR Switch
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~100' Open wire line, ~100' RG8 (both apparently never used)
Rolls of solder and a soldering station
Variac Transformer
Isolation Transformer
Speakers in enclosures
Alliance Antenna Rotor control unit
ARRL books
Boxes of small parts, microphones, resistors, capacitors, plugs, jacks, etc. with plastic trays
8-element KLM beam for 2 meters (has a cracked insulator but repairable if someone wants it)
Tons of wire in boxes and even more parts (we may pitch these)

Consider joining Stephen and me at 10 AM this Saturday at W8HLT's place in Wyoming.

Thanks

Ron
K8DMR
616-443-8576 cell

3152. Re: [GRARA] request to help with selling equipment for a fellow ham

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-04-29 12:05:39 UTC
From: Michael J. Wolthuis
Topic: 3151 Message: 3152

Guys,
Just a thought, if you want to sell some of it local, maybe consider the 2nd HAM shop?

I have already sent the list to a Heathkit collector that Tom sent my way yesterday, he is really interested in some of the pieces.

Just a thought if you want to keep it local, Tom has been great to work with at the shop and gets a lot of views on equipment.

Mike
kb8zgl

From: "GRARA@yahoogroups.com" <GRARA@yahoogroups.com> on behalf of "GRARA@yahoogroups.com" <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Reply-To: "GRARA@yahoogroups.com" <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Date: Thursday, April 28, 2016 at 10:51 PM
To: "GRARA@yahoogroups.com" <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
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Tons of wire in boxes and even more parts (we may pitch these)

Consider joining Stephen and me at 10 AM this Saturday at W8HLT's place in Wyoming.

Thanks

Ron
K8DMR
616-443-8576 cell

3153. Re: request to help with selling equipment for a fellow ham

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-05-01 01:01:39 UTC
From: jhlou2@...
Topic: 3151 Message: 3153

ron: can you guess at a price on the om transceiver and power supply. Iam local in fremont.
john WB4uqv

cell 901 833 1513 tnx 73

3154. About the Saturday, April 30th West Michigan Tune-up and Fox Hunt

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-05-01 14:18:17 UTC
From: Tom
Topic: 3154 Message: 3154

There is a movie out called "The Hunt for Red October." Well, this should have been called "The Hunt for a Red Pontiac Vibe'!

Yes, everyone knew that the Vixen would be in a red Pontiac Vibe, and that's what they all looked for. Then there was the Jet's Pizza by the slice with a red Vibe out front. Let’s not talk about that.

But, I digress. After 2 hours of tuning up in the park, we had an even dozen cars start the hunt.

The red Vibe was located in a back corner parking lot of the Kalamazoo and 68th Meijers. Parked between the yellow lines in a legitimate parking spot, but nicely hidden from view.

And the results.

#1. Laryn, "I smell the RF" Lohman, K8TVZ came in at 6.7 miles at 55 minutes.
#2. Bob, K8RJB, Rick, N8XQJ and Tom, K8TB came in at 6.8 miles, at 53 minutes.
#3. Bob, KD8HNF and Jack, NY8D came in at 7.3 miles
#4. Ralph, KD8RPP, from Dorr, came in at 9.1 miles, but he found the car first at 49 minutes.
#5 . Nick, KD8JBG at 11.0 miles
#6. Mike, KB8KB and Bob, K8EIO at 15.6 miles
#7. John, “I don't need no stinking attenuator” Reed, KE8ARJ (and his son John) 28 miles.

I find the fact that John found the fox without an attenuator to be remarkable.
He was manually pulling the antenna connector off slightly and adjusting the spacing for attenuation.
That is difficult to do in the workshop, much less in a traffic situation. He says he will get an adjustable attenuator. His next hunt should be interesting.

Congratulations to all on a great hunt.

Laryn, you're up for a May hunt!

Tom Bosscher K8TB

3155. The Fox Hunt through the Eyes of the Vixen

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-05-01 14:24:09 UTC
From: Tom
Topic: 3155 Message: 3155

There is a movie out currently (not from 25 years ago) called “Whiskey Tango Foxtrot”.That describes the reaction from the hunters who focused on finding a certain color/make of car rather than the transmitter.I could have hidden in the front Meijer parking lot, but then the hunters would just be playing “Where’s Waldo?”, which is what happened when I hid in the Family Fare parking lot.The description of the car didn’t come into play this time, but I thought in all fairness, everyone should know what it looks like.No, I wasn’t hiding in front of the pizza place either, although I certainly would have if I’d known they sell pizza by the slice.

The selection of hiding place was made by sitting home in front of my computer for hours on end looking at Google views of the area in an eight mile radius of Douglas Walker park.The first site I selected was a good one, but I thought it might be too difficult for this hunt.I still like that spot so I’m keeping it in my pocket for later this summer.In retrospect, it may have been an easier spot than the one I used.Who knew?

My second choice for a hiding spot was on Gezon Parkway.After finding that one on the computer, I drove to check it out in person.This was behind a small strip mall.Perfect.I couldn’t be seen until the hunters were upon me.The drawback that haunted me all that night was that it was dangerous for the hunters due to the high speed limit and crazy traffic.So, back to the drawing board.

My chosen hiding spot was located by computer and I didn’t even drive over to check it out in person because I’d shopped there before.Gotta love that little street view thingie though.I dragged that little yellow body to every school, park, subdivision, dead end street and parking lot in the county.What I didn’t take into account was that the Google pic of the Meijer parking lot was taken when the garden center was not in use.When I arrived at my spot, I found it wasn’t just at the side of the parking lot in plain view, but completely hidden by pallets of fertilizer and bark.

What a crummy spot for hiding - a view of bags of bark and the sound of cars whizzing by on the highway just behind me.I think I was happier to see Ralph KD8RPP when he showed up than he was to be the first to find the fox.My favorite hunter though was the youngest one, John Reed (son of KE8ARJ), who ran up to the car asking if he were the first to find me.Sadly, not this time, but I wouldn’t be surprised if he’s first next time!

Sheila K8AJ

3156. Today is National Weather Observers Day

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-05-04 17:54:05 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 3156 Message: 3156

For you SKYWARN folks!
Today, May 4, is National Weather Observers Day.
http://www.giftypedia.com/National_Weather_Observers_Day

Of course to be eclipsed tomorrow by Cinco de Mayo.
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cinco_de_Mayo

73 Jack NY8D

Original information from
http://www.checkiday.com/

3157. Tulip Time Parade, next week Wed, Thu and Fri

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-05-04 23:16:25 UTC
From: Tom
Topic: 3157 Message: 3157

If you like having a good time, and non getting paid, you might be interested in helping out with next weeks Tulip Time parade medical communications. We need 15 amateur radio operators for Wednesday and Thursday, and 25 on Saturday, to handle the needs of the Red Cross. You will be busy from about 10 am to 3 pm Wed/Thu, and 10 am to 5pm on Saturday. You would probably walk a two block area with the Red Cross Medical teams. You will need a 2 meter handheld with the Holland repeater frequencies in it (147.06 and 147.5/146.5)

If you are interested, please contact me at k8tb (at) bosscher.org

73 , K8TB

3158. Re: [GRARA] Today is National Weather Observers Day

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-05-04 23:13:46 UTC
From: Dave Ed
Topic: 3156 Message: 3158

Has Wednesday night radio been cancelled
Dave
AC8AB

Sent from my iPhone

On May 4, 2016, at 1:54 PM, Jack Amelar jamelar@...<mailto:jamelar@localnet.com> [GRARA] <GRARA@yahoogroups.com<mailto:GRARA@yahoogroups.com>> wrote:

For you SKYWARN folks!
Today, May 4, is National Weather Observers Day.
http://www.giftypedia.com/National_Weather_Observers_Day

Of course to be eclipsed tomorrow by Cinco de Mayo.
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cinco_de_Mayo

73 Jack NY8D

Original information from
http://www.checkiday.com/

3159. Anyone going to the Cadillac Hamfest?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-05-05 04:17:07 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3159 Message: 3159

This Saturday from 8 a.m to noon or so.

Details http://www.wexaukeearc.org/

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3160. Re: Wednesday radio room

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-05-05 12:01:53 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 3156 Message: 3160

"Has Wednesday night radio been cancelled?"

As far as I know, Wednesday open radio room is on as usual, 7PM.

----- Message from GRARA@yahoogroups.com ---------
Date: Wed, 4 May 2016 23:13:46 +0000
From: "Dave Ed davided1938@... [GRARA]" <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>

> Has Wednesday night radio been cancelled
> Dave
> AC8AB
>

3161. Re: [GRARA] Re: Wednesday radio room

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-05-05 12:36:48 UTC
From: Dave Ed
Topic: 3156 Message: 3161

I was there last night no one around radio room door locked

Sent from my iPhone

> On May 5, 2016, at 8:01 AM, Jack Amelar jamelar@... [GRARA] <GRARA@yahoogroups.com> wrote:
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> "Has Wednesday night radio been cancelled?"
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> As far as I know, Wednesday open radio room is on as usual, 7PM.
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> Date: Wed, 4 May 2016 23:13:46 +0000
> From: "Dave Ed davided1938@... [GRARA]" <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
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> > Has Wednesday night radio been cancelled
> > Dave
> > AC8AB
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3162. Do you still need two tickets and two bus passes for Hamvention!

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-05-05 17:06:47 UTC
From: stprovost@...
Topic: 3162 Message: 3162

I have been told that N8VLJ John Kay has two hamvention tickets and two city bus passes for sale.
He is selling all for $20
contact him at 616-490-2415
stephen

3163. Re: [GRARA] Re: Wednesday radio room

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-05-05 17:07:57 UTC
From: stprovost@...
Topic: 3156 Message: 3163

Dave: sorry, normally I am there, but I had to work late and could not make it. tom Hansen also had to work and was not able to make it.

stephen

3164. Re: [GRARA] Re: Wednesday radio room

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-05-05 19:51:55 UTC
From: Jim Leys
Topic: 3156 Message: 3164

The Radio Room was cancelled last night. No one could make it last night.

On Thursday, May 5, 2016 8:36 AM, "Dave Ed edwallace38@... [GRARA]"
<GRARA@yahoogroups.com> wrote:

  I was there last night no one around radio room door locked

Sent from my iPhone
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>

3165. Re: [GRARA] Re: Wednesday radio room

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-05-05 22:30:15 UTC
From: n8xx@...
Topic: 3156 Message: 3165

Maybe we need a way to "blast text messages" to everyone interested in signing up for such messages. This could be used to notify folks in case of cancellation of the open radio room. It happens very seldom, but even once could "turn off" a newcomer. In a previous generation I was associated with a club which had a "call up" via pagers, which was also used to "call off" an event in case it had to be cancelled. Now a daze text messages could probably do the same thing.

We can discuss this at the meeting on Friday - hope it won't make the business meeting go beyond the usual *"twice as long as a business meeting should run."*

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On 5/5/2016 3:51 PM, Jim Leys jm_leys@... [GRARA] wrote:
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> The Radio Room was cancelled last night. No one could make it last night.
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> On Thursday, May 5, 2016 8:36 AM, "Dave Ed edwallace38@...
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>> ----- Message from GRARA@yahoogroups.com ---------
>> Date: Wed, 4 May 2016 23:13:46 +0000
>> From: "Dave Ed davided1938@... [GRARA]" <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
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>> > Has Wednesday night radio been cancelled
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3166. Re: [GRARA] Re: Wednesday radio room

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-05-06 15:18:23 UTC
From: ab8nd@sbcglobal.net
Topic: 3156 Message: 3166

Good idea Hank

Jack
AB8ND

> On May 5, 2016, at 6:30 PM, n8xx@... [GRARA] <GRARA@yahoogroups.com> wrote:
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3167. hamvention 2016 Vendor Tickets available from Mike KB8ZGL

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-05-06 17:52:08 UTC
From: stprovost@...
Topic: 3167 Message: 3167

Note: Mike kb8zgl has extra vendor tickets for hamvention 2016.
These tickets allow you in early and can stay later for the same price as a regular admission ticket.

I will announce at tonights GRARA meeting his tickets, you can give me the $$$ for the ticket and I will get the tickets from Mike for you.
Otherwise, you can text/call him via his phone number listed below.

Stephen ac8qe

I have at least 6 extra Dayton tickets (these are vendor passes - the good ones) that I am looking to unload for the cost I paid for them ($20 each). Would like to get them to people in West Michigan, but if not, I will sell down there.

Let me know if interested,

Mike
kb8zgl

kb8zgl at kb8zgl.net http://kb8zgl.net/
phone 616-422-5412

3168. National Parks on the Air – Dayton..

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-05-12 02:05:34 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3168 Message: 3168

Note, this is from the Ohio Section Mangler, but I'm sure the fellow organizing the NPOTA event in Dayton won't turn down a Michigander if she/he volunteers to help out. And, as a bonus for helping the the management of the event, I'm sure you can fit into the operating schedule and learn how to manage a "pileup" not quite as bad as being on in a rare country on a DXpedition, but certainly more than 1 or 2 folks may be calling at once. I can vouch for the adrenaline rush of being at the DX end of a pileup from activities along the North Country National Scenic Trail here in Michigan.

If you're available for an hour or so during the hamvention hours, please contact John, KD8MQ, the Ohio Affiliated Clubs Coordinator, KD8MQ@....

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From: ARRL Members Only Web site <memberlist@...>
Sent: May 11, 2016 8:03 AM
To: ka0azs@...
Subject: National Parks on the Air – Dayton..

Hi everyone,

I wanted to bring you up to speed on the Dayton On the Air event that the Ohio Section will be doing during the Dayton Hamvention. We are still looking for volunteers to mind the store between 12 & 2 on Friday, and 10 & 2 on Saturday.

Saturday AM is really important as that Saturday is a very busy day for everyone and we definitely need to have this booth staffed. If you are able to take an hour or so out of your busy schedule, we would greatly appreciate your help with this big project.

The site is at 22 South Williams Street, in Dayton; about 6 miles from Hara Arena. There appears to be a parking area in the rear. I'll be there around 8 AM each day to set up the stations, and again around 4:30 - 5:00 to tear down

If you know anyone who may want to do a couple hours at the site, please ask them to contact John, KD8MQ at kd8mq1@...

73, for now..

Scott..

ARRL Ohio Section
Section Manager: Scott D Yonally, N8SY
n8sy@...

3169. National Parks on the Air – Dayton..

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-05-12 02:06:59 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3168 Message: 3169

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n8sy@...

3170. Ann Arbor to Hamvention Bus is FULL!

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-05-12 17:24:55 UTC
From: John Wasciuk
Topic: 3170 Message: 3170
Attachments: 3 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

May 12, 2016

Dear Fellow Radio Amateurs,

The ARROW Communication Association of Ann Arbor, Michigan is announcing that our annual bus journey from Ann Arbor to the Dayton Hamvention is FULL!

I would like to thank all of you from throughout the state of Michigan and the Province of Ontario who either signed up or inquired about the trip.

This is the first time in a number of years that we have gotten such numbers. ARROW has worked really hard to make certain that the bus was not a money losing event this year.

We will definitely run this excursion next year with the same diligence and effort.

Attached, you will find a five page listing of all our prize donors (at this moment) as well as a one-page summary sheet of the donations. Our brochure is attached, as well.

We will do all we can to get information out to as many radio clubs as possible as early in 2017 as we can.

If you know of a club or persons who we should add or remove from this list, please let us know.

However, please send me a new email! Do not hit the respond button! Because this is a mass mailing, I get back a lot of bounce-back from email addresses that are obsolete. Combing through dozens of pages of electronic junk to find your response is difficult, at best. So please send me new mail.

jwasciuk@...

wa8ton@...

Again, Thank you so much for your support and interest.

The ARROW Communication Association wants to make next year's Hamvention excursion the most fun and most prize filled ham radio bus trip in the world!

www.w8pgw.org

(This address might be changed next year to www.w8rp.org. We have been offered the call sign of Ron Purchase, who ran Purchase Radio and Purchase Camera in Ann Arbor for over fifty years. We are working on making the

change as this is being written.)

73,

John F. Wasciuk

WA8TON / VO1TON

Activities Coordinator, ARROW Communication Association, Ann Arbor, Michigan

"Ain't nobody gonna mess with you when you weight eight ton!"

3171. grass cutting will be moved to monday night at 530pm

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-05-14 13:43:25 UTC
From: stprovost@...
Topic: 3171 Message: 3171

Hello, due to the fact that today saturday May 14th, the high temp for the day will be 44 degrees
we have decided to move the lawn cutting at the petis sight to monday at 530pm.
It will be in the sixties for temps and sunny.

thanks
stephen

3172. Re: [GRARA] grass cutting will be moved to monday night at 530pm

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-05-14 13:46:05 UTC
From: Dave Ed
Topic: 3171 Message: 3172

Ok Stephen, Monday it is
Dave

Sent from my iPhone

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> thanks
>
> stephen
>
>

3173. May 24, 2016 Fox Hunt in Allegan at 6:30 PM

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-05-16 00:36:30 UTC
From: Tom
Topic: 3173 Message: 3173

Gather up the antennas and the maps. And include Allegan County.

Starting at 6:30 PM on 145.53 the Robo Fox will be transmitting 1 minute on, 2 minutes off. May 24, a Tuesday.

The starting location will be the Allegan High School at 1560 M-40 in Allegan. Talk in will be the 147.24 repeater.

The Fox will be within 5.85 miles of the starting point.

This hunt is open to all folks, licensed amateur radio operators or not, and you do not have to be a member of the Allegan County Radio Club.

Sheila, K8AJ and Tom, K8TB

3174. need pick up truck to haul grara trailer to dayton

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-05-16 23:39:51 UTC
From: <stprovost@...>
Topic: 3174 Message: 3174

? ? Hello, I have tried three avenues to get a vehicle to pull the grara trailer to dayton.
I am looking for a vehicle that can pull a 6x12 uhaul trailer.
Looking for ideas thanks!
stephen

3175. We have a vehicle for dayton!

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-05-17 17:45:40 UTC
From: <stprovost@...>
Topic: 3175 Message: 3175

Just a quick fyi that we have a vehicle for dayton now.
See you tomorrow night around 630pm
stephen

-------- Original Message --------
Subject: [GRARA members] need pick up truck to haul grara trailer to
dayton
From: <stprovost@...>
Date: Mon, May 16, 2016 7:39 pm
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com, grara_members@...

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I am looking for a vehicle that can pull a 6x12 uhaul trailer.
Looking for ideas thanks!
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Grara_members mailing list
Grara_members@w8dc.org
http://mail.w8dc.org/mailman/listinfo/grara_members_w8dc.org
Message delivered to stprovost@...

3176. Mowing at Petis site status

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-05-18 03:05:43 UTC
From: stprovost@...
Topic: 3176 Message: 3176

first off, my sincere apologies for missing monday night's mowing party at the Petis site.
I was not feeling well and went to the med center and totally forgot about the mowing event
:(
I went to the site tuesday and used my weed wacker on all the tall grass.
The site could use a mower touch.
I want to state I appreciate anyone who went monday nite only to have no access to the area due to not having keys.

stephen

3177. GRARA will be at Dayton Hamvention this year

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-05-18 04:09:53 UTC
From: stprovost@...
Topic: 3177 Message: 3177

Dayton Hamvention 2016
Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association
Flea Market spots
All are “FE” spots
4255,4256,4257
4057,4058,4059

We are back!
Here is some of the items we will have for you to consider:

115 Watt German Made Solar Panels
Time Microwave Systems LMR-600 Ultraflex Cable by the foot.
We may some 50 foot rolls of this great cable
Surface Mount Rework Station
Surface Mount Oven solder kit
Various old radios including a high watt amplifier with Eimac Transmit Tubes
Other newer equipment by GRARA members

If you have any questions, please email stprovost@provtechs.com

3178. Re: [GRARA] Mowing at Petis site status

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-05-18 14:03:34 UTC
From: Dave Ed
Topic: 3176 Message: 3178

Stephen,

bring they keys tonight to radio room and I will mow the grass.

Dave,

AC8AB

Sent from Outlook<http://aka.ms/weboutlook>

From: GRARA@yahoogroups.com <GRARA@yahoogroups.com> on behalf of stprovost@... [GRARA] <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2016 11:05 PM
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [GRARA] Mowing at Petis site status

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stephen

3179. general class license classes

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-05-24 13:59:10 UTC
From: edwallace38@...
Topic: 3179 Message: 3179

Just wondering when the next study classes are schedules for general licenses.
Dave Ed
AC8AB

3180. Re: [GRARA] general class license classes

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-05-24 17:05:07 UTC
From: ab8nd@sbcglobal.net
Topic: 3179 Message: 3180

I haven’t heard of any yet.

> On May 24, 2016, at 9:59 AM, edwallace38@... [GRARA] <GRARA@yahoogroups.com> wrote:
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> Dave Ed
> AC8AB
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3181. Heathkit SB-610 manual

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-05-27 15:35:52 UTC
From: Michael J. Wolthuis
Topic: 3181 Message: 3181

Good morning everyone,

At the past GRARA hamfest someone bought a Heathkit SB-610 from me and I couldn’t find the manual for them. I have located the manual while packing for Dayton, but I have lost that email :<

If this is you, please contact me kb8zgl at kb8zgl dot net

Mike

Kb8zgl

3182. IRA HAMFEST Saturday, June 4

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-05-29 13:34:21 UTC
From: GRAHamfest 2Ø15
Topic: 3182 Message: 3182
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3183. Need a 2.5" to "standard" (I believe 3.5") adapter for hard drive

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-06-01 20:37:20 UTC
From: n8xx@...
Topic: 3182 Message: 3183

My now defunct computer failed me while on vacation, and I need to see if the hard drive is still readable.

All I did was operate for a few minutes out in the field in VINTon county, to check a possible site for the OHIO QSO party, shut it down, and put it away in my car. When I got to my son's place in Cincinnati, the computer wouldn't log in. Rather than screw around with it, I found a new computer @ Microcenter near where our son lives, but I'd like to get a bunch of files off it

I have a home computer with an extra connection for a second disk drive, but it take the larger disk drives (I think that means 3 1/2" mounting.

I know I can buy an adapter, but haven't even looked to see what one would co$t, because I probably won't need one for another 20 years. the last time I needed one I took my drive to a friend who had such an adapter, and he made a clone of the disk for me to use.

Anyway, please advise.

Tnx es 73 de n8xx Hg
QRP >99.44% of the time

3185. Re: [GRARA] Need a 2.5" to "standard" (I believe 3.5") adapter for hard drive

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-06-01 22:23:20 UTC
From: Marc Veeneman
Topic: 3182 Message: 3185

Hank, I hope your new computer has SSD. No moving parts, no noise, less heat, never wears out, conserves battery. Costs more.
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Marc W8SDG

> On Jun 1, 2016, at 4:37 PM, n8xx@... [GRARA] <GRARA@yahoogroups.com> wrote:
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3186. Re: Need a 2.5" to "standard" (I believe 3.5") adapter for hard drive

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-06-02 02:11:47 UTC
From: w6euh@...
Topic: 3182 Message: 3186

Hi Hank,
I have a USB external case for 2.5" and 3.5" disks. I can lend it to you, if you wish.

Maybe that's all you need to transfer the data to your new computer. These cases are not expensive, got mine from Amazon a year ago, about $23 (item B00LS5NFQ2).

I'm in East Grand Rapids.

Shoot me an email!

73,
Marcelo

3187. Ham in a Day class June 11 + other dates

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-06-02 19:45:57 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 3187 Message: 3187

PLEASE FORWARD TO ANYONE INTERESTED IN OBTAINING THEIR HAM LICENSE!
Saturday June 11 and October 8 in Lowell
Saturday August 13 and December 10 in Holland

Check out http://w8lrc.org/hiad/ for full info

Give us an afternoon and we?ll give you the world!

No previous technical knowledge or Morse code requirements are needed.
This class is for anyone who would like to obtain their technician
level amateur radio license. The class consists of guided study
sessions and hourly breaks, followed by the FCC testing session.

Please understand that this is a ?study hall? session, where you
will memorize the test questions and the proper answer.

What to bring with you?..

If available bring a legal photo ID such as a Drivers License or
Passport.

If no legal photo ID is available then bring 2 pieces of legal ID.

Your Social Security Number. If you do not wish to use your SSN then
you will need an FRN from the FCC.

You may apply for an FRN in advance on the FCC
<https://apps.fcc.gov/coresWeb/publicHome.do>
website by clicking the link.

Anyone 16 years old or younger must have a parent or legal guardian
present for the entire session..

A calculator, you may not use your phone as a calculator. The memories
must be cleared before testing.

Pencils and pens for filling out answer sheet and license forms. (we
will have some to borrow)

Preregistration <http://tinyurl.com/holohiad>
is preferred as seating may be limited. (Latest dates and times
listed on form)

3188. Reminder, IRA Hamfest Saturday

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-06-03 01:31:52 UTC
From: GRAHamfest 2Ø15
Topic: 3188 Message: 3188
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3189. GRARA Meeting

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-06-03 12:09:30 UTC
From: ab8nd@sbcglobal.net
Topic: 3189 Message: 3189

Tonights Meeting will be at the Hudsonville Fairgrounds following the IRA Swap Roadkill Chili potluck. April time is 7:00-7:30 PM.

It is NOT at the Red Cross Chapter house!

Jack
AB8ND

3190. Lowell ARC Ham in a day.

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-06-12 02:12:09 UTC
From: Tom
Topic: 3190 Message: 3190

Congratulations to the Lowell ARC on their first ham in a day. Eight students, and seven passed their tech. In addition, one tech came in and studied and passed his general.

Now, all of these people are important, but one of the new techs is noteworthy. None other than Mark Weaver, who is the Superintendent of the North Country National Scenic Trail, of the National Park System. This is known on the ARRL National Parks on the Air (Npota) as TR04, a small 4,600 trail across seven states. His office and the trail headquarters, cool enough, is right in Lowell.

We will let you all know his call when he gets it, and we should hear him on the air.

Tom, K8TB

3191. New Extra

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-06-12 12:02:28 UTC
From: ab8nd@sbcglobal.net
Topic: 3191 Message: 3191

Cfngradutalitons to Bill Hayes for his new Amateur Extra License, passing the exam Friday evening.

Jack
AB8ND

3192. Rockford Kids Triathlon

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-06-09 17:33:51 UTC
From: jamelar@...
Topic: 3192 Message: 3192

All

We have received a few signups, but we can always use more help.

We are looking for volunteers to work this years Rockford Area Kids Triathlon. We are looking for 10 to 15 ham radio operators to help out.

The event supports Rockford Explorers and D.A.R.E. programs. We would be helping out in all aspects of the event from Registration, traffic control to runner safety. The event is Saturday July 9th at the High School. We would be there from 7AM to 1PM, but we can be flexible on the times. This is a great opportunity to get out into the community. Kevin Sweeney who is the event organizer has been a friend and supporter of the group for many years. Lets show our support for him and his event. Come out and show your support for the community and get the word out about who we are and what we do. This is a fun low key event. Food will be provided.

Please sign up at http://vrm.cc/rocktri

Event information is available at http://www.rocktri.com/

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3193. Kenowa Hills FD Lookover

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-06-17 23:25:12 UTC
From: n8dgd@...
Topic: 3193 Message: 3193

GRARA meets tomorrow to look over our Field Day location for next week. Meet time 12 noon. Kenowa Hills 3825 Hendershot NW near 4 mile and peachridge. Call on 147.260/R for more info.

3194. Anyone want to enlighten us plebians/mere members?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-06-20 02:16:32 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3194 Message: 3194

AOf what is going on with Field Day, which is less than a week away?

A few questions:

Will we be able to set up Antennae Friday evening? If so, when do we start?

How many stations will we have?

How far apart will the stations be physically? The reason for this question should be obvious to anyone trained in the art of minimizing cross interference between stations.

Where do we sign up for an operating shift? (I like the midnight to sunrise shift for 40 and 80 CW for example)

I didn't get to the Saturday's look-see because of the short notice, and lack of transportation. I guess I should have publicized my wish for carpooling rather than trying private e-mail.

Please advise.

72/73 de n8xx Hg
QRP >99.44% of the time

3195. Fwd: ARLX006 2016 W1AW Field Day Bulletin Schedule

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-06-20 21:15:10 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3195 Message: 3195

In case anyone is interested in making a few points for GRARA's Field Day effort.

Should be relatively easy for anyone with a semi-skill in RTTY, PSK31, or CW to copy the bulletin.

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-------- Forwarded Message --------
Subject: ARLX006 2016 W1AW Field Day Bulletin Schedule
Date: Mon, 20 Jun 2016 16:50:08 -0400 (EDT)
From: ARRL Web site <memberlist@...>
To: hgreeb@...

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ARLX006 2016 W1AW Field Day Bulletin Schedule

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>From ARRL Headquarters
Newington CT June 20, 2016
To all radio amateurs

SB SPCL ARL ARLX006
ARLX006 2016 W1AW Field Day Bulletin Schedule

Day Mode Pacific Mountain Central Eastern UTC

FRIDAY CW 5:00 PM 6:00 PM 7:00 PM 8:00 PM 0000 (Sat)
Digital 6:00 PM 7:00 PM 8:00 PM 9:00 PM 0100
Phone 6:45 PM 7:45 PM 8:45 PM 9:45 PM 0145
CW 8:00 PM 9:00 PM 10:00 PM 11:00 PM 0300

SATURDAY CW 7:00 AM 8:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:00 AM 1400
Phone 8:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:00 AM 11:00 AM 1500
CW 5:00 PM 6:00 PM 7:00 PM 8:00 PM 0000 (Sun)
Digital 6:00 PM 7:00 PM 8:00 PM 9:00 PM 0100
Phone 6:45 PM 7:45 PM 8:45 PM 9:45 PM 0145

SUNDAY CW 7:00 AM 8:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:00 AM 1400
Phone 8:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:00 AM 11:00 AM 1500
Digital 9:00 AM 10:00 AM 11:00 AM 12:00 PM 1600

K6KPH Field Day Bulletin Schedule

SATURDAY CW 7:30 AM 8:30 AM 9:30 AM 10:30 AM 1403
CW 5:30 PM 6:30 PM 7:30 PM 8:30 PM 0030 (Sun)
Digital 6:30 PM 7:30 PM 8:30 PM 9:30 PM 0130

SUNDAY CW 7:30 AM 8:30 AM 9:30 AM 10:30 AM 1430
Digital 9:30 AM 10:30 AM 11:30 AM 12:30 AM 1630

W1AW will operate on its regularly published frequencies.

CW frequencies are 1.8025, 3.5815, 7.0475, 14.0475, 18.0975, 21.0675, 28.0675 and 147.555 MHz.

Digital frequencies are 3.5975, 7.095, 14.095, 18.1025, 21.095, 28.095 and 147.555 MHz.

Phone frequencies are 1.855, 3.990, 7.290, 14.290, 18.160, 21.390, 28.590 and 147.555 MHz.

W1AW will transmit the Field Day bulletin using 45.45-baud Baudot, PSK31 in BPSK mode and MFSK16.

The W1AW EchoLink conference server W1AWBDCT will also carry the W1AW Field Day bulletin in real-time during the transmissions.

The Maritime Radio Historical Society station K6KPH will transmit the W1AW Field Day 2016 bulletin for the benefit of West Coast stations on 3.5815, 7.0475, 14.0475, 18.0975 and 21.0675 MHz using CW.

K6KPH will transmit the Field Day bulletin using Baudot, FEC AMTOR, BPSK31 and MFSK16 on 7.095 and 14.095 MHz.

The K6KPH schedule is accurate as of June 20, 2016.

Any additional transmissions or changes in the schedule will be posted on the web at,
http://www.arrl.org/files/file/Field-Day/2016/2016 w1aw sked.pdf .
NNNN
/EX

3196. Kzoo Hamfest early announcement - 16 October 2106

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-06-21 05:56:42 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3196 Message: 3196

*Courtesy Gary Wightman <wa8mcd@...>
*

*Wow, 100 years plus in advance?. (Maybe it's a typographical Error? :)
Could it be October 16, 2016?
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*

SAVE THE DATE – Sunday October 16, 2106

FOR

*Kalamazoo HamFest and Amateur Radio Swap and Shop. *

Please pass along the attached flyer to your club members. The
Kalamazoo Hamfest keeps growing from year to year, because of our
Location, free Parking and because of the extra attention we provide to
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Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/Kalamazoo-Hamfest-550945951727625/
<https://www.facebook.com/Kalamazoo-Hamfest-550945951727625/> for
additional information.

We will send another email reminder in August.

Have a great Field Day.

3197. Field Day 2016 Setup/Operation

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-06-23 16:00:47 UTC
From: n8xx@...
Topic: 3197 Message: 3197

Tom and other organizers for FD 2016

Last night we were discussing where to put the two rigs. I was musing about the need for physical separation, to minimize same band interference between the two rigs. But, upon further thought......

Let's put two rigs in the press box. I'm sure I won't operate anywhere near full time, so it will be easier to coordinate phone/PSK31/RTTY, etc. if the rigs are co-located.

The TS-2000 should work fine for CW, even though it generates wide band RFI within a few hundred KHz of the working frequency because of lack of filtration of the Digital VFO. Same for any rig which doesn't have super filtering, but that should be workable if we are sure NOT to operate on the same band with the two rigs. This should be only a minor inconvenience.

I'll bring my 130 foot dipole and an assortmment of rope. It is fed with 400 ohm window line. We can use it "as is" or if we have extra coax, it would operate as a 75/80 meter dipole fed with coax. The other antenna could be a G5RV (do we have one of those?) or a 40 meter dipole. And Bob's (AC8ZX) tri band beam could be shared (manually) with the two rigs if needed.

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3198. Re: Field Day 2016 Setup/Operation

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-06-23 18:47:28 UTC
From: ab8nd@...
Topic: 3197 Message: 3198

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Jack
AB8ND

3199. Re: [GRARA] Field Day 2016 Setup/Operation

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-06-23 20:08:22 UTC
From: John Streyle
Topic: 3197 Message: 3199

I will be late on both days, due to net control duties at 7 on Friday evening, and a practice session for the West Michigan Aerobats Saturday at 12. I plan to be there as soon as possible, though.
W8QZ

Sent from my iPad

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3200. Re: Field Day 2016 Setup/Operation

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-06-24 03:30:13 UTC
From: n8xx@...
Topic: 3197 Message: 3200

Jack:

Great thinking. I hadn't considered the difficulty for some of our folks to get to the top of the stadium. It might be a turn off, especially for visitors.

Forecast is for rain to come in later Sunday, but we all realize that predicting weather is sorta like gambling on the lottery. :) But, if we have sides for a canopy in case of rain, we should be okay. (Let's hope they don't have sprinklers which come on Sunday morning. :)

Lettuce talk about this Friday evening. I, for one, will love NOT having to walk up so many steps to get to an operating position.

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---In GRARA@yahoogroups.com, <ab8nd@...> wrote :

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Jack
AB8ND

3201. Field Day 2016

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-06-26 21:25:20 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3201 Message: 3201

*For those who attended GRARA's Field Day 2016, all I can say is "WOW!**
**
For those who didn't, you missed out on a great event!
**
No stats yet, but band conditions were great! Cranking along at >1 contact per minute for over 4 hours was a real pleasure. (minus a few "stretch breaks" to exercise the aging muscles.)
**
**There were many visitors. I didn't keep track of the sign in sheet, but during the day we didn't do nearly as well with contacts, because we were explaining ham radio to the public. The Skywarn folks likewise were showcasing their activities in their "welcome to ham radio" canopy. The food at the concession stand help ward off hunger pangs. The demo of radio controlled model airplanes was great!
**
The rainstorm, which washed us out around 9 a.m. Sunday morning, provided an exercise in getting electrical equipment from an open canopy to cover from the elements. :) It also provided a "shower" for those who were dodging raindrops during this exercise The one downside was that we didn't operate 24 hours, but we were tired, packed up, and went home.
**
Stats will come - but we need to thank our hosts, particularly the Superintendent of the Kenowa Hills High School, who visited for several hours on Saturday.
**
**Let's start planning for 2017 - can we reserve this place for June 24/25 2017?*

3202. Spark in the Park, August 20, 2016, Saturday, 3-8 PM

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-06-27 00:52:09 UTC
From: Tom
Topic: 3202 Message: 3202

In just under eight weeks the 3rd annual "Spark in the Park", a Science Fair for amateur radio, will be held.

You have heard about it, now please put the date and time on your calendar to see what seven West Michigan amateur radio clubs have put together.

As with last year, Spark in the Park will be held at the Home School Building gym, located at 5625 Burlingame SW, Wyoming, Michigan.

There will many varied exhibits of the various facets of amateur radio, including AMSAT/satellite radio, DMR, mobile VHF/UHF rovers, Go-bags and boxes, exceptional home brew equipment, Morse key collections, software defined radios, Red Cross and Salvation Army vehicles, the ARRL, and other groups.

More information at http://www.k8tb.org/sitp.htm

There is no admission fee or table fee, due to the sponsoring efforts of seven West Michigan clubs:

Holland Amateur Radio Club

Lowell Amateur Radio Club

Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association

Allegan County Amateur Radio Club

Kalamazoo Amateur Radio Club

Muskegon Area Amateur Radio Council

Riverside Radio Amateurs (Ionia County)

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For more information, contact Tom, K8TB at k8tb (at) bosscher.org

3203. Morley radio site cleanup this Saturday, July 1

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-06-29 15:39:11 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 3203 Message: 3203

Morley receive site grounds maintenance.

It's time once again for grounds maintenance at the 250ft commercial tower NE of Morley owned by T&W Electronics which, among other radio services, hosts the Lowell 145.27- (94.8Hz) Morley remote receiver 144.67 MHz and the K8SN 442.075+ (103.5Hz) repeater!

Part of the Lowell Amateur Radio Club's arrangement with T&W is upkeep of the grounds. LARC is responsible for the up keep, but anyone with an inclination to help is certainly most welcome.

Being the site is a mix of field and woods located in a rural area near Amish families, this can also double as camping trip. If you want a non-crowded campsite for this Independence Day holiday, this is it.

The main cleanup day will be Saturday, July 1. Figure start around 10AM, but come earlier or later as best your schedule. Rolls and coffee will be provided in the morning, and lunch provided. The "better half" and kids are certainly welcome.

There are no toilet facilities here, but I will have the rest room in my motorhome available. **It's not a problem, really!**

I plan to arrive Thursday and not leave until the following Wednesday. Anyone else interested in a cheap non-crowded campsite is welcome. Electricity is available. Questions? E-mail jamelar@... or phone home: (616)438-5412 or cell: (616)438-1464. It's best to call the "home" phone as it will be ported to Morley and connected to an outside roof antenna.

On the cleanup agenda.
Clean up the shed where critters have partied during the winter. The usual mowing and light trimming to keep it all clean.
If we have enough help, some logs and brush can be cleared.
If practical, bring an extra mower (in case the one there breaks down, been there, done that) as well Extra chain saw a BIG plus.
BUT MOST IMPORTANT, YOURSELF!

HOW TO GET THERE?

Use your preferred mapping program and input: 3814 155th Ave, Morley, MI 49336 Or follow the Google Maps links below.

Directions from Grand Rapids via US-131 Expressway are simple. If you are arriving from Lowell, the "from Lowell" direction use paved county roads and is really the shortest, quickest way.

FROM GRAND RAPIDS to Morley receive site.
http://goo.gl/maps/acPpw

FROM LOWELL to Morley receive site
NOTE: Lincoln Lake Ave is closed from 5 Mile Road to Hwy M-44.
TEMPORARY LINCOLN LAKE AVE CONSTRUCTION DETOUR
https://goo.gl/maps/FLACDChSmw72
Normal LL Ave http://goo.gl/maps/0BBL0

73 Jack NY8D

3204. OOPS, Morley cleanup is Saturday, JULY 2

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-06-29 16:28:08 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 3204 Message: 3204

OOPS! It has been pointed out to me this Saturday is JULY 2. I looked
at the wrong calendar. Sorry!
Morley site cleanup is Saturday, JULY 2.

73 Jack NY8D

3205. Re: [GRARA] OOPS, Morley cleanup is Saturday, JULY 2

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-06-29 17:06:27 UTC
From: Dave Ed
Topic: 3204 Message: 3205

what Saturday is the clean up

Sent from Outlook<http://aka.ms/weboutlook>

From: GRARA@yahoogroups.com <GRARA@yahoogroups.com> on behalf of Jack Amelar jamelar@...
[GRARA] <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 29, 2016 12:28 PM
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com; WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com; Barry County ARC; Big Rapids Area ARC
Subject: [GRARA] OOPS, Morley cleanup is Saturday, JULY 2

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3206. Re: OOPS, Morley cleanup is Saturday, JULY 2

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-06-29 21:48:59 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 3204 Message: 3206

"what Saturday is the clean up"
Saturday, July 2. This coming Saturday.

73 Jack NY8D

Jack Amelar
13110 Victory Woods Dr NE
Lowell, MI 49331-8857
Home Phone #: (616)438-5412
Cell Phone #: (616)438-1464
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----- End message from GRARA@yahoogroups.com -----

3207. I heard from the grape vine

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-06-29 22:06:19 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3207 Message: 3207

That the GRARA meeting has been rescheduled from July 1 to *July 8, 6;30 gathering 7:00 meeting.*

Is this more than "Grapevine News" Is it real?

If so, this is the first public service bulletin about it.

If not, this is scurrilous information, and please disregard.

In either event, the meeting place is *Red Cross, 1050 Fuller Avenue NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503*

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3208. Re: I heard from the grape vine

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-06-29 23:09:21 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 3207 Message: 3208

"That the GRARA meeting has been rescheduled from July 1 to July 8, 6;30 gathering 7:00 meeting."

YES! Except, if I recall, the the meeting begins following the VE Exams. I believe 8PM.

Good call. With the long weekend coming up, this got over looked.

3209. Grara Call Sign Badge order by July 6th for July 8th meeting

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-06-30 01:18:12 UTC
From: stprovost@...
Topic: 3209 Message: 3209
Attachments: 2 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Hello, we have an opportunity to get our own Grara Call Sign Badges made by Sam Nabkey.
You can email him at sam.nabkey@gmail.com
for your order.
He will deliver the call sign badges at our next GRARA meeting Friday July 8th.
He will need your email order by Wednesday July 6th for the order.
I have attached two files to see what the badges look like.
Cost is $10 for landscape orientation
Cost is $8 for portrait orientation
stephen

3210. July meeting

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-06-30 03:04:59 UTC
From: ab8nd@...
Topic: 3210 Message: 3210

The July meeting will be held on 8 July, because of the 4th holiday. As this is the same night as VE testing the time 'might' be a bit later than normal, but don't count on it.

Jack
AB8ND

3211. Fwd: ARLB022 FCC's OET Clarifies Emissions Compliance Testing for RF LED Lighting Devices

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-06-30 21:20:02 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3211 Message: 3211

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3212. Re: [GRARA] Fwd: ARLB022 FCC's OET Clarifies Emissions Compliance Testing for RF LED Lighting Devices

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-06-30 21:55:20 UTC
From: John Streyle
Topic: 3211 Message: 3212

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Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-06-30 22:51:30 UTC
From: Marc Veeneman
Topic: 3211 Message: 3213

The undercounter LED lighting in our home generates massive amounts of interfering radio frequency energy. The commercial installers, a well established Grand Rapids company, were clueless as to the problem or the FCC rules. Once informed as to how to check for emissions with a cheap transistor radio, they were still unable to rectify the problem. WAC, the maker of the 24 volt switching power supplies is a long established standard in the industry and, I'm told, the only supplier handled by any area wholesaler.

For me, on HF, this is a big problem and one I'm going to have to solve myself. Vendors we've contacted don't know or don't care.

The cheap, much less costly than WAC products, stuff I've bought from Chinese manufacturers has been completely trouble free.
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Marc W8SDG

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3214. South American Sprint Contest - July 23rd, 2016 - 2100 to 2300 UTCS

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-07-03 05:24:18 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3214 Message: 3214

From the SA Sprint Contest group - message follows

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We would like to invite you to the SA Sprint Contest.

This is a new contest organized by several South American amateur radio clubs and groups.

The contest is only two hours long, the rules are really straightforward and we have included the *QSO/QSY* rule to make it really fun.

You can see the full rules at:*www.sa-sprint.com/rules*

Several logging programs have included support for our contest:*www.sa-sprint.com/software*

The contest will take place on*July 23rd, 2016*. From *2100 to 23 UTC*, on *SSB and CW* (*40 and 20 meters*).

Everyone can contact everyone for QSO points credit. Mults are SA prefixes.

Please feel free to tell your friends about the SA Sprint.

There is a Club/Group competition too!

We look forward to seeing you on the bands.

Vy 73,

SA Sprint Contest

3215. Field Day 2016 in Kalamazoo County...

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-07-03 13:50:19 UTC
From: WB8ALW@...
Topic: 3215 Message: 3215

2016 Field Day W8VY https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qf3mK8x70p0

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2016 Field Day W8VY https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qf3mK8x70p0 Summary of the Kalamazoo Area Field Day activities at Flesher Field sponsored by the KARC (Kalamazoo Amateur Radio Club) and SMART (Southwest Michiga...

View on www.youtube.com https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qf3mK8x70p0
Preview by Yahoo

For your viewing pleasure!

Summary of the Kalamazoo Area Field Day activities at Flesher Field sponsored by the KARC (Kalamazoo Amateur Radio Club) and SMART (Southwest Michigan Amateur Radio Team).

Chip - WB8ALW

3216. Re: [GRARA] Field Day 2016 Setup/Operation

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-06-23 20:19:42 UTC
From: William Hayes
Topic: 3197 Message: 3216

Are all the raidos going to be operating in the pressbox?

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

On Thu, Jun 23, 2016 at 4:08 PM, John Streyle streyle.j@... [GRARA]<GRARA@yahoogroups.com> wrote:

I will be late on both days, due to net control duties at 7 on Friday evening, and a practice session for the West Michigan Aerobats Saturday at 12. I plan to be there as soon as possible, though.W8QZ

Sent from my iPad
On Jun 23, 2016, at 12:00 PM, n8xx@... [GRARA] <GRARA@yahoogroups.com> wrote:

Tom and other organizers for FD 2016

Last night we were discussing where to put the two rigs. I was musing about the need for physical separation, to minimize same band interference between the two rigs. But, upon further thought......

Let's put two rigs in the press box. I'm sure I won't operate anywhere near full time, so it will be easier to coordinate phone/PSK31/RTTY, etc. if the rigs are co-located.

The TS-2000 should work fine for CW, even though it generates wide band RFI within a few hundred KHz of the working frequency because of lack of filtration of the Digital VFO. Same for any rig which doesn't have super filtering, but that should be workable if we are sure NOT to operate on the same band with the two rigs. This should be only a minor inconvenience.

I'll bring my 130 foot dipole and an assortmment of rope. It is fed with 400 ohm window line. We can use it "as is" or if we have extra coax, it would operate as a 75/80 meter dipole fed with coax. The other antenna could be a G5RV (do we have one of those?) or a 40 meter dipole. And Bob's (AC8ZX) tri band beam could be shared (manually) with the two rigs if needed.

I was asked to contact Cortland, KA5S. He says his generator will be in use during field day. If we need another generator, we need a plan "B" of which I'm not aware.

Lettuce prey we have an abundance of operators for the daylight and early evening. I'd like to operate most, or all, of the midnight to dawn shift for CW. The two rigs could both operate SSB or any other mode (CW/RTTY/PSK31, etc.)

Hope to see a bunch of folks on Friday evening (about 6 p.m.) and Saturday morning - confirm time and where breakfast Saturday will be, please. Goal is to be at the Field Day site no later than 10 a.m. Saturday?

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3217. Rockford Kids Triathlon - volunteers needed

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-07-05 15:08:53 UTC
From: kpalma
Topic: 3217 Message: 3217

All
I hope you all have had a good and safe 4th of July. We are looking good for Saturday, but are always looking for additional assistance. If you are available please consider signing up and helping out. The weather looks is looking great for Saturday.

We will be sending out more information to those who have signed up later today or tomorrow.

We are looking for volunteers to work this years Rockford Area Kids Triathlon. We are looking for 10 to 15 ham radio operators to help out.

The event supports Rockford Explorers and D.A.R.E. programs. We would be helping out in all aspects of the event from Registration, traffic control to runner safety. The event is Saturday July 9th at the High School. We would be there from 7AM to 1PM, but we can be flexible on the times. This is a great opportunity to get out into the community. Kevin Sweeney who is the event organizer has been a friend and supporter of the group for many years. Lets show our support for him and his event. Come out and show your support for the community and get the word out about who we are and what we do. This is a fun low key event. Food will be provided.

Please sign up at http://vrm.cc/rocktri

Event information is available at http://www.rocktri.com/

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3218. Hello everyone

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-07-05 23:32:26 UTC
From: Thom
Topic: 3217 Message: 3218

Greetings all,

I found your Yahoo page the other day and signed up for it.

Please allow me to introduce myself.

My name is Thom Durfee and my call is WI8W. I have lived in the Grand Rapids area for the past 15 years but never believed that I would ever again put my ham radio station back together and get back on the air.

I was a member of the Big Rapids club for many years but sadly we had a slight disagreement that led to my leaving the club. If you would like to hear the story I will tell it to you in person. It is quite interesting.

Anyway I was a good contester back in the day having a few placement certificates hanging on my wall. I love CW as my primary mode but thinking about getting back into RTTY and some of the new digital modes.

I am a member in good standing with QRP Amateur Radio Club International and was their Awards manager for 8 years,

When I was a member of the Big Rapids Club I was in charge of all the licensing classes and the leader of the VE team. I also ran several ham radio events where our members learned how to build antennas and construct accessories for their shacks.

I am planning to attend your get together tomorrow night and I would love to meet you all.

Thanks

73

Thom Wi8W
616-498-7770

3219. Re: Hello everyone

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-07-06 11:28:23 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 3217 Message: 3219

Thom WI8W

Glad you are returning to the hobby and have found the Yahoo Group.
By all means, come to the Wednesday open radio room and/or this
Friday's meeting.

Sorry about the BR Club. Happens. There are "I dislike GRARA" people
around, same as any club.

73 Jack NY8D

----- Message from GRARA@yahoogroups.com ---------
Date: Tue, 5 Jul 2016 19:32:26 -0400
From: "Thom mirailfan@... [GRARA]" <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>

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----- End message from GRARA@yahoogroups.com -----

3220. Re: [GRARA] Hello everyone

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-07-06 13:04:40 UTC
From: ab8nd@sbcglobal.net
Topic: 3217 Message: 3220

Welcome back to Ham radio Thom. We'll look for you tonight.

Jack
AB8ND

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3221. Re: [GRARA] Hello everyone

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-07-06 17:26:01 UTC
From: Craig Bailey
Topic: 3217 Message: 3221

Welcome back, this might be a good excuse for me to walk over. Should we go to the entrance on the north side, or in the back door and down?
-Craig Bailey
KC8IJQ

On Wed, Jul 06, 2016 at 09:04:40AM -0400, 'ab8nd@...' ab8nd@... [GRARA] wrote:
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3222. Re: [GRARA] Hello everyone

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-07-06 17:29:56 UTC
From: ab8nd@sbcglobal.net
Topic: 3217 Message: 3222

If you see a lot of cars in the parking lot use the stairs in back, not on the end of the building, that door should be open. If not many cars the EMS is not having classes, use the stairs at the end of the building and bang on the door.

Jack
AB8ND

> On Jul 6, 2016, at 1:26 PM, Craig Bailey kc8ijq@... [GRARA] <GRARA@yahoogroups.com> wrote:
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3223. CQ VHF Contest July 16-17th

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-07-07 02:57:08 UTC
From: David DeVos
Topic: 3223 Message: 3223

Hello everyone - a reminder that the CQ World Wide VHF contest is right around the corner, on the weekend of July16-17th. CQ WW VHF is held on 6 and 2 meters, which are the most popular bands of VHF'ing.

Here's a link to the website: http://www.cqww-vhf.com/

I will be on to have some fun on the bands. If you have any questions about VHF contesting, please shoot me an email.

Dave DeVos - KF8QL

3224. Morning all

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-07-07 10:33:36 UTC
From: Thom
Topic: 3217 Message: 3224

Got up at 5:30am.....feel like I could sleep till noon.

Had a great time last evening at the Red Cross building.

Coffee pot is on with cartoons on the TV.

Plan for the day is to put up a 40 meter dipole fed with 300 ohm twin lead. I love that style of antenna and 40 meters is my favorite band.

Planning on attending the meeting Friday.

Hope to meet some more of you there.

73

Thom WI8W

616-498-7770

3225. LOWELL AR Youth Club Hamfest this Saturday

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-07-12 03:00:44 UTC
From: GRAHamfest 2Ø15
Topic: 3225 Message: 3225
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Lowell Amateur Radio Youth Club Hamfest – 2016
<http://www.k8lhs.club/home/under-development/>
Saturday, July 16th, 8 A.M. to 12:00 Noon

Admission $5.00
Elementary, Middle, & High School - Free

Advance Table Sales:
Two 5' Tables & Admission: $12
One 5' Table & Admission: $9

At the Door Table Sales:
Two 5' Tables & Admission: $15
One 5' Table & Admission: $12

Vendor setup:
Friday, July 15th: 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Saturday, July 16th: 6 a.m. to 8 a.m.

V.E. Exams at 10:00 a.m.
Laurel VEC, no exam fee.
Walk-ins welcome

Hamfest Location:
Lowell High School
11700 Vergennes St.
Lowell, MI 49331

Advance Sales/Information:
Al Eckman
725 Bowes Rd Apt K6
Lowell, MI 49331
616-450-4332
aeckman@...

Refreshments sold
Drawing for a cash prize of $100
Tower Electronics

*Sponsored by the Lowell Amateur Radio Youth Club:
K8LHShttp://www.k8lhs.club/ <http://www.k8lhs.club/>[image: Inline image 1]*

3226. Sunspots

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-07-17 22:28:51 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3226 Message: 3226

From Spaceweather.com, we might be in for different propagation
conditions soon:

BIG SUNSPOTS STARING AT EARTH: Solar activity has been low for
months. That could soon change. Two big sunspots are staring directly
at Earth, and one of them has an unstable magnetic field that harbors
energy for M-class solar flares. Images and updates are available at
http://spaceweather.com
<http://Spaceweather.us11.list-manage.com/track/click?u=0c5fce34d5ca05f64a13d085d&id=1ce3b
f81b2&e=9364e82fa8>
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Anyone have the latest solar flux data from QRZ.com?

I've been able to work a reasonable number of stations for NPOTA, and
only able to "try" about half time this weekend.

72/73 de n8xx Hg
QRP >99.44% of the time

3227. HI Way Pick up

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-07-18 11:13:22 UTC
From: Jim Leys
Topic: 3137 Message: 3227

Are we still on for the Hi way pick up this Tues Jul 19 ?

3228. Geomagnetic Storm in progress

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-07-20 01:51:29 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3228 Message: 3228

From Spaceweather.com

GEOMAGNETIC STORM: Unexpectedly, a CME struck Earth's magnetic field during the late hours of July 19th. The impact sparked a minor G1-class geomagnetic storm that could intensify in the hours ahead as Earth passes through the CME's strongly-magnetized wake. Visit http://spaceweather.com <http://Spaceweather.us11.list-manage.com/track/click?u=0c5fce34d5ca05f64a13d085d&id=a26cc7ffef&e=9364e82fa8> for updates.

3229. Re: [GRARA] Geomagnetic Storm in progress

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-07-20 02:10:27 UTC
From: Marc Veeneman
Topic: 3228 Message: 3229

Thanks, Hank.
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Marc W8SDG

> On Jul 19, 2016, at 9:51 PM, Hank Greeb n8xx@... [GRARA] <GRARA@yahoogroups.com> wrote:
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3230. Re: [GRARA] Geomagnetic Storm in progress

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-07-20 13:26:22 UTC
From: Thom
Topic: 3228 Message: 3230

Yep, 40 meters was trash yesterday...only station I heard all day was
W1AW doing code practice and they were barely S2.

Thom WI8W

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> for updates.
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3231. Please, tell me where to go

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-07-21 03:49:34 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3231 Message: 3231

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I really don't understand why ham radio operators don't bother to communicate.

Please, pretty pleas, preetty Please with suger on it. please tell me where this elusive wood radio interview may be found.

Otherwise we'll lose 50 points or so.

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3232. Re: [GRARA] Please, tell me where to go

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-07-21 09:15:53 UTC
From: Thom
Topic: 3231 Message: 3232

Hank,

I have no idea where you would find that video. Have you contacted WOOD TV about this?

I chuckle at your comment about hams not bothering to communicate. I was saying to the guys last night...all day long I hear this station monitoring or blah blah listening on the repeater. No one even answers them, not even me.

Usually I am busy with something when they call.

Hope you find what you are looking for.

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3233. RE: [GRARA] Please, tell me where to go

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-07-21 10:55:52 UTC
From: Doug Luurs
Topic: 3231 Message: 3233

You sure it was “TV” ??

http://woodradio.iheart.com/media/play/27098872/

Doug / W8ZUU

From: GRARA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:GRARA@yahoogroups.com]
Sent: Thursday, July 21, 2016 5:16 AM
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
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3234. RE: [GRARA] Please, tell me where to go

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-07-21 14:26:08 UTC
From: Richard Ranta
Topic: 3231 Message: 3234

I thought Hank meant Wood Radio. I searched there and found nothing also. I even goggled it: nothing except years pass for GRARA and then, the arrl site.

Rich K8JX

From: GRARA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:GRARA@...m]
Sent: Thursday, July 21, 2016 6:56 AM
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
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3235. Re: [GRARA] Please, tell me where to go

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-07-21 13:04:41 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3231 Message: 3235

Thanks! That's just what I needed. It's 10 minutes interview between
20 and 30 minutes into the program!

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3236. RE: [GRARA] Please, tell me where to go

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-07-21 13:43:11 UTC
From: n8xx@...
Topic: 3231 Message: 3236

Thanks! That's just what I needed. It's a 10 minutes interview between 20 and 30 minutes into the program! We had several people stop by who had heard of us on Wood Radio!

72/73 de n8xx Hg
QRP >99.44% of the time

3237. RE: The Web Master had been very busy.

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-07-23 20:29:28 UTC
From: Richard Ranta
Topic: 3237 Message: 3237

All that you've asked for is put up on the web site. Enjoy.

Richie K8JX

And the cool cat. scooter

3238. FW: 2016 Central MI ARC Hamfest, July 30 in Holt MI

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-07-26 03:32:13 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 3238 Message: 3238
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3239. Fwd: Volunteers Needed Mud Run 2016

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-07-26 03:34:32 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 3239 Message: 3239

----- Forwarded message from kpalma@... -----
Subject: Volunteers Needed Mud Run 2016

All

Come out and have some fun while serving the community.

The 2016 Eat Dirt Mud Run is Saturday August 27th 2016 7:30 AM - 1 PM at the Kentwood Community Church located at 1200 60th St. We are in need of volunteers to assist in monitoring runner safety. We are in need 20 - 25 people to help out. If you are able to help out please sign up at http://vrm.cc/mudrun
Events like this are a great opportunity to get public exposure for the group. Our primary duties will be runner safety. We will position personal along the course to monitor the runners. We may also be called to perform other functions if necessary, but only if they do not interfere with our primary task. Most positions will be stationary posts. If you wish to bring a chair to sit in while monitoring the course you may. Please remember that many of the positions will be in the sun, so remember to bring proper protection. Food will be provided.

If you don't know what the mud run is check out the web site. http://www.eatdirtmudrun.com/

This is a 5K run that has a number of obsticles, many of them involve mud, This is a fun event to work. The participants of this event ary crazy (in a good way). Many of the runners dress up on costumes for the event. Come out and serve the community and have a good time while doing it. Bring a chair, most possitions can be monitored while sitting in a chair.

If you have any questions regarding the event please contact

Karl Palma

kpalma@...

Thank You

----- End forwarded message -----

3240. Re: [GRARA] Fwd: Volunteers Needed Mud Run 2016

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-07-26 18:13:00 UTC
From: Thom
Topic: 3239 Message: 3240

I signed up...should be fun.

73

Thom WI8W

On 7/25/2016 11:34 PM, Jack Amelar jamelar@... [GRARA] wrote:
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> Thank You
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> ----- End forwarded message -----
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3241. RE: and now AES is gone.

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-07-27 23:37:28 UTC
From: Richard Ranta
Topic: 3241 Message: 3241

I just checked, a while ago. The AES website has been replaced with Ham Radio Outlet. Just like that.

Its not going to be the same.

Richie K8JX

3242. Re: [GRARA] RE: and now AES is gone.

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-07-28 01:45:54 UTC
From: Thom
Topic: 3241 Message: 3242

I personally have never dealt with AES for anything. I have always used HRO or a hamfest or some other small vendor.

Sorry to see any ham radio resource call it quits. Maybe someday the hobby will vanish to.

Thom WI8W

On 7/27/2016 7:37 PM, 'Richard Ranta' scooter1cat@... [GRARA] wrote:
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3243. RE: [GRARA] RE: and now AES is gone.

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-07-28 14:26:25 UTC
From: Richard Ranta
Topic: 3241 Message: 3243

I think I made my largest purchase of Amateur gear at HRO. But otherwise it was AES. They were always quick with deliveries. What puzzles me, if AES couldn't do business with folks buying through the internest, what makes HRO think they can?

Richie K8JX

From: GRARA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:GRARA@yahoogroups.com]
Sent: Wednesday, July 27, 2016 9:46 PM
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: Re: [GRARA] RE: and now AES is gone.

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Richie K8JX

3244. Re: [GRARA] RE: and now AES is gone.

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-07-28 14:49:56 UTC
From: Thom
Topic: 3241 Message: 3244

I bought all my major gear from HRO. I still deal with them in fact I ordered something just this morning.

I think maybe the demise of AES after being in business for 59 years is that no one wanted to take over ownership of it. I am not sure exactly what their business model was. For the majority of being in business the internet was not even thought of yet.

I think maybe HRO is in the same situation. But as you may know HRO has some presence in cities all across the country, something AES never had. Maybe that is their advantage. I do not believe that internet sales is HRO's main focus. I have been to a couple o9f their stores and they all were fairly busy.b At least HRO decided to open a new store to replace AES. Thats a good thing.

Take care

73

Thom WI8W

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3245. Anyone for Meteor Scatter propagation?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-07-28 17:29:20 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3245 Message: 3245

From Spaceweather.com

THE PERSEID METEOR SHOWER IS BEGINNING: Earth is entering the
outskirts of a broad stream of debris from Comet Swift-Tuttle, source of
the annual Perseid meteor shower. Forecasters don't expect the shower to
peak until Aug.11-13, but already NASA cameras are detecting Perseid
fireballs streaking across the night sky as the shower slowly
intensifies. Visit http://spaceweather.com
<http://Spaceweather.us11.list-manage1.com/track/click?u=0c5fce34d5ca05f64a13d085d&id=1054
324d19&e=9364e82fa8>
to see the first Perseid of 2016.

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3246. Geomagnetic Storm Warning for Aug. 2nd

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-08-01 05:47:44 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3246 Message: 3246

From Spaceweather.com
GEOMAGNETIC STORM WARNING: NOAA forecasters estimate a 65% chance of geomagnetic storms on Aug. 2nd when a CME is expected to strike Earth's magnetic field. A solar wind stream following close on the heels of the CME could boost storm levels to G2 (moderately strong). High latitude sky watchers should be alert for auroras. Visit http://spaceweather.com for updates and more information.

3247. August GRARA meeting this Friday 5th

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-08-04 00:42:11 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 3247 Message: 3247

Reminder this Friday evening, August 5, is the GRARA monthly meeting.
Door opens 6:30, meeting at 7. All are welcome.
http://www.w8dc.org/_mgxroot/page_10741.html

American Red Cross Building
1050 Fuller Ave NE
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503
http://www.w8dc.org/_mgxroot/page_10751.html

3248. CW Open on 3 September 2016

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-08-04 20:49:37 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3248 Message: 3248

CW Open on 3 September 2016

The CW Open 2016
Open to amateur radio operators worldwide
The Friendliest Contest in Ham Radio!

* Saturday 3 September 2016
* Everyone works everyone: CW only, Single Op only
* Three sessions, each 4-hours long, at 0000Z, 1200Z and 2000Z
* Any or all HF non-WARC bands (160-10 meters)
* Exchange: QSO number and given name (e.g. 12 Yoshi)
* Work stations once per band per session
* One point per valid QSO
* One multiplier per callsign, first time worked, per session
* Logging supported by: N1MM, WriteLog, SD, Skookum, TR4W, YFKtest,
GenLog, DX Log, CQPWin
* Trophies to winner of *each session* in *each ITU region*(1, 2 and 3)
* Plaques to winners of *each category* in *each ITU region* (1, 2 and 3)
* Rules at www.cwops.org/cwopen.html
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* Teams welcome

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following link: Unsubscribe
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Santa Cruz, California 95065
US

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VerticalResponse marketing policy.

Try Email Marketing with VerticalResponse!
<http://www.verticalresponse.com/landing/ef/?mm/845218e875&utm_campaign=footer&utm_medium=
referral&utm_source=footer>

3249. Club Name Badge

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-08-06 10:57:39 UTC
From: Thom
Topic: 3249 Message: 3249

Howdy all,

Where can I get a Club Name Badge?

73

Thom WI8W

3250. Re: [GRARA] Club Name Badge

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-08-06 13:02:40 UTC
From: ab8nd@sbcglobal.net
Topic: 3249 Message: 3250

The SIgnman
http://thesignman.com/clubs/grara.html <http://thesignman.com/clubs/grara.html>

Jack
AB8ND

> On Aug 6, 2016, at 6:57 AM, Thom mirailfan@... [GRARA] <GRARA@yahoogroups.com> wrote:
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3251. Re: Club Name Badge

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-08-07 02:13:42 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 3249 Message: 3251

I understand Sam K8SN is making badges with club logos locally,
vertical or horizontal display. Contact him snabkey@...

73 Jack NY8D

----- Message from GRARA@yahoogroups.com ---------
Date: Sat, 6 Aug 2016 09:02:40 -0400
From: "'ab8nd@...' ab8nd@... [GRARA]"
<GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Reply-To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: Re: [GRARA] Club Name Badge
To: GRARA Yahoo <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>

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----- End message from GRARA@yahoogroups.com -----

3252. Re: [GRARA] Club Name Badge

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-08-07 00:46:17 UTC
From: Thom
Topic: 3249 Message: 3252

thanks I went to the site. That name badge does not look like the ones
I am seeing at meetings lately

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Thom WI8W

On 8/6/2016 9:02 AM, 'ab8nd@...' ab8nd@... [GRARA]
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3253. PERSEID METEOR OUTBURST

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-08-08 03:48:57 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3253 Message: 3253

*Anyone for Meteor Scatter propagation? From Spaceweather.com
*

PERSEID METEOR OUTBURST: Do you love the Perseid meteor shower? This year, you will love it even more. Forecasters say the 2016 Perseids should be twice as active as usual, filling the sky with 200+ meteors per hour on peak nights between Aug. 11th and 13th. This is happening because Earth is heading for an unusually rich stream of debris from parent comet Swift-Tuttle. Visit http://spaceweather.com <http://Spaceweather.us11.list-manage.com/track/click?u=0c5fce34d5ca05f64a13d085d&id=ebee399bcf&e=9364e82fa8> for sky maps, observing tips, and links to live webcasts of the Perseid outburst.

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3254. Re: [GRARA] Club Name Badge

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-08-08 01:02:03 UTC
From: Del Rockwell
Topic: 3249 Message: 3254

I think those all came from Sam.

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W8WDW

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3255. Re: [GRARA] Club Name Badge

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-08-08 13:53:45 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3249 Message: 3255

It would be nice if a picture of one of the new name badges, and ordering instructions, could be placed on the w8dc.org or GRARA Facebook page, or both. Shucky durn, if this were done, I might even plunk down some ca$h and buy one.

It would be great if we'd have a cadre of GRARA members with these kind of name badges at the upcoming hamfest. Do we have such info at each club meeting?

Lettuce push this way to advertise GRARA!

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On 8/7/2016 9:02 PM, 'Del Rockwell' drockwell@... [GRARA] wrote:
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3256. Re: [GRARA] Club Name Badge

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-08-08 14:23:20 UTC
From: Jim Leys
Topic: 3249 Message: 3256

- 151 KB

- 79 KBSave
- 72 KBSave
Hello, we have an opportunity to get our own Grara Call Sign Badges made by Sam Nabkey.You can email him at sam.nabkey@... your order.He will deliver the call sign badges at our next GRARA meeting Friday July 8th.He will need your email order by Wednesday July 6th for the order.I have attached two files to see what the badges look like.Cost is $10 for landscape orientationCost is $8 for portrait orientationstephen

On Monday, August 8, 2016 9:53 AM, "Hank Greeb n8xx@... [GRARA]" <GRARA@yahoogroups.com> wrote:

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3257. additionl volunteers Needed - Mud Run 2016

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-08-08 11:13:16 UTC
From: kpalma
Topic: 3257 Message: 3257

Come out and have some fun while serving the community.

Looking for 7-10 more people.

The 2016 Eat Dirt Mud Run is Saturday August 27th 2016 7:30 AM - 1 PM at the Kentwood Community Church located at 1200 60th St. Don't know what the mud run is? Check out their web page at http://www.grandrapidsmudrun.com/

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We are in need of volunteers to assist in monitoring runner safety. We are in need 20 - 25 people to help out. If you are able to help out please sign up at http://vrm.cc/mudrun
Events like this are a great opportunity to get public exposure for the group. Our primary duties will be runner safety. We will position personal along the course to monitor the runners. We may also be called to perform other functions if necessary, but only if they do not interfere with our primary task. Most positions will be stationary posts. If you wish to bring a chair to sit in while monitoring the course you may. Please remember that many of the positions will be in the sun, so remember to bring proper protection. Food will be provided.

If you have any questions regarding the event please contact

Karl Palma

kpalma@... <mailto:kpalma@...>

Thank You

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3258. Fwd: Items from Dayton,

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-08-16 13:24:07 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 3258 Message: 3258
Attachments: 3 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

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3259. Spark in the Park, Saturday, August 20

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-08-17 14:19:26 UTC
From: GRAHamfest 2Ø15
Topic: 3259 Message: 3259

http://www.k8tb.org/sitp.htm <http://www.k8tb.org/sitp.htm>

Spark in the Park

A Science Fair for Amateur Radio

August 20, 2016

*3:00 PM to 8:00 PM *

* (Yes, an afternoon event !!) *

No Admission Charge

Home School Building

5625 Burlingame SW, Wyoming, MI

Sponsoring Clubs:

Holland Amateur Radio Club

Lowell Amateur Radio Club

Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association

Allegan County Amateur Radio Club

Kalamazoo Amateur Radio Club

Muskegon Area Amateur Radio Council

Riverside Radio Amateurs (Ionia County)

It's not a flea market.

*It's not a field day. *

It's kinda like a science fair for amateur radio.

It is an exposition of many facets of amateur radio, including:

* <http://www.k8tb.org/sitp/k8dogl.jpg> -VHF/UHF roving in a pickup truck, Bob, K8DOG *

<http://www.k8tb.org/sitp/kf8ql.jpg> *-VHF/UHF vehicle roving, Dave, KF8QL*

-Mototrbo digital radio, Mike, KB8ZGL

-HF digital modes, ARRL Michigan Section Technical Specialist

-Amateur Mesh networks

-QRP portable operations

-Remote transceiver operation

-"Go Bags" and boxes

-Microwave

-Amateur radio controlled quad and hexcopters, with live video downlinks

-Arduino amateur radio projects

Pictures from

Spark in the Park

2014

A multi-club amateur radio science fair

Over 20 folks met at 4 PM to revitalize the Michigan VHF-UHF Society, now at www.mivus.org <http://www.mivus.org>

Bob, K8EIO shows his trik, with an Elecraft KX3 on board

Bob, working some DX with a wire thrown up in the tree.

James, KB8VUC, fine tuning a Mesh-Node setup

James, KB8VUC and James, W8ISS communicate with each other !

James, W8ISS had a camera on his car, feeding a mesh-node.

Doug, KD8CAO, working the FO-29 SSB satellite

Mike, W8DER get 1st place for his most impressive Arduino display

Mike showed some 14 different Arduino amateur radio projects

Two of Mike's "Fox Boxes", used for hidden transmitter hunt.

John, AC8JW demonstrating HF digital modes

Jason, KD8QNX demonstrated SDR radios

Al, KC8OPU shows his custom made drone

Gale, N8GS flys his quad copter, equipped with a GoPro camera

Mike, KB8ZGL brought his companies "portable" crank-up tower

Tom, N8DGD and Steve, AC8QE inside the Red Cross communication vehicle

Dave, KF8QL with his multi-band VHF-UHF rover

Bob, K8DOG and his 6, 2 and 70 cm rover

This is Ron's, K8DMR mobile UHF ATV antenna

Bob, KD8HNF with his remote HF station

Phil, K8PVH with his dual band radio in a lunch box

Larry Camp, Wb8R, our state SM from the ARRL

Mike, KB8ZGL explaining Mototrbo radios

Laryn, K8TVZ and Mike, KB8ZGL deciding the future of amateur radio

Jason explaining some of the benefits of SDR

A special thank you to the sponsoring clubs:

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Kalamazoo Amateur Radio Club

Muskegon Area Amateur Radio Council

Riverside Radio Amateurs (Ionia County)

Spark in the Park, August 20, 2016

Home School Building

5625 Burlingame SW, Wyoming, MI

*For more information, contact Tom Bosscher k8tb@...
<k8tb@...>*

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As long as I'm sending out this e-mail blast,

There will be VE testing this THURSDAY, August 18

VE Test Session <http://w8lrc.org/event/ve-test-session/>
When:
August 18, 2016 @ 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Where:
Lowell Amateur Radio Club http://www.w8lrc.org
11535 Fulton St E
Lowell, MI 49331
Cost: Free, VEC Laurel ARC

3260. VE Testing Thursday, August 18

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-08-17 14:26:53 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 3260 Message: 3260

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VE Test Session
When:
August 18, 2016 @ 7:00 pm ? 9:00 pm
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11535 Fulton St E
Lowell, MI 49331
(HWY M-21 just West of the Lowell Meijer)
Cost: Free, VEC Laurel ARC

3261. Re: [GRARA] additionl volunteers Needed - Mud Run 2016

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-08-18 05:27:35 UTC
From: Thom
Topic: 3257 Message: 3261

I am sorry...I am not going to be able to attend the event to help out. I am scheduled for surgery on Aug 26 and I doubt I am going to be in any shape to help out. I wish you all the best for your event. Maybe next year.

73

Thom WI8W

On 8/8/2016 7:13 AM, kpalma jamelar@... [GRARA] wrote:
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> Karl Palma

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3262. Re: [GRARA] additionl volunteers Needed - Mud Run 2016

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-08-18 05:30:42 UTC
From: Thom
Topic: 3257 Message: 3262

I sent this to wrong email address...sorry

Thom WI8W

3263. RE: [GRARA] Spark in the Park, Saturday, August 20

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-08-21 17:43:39 UTC
From: Doug Luurs
Topic: 3259 Message: 3263

With the storm yesterday, I was wondering.

Did this go on, or will it be rescheduled ?

Doug / W8ZUU

From: GRARA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:GRARA@yahoogroups.com]
Sent: Wednesday, August 17, 2016 10:19 AM
To: W8DC Grand Rapids ARA <grahamfest@...>
Subject: [GRARA] Spark in the Park, Saturday, August 20

http://www.k8tb.org/sitp.htm

Spark in the Park

<http://www.k8tb.org/sitp/oldspark.jpg>

A Science Fair for Amateur Radio

August 20, 2016

3:00 PM to 8:00 PM

(Yes, an afternoon event !!)

No Admission Charge

Home School Building

5625 Burlingame SW, Wyoming, MI

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It's not a flea market.

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It's kinda like a science fair for amateur radio.

It is an exposition of many facets of amateur radio, including:

<http://www.k8tb.org/sitp/k8dogl.jpg> -VHF/UHF roving in a pickup truck, Bob, K8DOG

<http://www.k8tb.org/sitp/kf8ql.jpg> -VHF/UHF vehicle roving, Dave, KF8QL

-Mototrbo digital radio, Mike, KB8ZGL

-HF digital modes, ARRL Michigan Section Technical Specialist

-Amateur Mesh networks

-QRP portable operations

-Remote transceiver operation

-"Go Bags" and boxes

-Microwave

-Amateur radio controlled quad and hexcopters, with live video downlinks

-Arduino amateur radio projects

Pictures from

Spark in the Park

2014

A multi-club amateur radio science fair

<http://www.k8tb.org/sitpp/sitpp1.jpg>

Over 20 folks met at 4 PM to revitalize the Michigan VHF-UHF Society, now at www.mivus.org <http://www.mivus.org>

<http://www.k8tb.org/sitpp/sitpp2.jpg>

Bob, K8EIO shows his trik, with an Elecraft KX3 on board

<http://www.k8tb.org/sitpp/sitpp3.jpg>

<http://www.k8tb.org/sitpp/sitpp4.jpg>

<http://www.k8tb.org/sitpp/sitpp5.jpg>

Bob, working some DX with a wire thrown up in the tree.

<http://www.k8tb.org/sitpp/sitpp6.jpg>

James, KB8VUC, fine tuning a Mesh-Node setup

<http://www.k8tb.org/sitpp/sitpp7.jpg>

James, KB8VUC and James, W8ISS communicate with each other !

<http://www.k8tb.org/sitpp/sitpp8.jpg>

<http://www.k8tb.org/sitpp/sitpp9.jpg>

James, W8ISS had a camera on his car, feeding a mesh-node.

<http://www.k8tb.org/sitpp/sitpp10.jpg>

<http://www.k8tb.org/sitpp/sitpp11.jpg>

Doug, KD8CAO, working the FO-29 SSB satellite

<http://www.k8tb.org/sitpp/sitpp12.jpg>

<http://www.k8tb.org/sitpp/sitpp13.jpg>

<http://www.k8tb.org/sitpp/sitpp14.jpg>

Mike, W8DER get 1st place for his most impressive Arduino display

<http://www.k8tb.org/sitpp/sitpp15.jpg>

Mike showed some 14 different Arduino amateur radio projects

<http://www.k8tb.org/sitpp/sitpp16.jpg>

<http://www.k8tb.org/sitpp/sitpp17.jpg>

Two of Mike's "Fox Boxes", used for hidden transmitter hunt.

<http://www.k8tb.org/sitpp/sitpp18.jpg>

<http://www.k8tb.org/sitpp/sitpp19.jpg>

John, AC8JW demonstrating HF digital modes

<http://www.k8tb.org/sitpp/sitpp20.jpg>

Jason, KD8QNX demonstrated SDR radios

<http://www.k8tb.org/sitpp/sitpp21.jpg>

<http://www.k8tb.org/sitpp/sitpp23.jpg>

Al, KC8OPU shows his custom made drone

<http://www.k8tb.org/sitpp/sitpp24.jpg>

<http://www.k8tb.org/sitpp/sitpp25.jpg>

Gale, N8GS flys his quad copter, equipped with a GoPro camera

<http://www.k8tb.org/sitpp/sitpp26.jpg>

Mike, KB8ZGL brought his companies "portable" crank-up tower

<http://www.k8tb.org/sitpp/sitpp27.jpg>

<http://www.k8tb.org/sitpp/sitpp28.jpg>

<http://www.k8tb.org/sitpp/sitpp29.jpg>

Tom, N8DGD and Steve, AC8QE inside the Red Cross communication vehicle

<http://www.k8tb.org/sitpp/sitpp30.jpg>

<http://www.k8tb.org/sitpp/sitpp31.jpg>

<http://www.k8tb.org/sitpp/sitpp32.jpg>

Dave, KF8QL with his multi-band VHF-UHF rover

<http://www.k8tb.org/sitpp/sitpp33.jpg>

<http://www.k8tb.org/sitpp/sitpp34.jpg>

Bob, K8DOG and his 6, 2 and 70 cm rover

<http://www.k8tb.org/sitpp/sitpp35.jpg>

<http://www.k8tb.org/sitpp/sitpp36.jpg>

This is Ron's, K8DMR mobile UHF ATV antenna

<http://www.k8tb.org/sitpp/sitpp37.jpg>

Bob, KD8HNF with his remote HF station

<http://www.k8tb.org/sitpp/sitpp38.jpg>

<http://www.k8tb.org/sitpp/sitpp39.jpg>

<http://www.k8tb.org/sitpp/sitpp40.jpg>

Phil, K8PVH with his dual band radio in a lunch box

<http://www.k8tb.org/sitpp/sitpp41.jpg>

Larry Camp, Wb8R, our state SM from the ARRL

<http://www.k8tb.org/sitpp/sitpp42.jpg>

Mike, KB8ZGL explaining Mototrbo radios

<http://www.k8tb.org/sitpp/sitpp43.jpg>

Laryn, K8TVZ and Mike, KB8ZGL deciding the future of amateur radio

<http://www.k8tb.org/sitpp/sitpp44.jpg>

Jason explaining some of the benefits of SDR

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For more information, contact Tom Bosscher k8tb@bosscher.org <mailto:k8tb@...>

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As long as I'm sending out this e-mail blast,

There will be VE testing this THURSDAY, August 18

When:

August 18, 2016 @ 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Where:

Lowell Amateur Radio Club http://www.w8lrc.org
11535 Fulton St E
Lowell, MI 49331
Cost: Free, VEC Laurel ARC

3264. Re: [GRARA] Spark in the Park, Saturday, August 20

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-08-21 19:28:13 UTC
From: Tom
Topic: 3259 Message: 3264

Doug,

we had no way to reschedule it, so it went, with obvious low attendance.
I t will be back next year, as a AM event.

Tom Bosscher

On 8/21/2016 1:43 PM, 'Doug Luurs' n8zuu@... [GRARA] wrote:
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> With the storm yesterday, I was wondering.
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> Did this go on, or will it be rescheduled ?
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> Doug / W8ZUU
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3265. Is GRARA meeting this Friday?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-08-29 02:25:18 UTC
From: Kreigh Tomaszewski
Topic: 3265 Message: 3265

Is GRARA meeting this Friday, or is it rescheduled/cancelled because of the Labor Day holiday weekend?

Kreigh
KE8EAL

3266. Re: Is GRARA meeting this Friday?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-08-29 16:12:52 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 3265 Message: 3266

"Is GRARA meeting this Friday, or is it rescheduled/cancelled because
of the Labor Day holiday weekend?"

This was being discussed by a couple of GRARA officers on one of the
repeaters this past weekend. Watch your e-mail for a final decision.

73 Jack NY8D

----- Message from GRARA@yahoogroups.com ---------
Date: Sun, 28 Aug 2016 22:25:18 -0400
From: "Kreigh Tomaszewski kreigh@... [GRARA]" <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>

> Is GRARA meeting this Friday, or is it rescheduled/cancelled because of the
> Labor Day holiday weekend?
>
> Kreigh
> KE8EAL

3267. We have been asked to help in the Grand Rapids Bridge Run

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-08-31 03:57:29 UTC
From: stprovost@...
Topic: 3267 Message: 3267

Hello, we have been asked to provide about 10 radio operators to provide communications for the 16th annual Lake Michigan Credit Union Bridge Run.

They expect 2200 runners for the 5 mile and 10 mile runs.
The event is Sunday September 18th.
We would report about 730am and be going home around 11am.

All the information is at this link:
The Bridge Run - Home http://thebridgerun.com

http://thebridgerun.com

The Bridge Run - Home http://thebridgerun.com Race Director's Corner 6/24/2016 Dear Participants,

View on thebridgerun.com http://thebridgerun.com
Preview by Yahoo

If interested please reply to this posting or contacting Stephen AC8QE at stprovost@provtechs.com

thanks
stephen

3268. Grahamfest (Wyoming) Swap Date Change

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-08-31 11:14:21 UTC
From: ARRL Members Only Web site
Topic: 3268 Message: 3268

Flash!!

I just received notification from John Streyle W8QZ, Grahamfest co-chair that due to a scheduling error, the date of the GRARA Grahamfest in Wyoming that was originally scheduled for September 24, 2016 has been rescheduled for September 17.

I expect that all previously published information concerning the swap aside from the event date will remain unchanged.

73,

Larry, WB8R

ARRL Michigan Section
Section Manager: Larry Camp, WB8R
wb8r@...

To unsubscribe from messages, go to:
http://p1k.arrl.org/oo/252444dbcefd3521b772e79790f92559

3269. Meeting

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-08-31 16:13:18 UTC
From: Jim Leys
Topic: 1616 Message: 3269

Greetings!

Open radio room tonight at 7pm we'll be plunking stampson postcards for our hamfest tonight.

Meeting is this Friday... see you then or at theGRAHamfest which has a NEW DATE!

Due to a mixup in scheduling the H.S.B.; the GRAHamfestwill be Sept. 17th. one week earlier than previously planned!

So we really, really, need to get these post cards out!

tom n8dgd

3270. GRAHamfest 2016 *DATE CHANGE* SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-08-31 20:06:44 UTC
From: GRAHamfest 2Ø16
Topic: 3270 Message: 3270

GRAHamfest 2016 (Grand Rapids Area Hamfest) Due to scheduling conflict,the
date is changed from the 24th to SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17.
Same place, Home School Building, 5625 Burlingame SW, Wyoming, MI.
General questions:
KC8NKA 616-531-6218
Table reservations:
W8QZ 616-791-9411 (evenings)
or streyle.j@...

A link to the hamfest flier is here, but note the date has been changed to
September 17. As of this mailing, the flier has NOT BEEN UPDATED!
http://www.w8dc.org/attachments/2016GRAHamFestFlyer_wo_checking.pdf

73 Jack NY8D

3271. Volunteers needed - ADA Bike Tour 2016

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-09-02 09:47:47 UTC
From: jamelar@...
Topic: 3271 Message: 3271

Attention ham radio operators

We are just over a week out and are still in need of 15-20 more volunteers. This is a great cause and has the potential to be a big and fun event. If you are able, please consider joining us for this event. The event coordinators are looking for us to provide the communications for the safety of the event participants. This is a great opportunity to use our radio skills and support our community.

We have a new event that is requesting our help. The American Diabetes Association is hosting a Tour De Cure on *Sunday September 11th 2016*. This event consists of a short walking course and; 62, 10 & 30 mile bike courses. The event will start in Downtown Grand Rapids and head out to the Zeeland and back. This will be an all-day event, but not all the positions will be needed the entire time. Times will range from 4 AM to 4 PM, but most will start later and end earlier (*see info below*). We are looking for 20 to 25 radio operators to assist with this event. This is a great opportunity for the hams in Kent and Ottawa counties to work together and support the communities we live in.

We will have 8 vehicles on the course each needing a radio operator co-pilot, and 3 aid stations. We will also need net control operators and other people to relieve people for breaks and fill in for unexpected needs.

We will be utilizing the DMR radio system on the 70cm band. Turbo radios will be issued before the event.

8 SAG Vehicles 7AM to 4:30PM (can split shift)

2 NCS station 7AM to 4:30PM (can split shift)

3 Rest stations:

Station 1 8:00AM to Noon

Station 2 9:30AM to 1:00PM

Station 3 Noon to 4:00PM

Additional Support as needed when available

If you are available please sign up using the link.
http://vrm.cc/ada2016

If you a have any questions about the event please feel free to contact us via email:

Karl Palma: kpalma@... <mailto:kpalma@...>

Laryn Lohman: laryn@... <mailto:laryn@...>

Thank you all in advance for your support in making this event a
success.

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3272. JOTA October 14-16

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-09-03 14:58:20 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 3272 Message: 3272
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3273. Lowell ARC "Annual Meeting" this Saturday, September 11

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-09-07 15:54:43 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 3273 Message: 3273

The Lowell Amateur Radio Club "Annual Meeting" is this Saturday, September 11. Same time and place as the monthly meetings, 9:30 AM gathering, 10 AM meeting at "the shack". 11535 Fulton St E (Hwy M-21) east of the Lowell Meijer.

Following the meeting we'll meet for lunch at Hong Kong Buffet, 2121 W Main St (Hwy M-21, Fulton becomes Main St at the city limits), same strip mall as Tractor Supply Store. ALL ARE WELCOME.

http://www.w8lrc.org
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3274. Re: [GRARA] Lowell ARC "Annual Meeting" this Saturday, September 11

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-09-07 16:19:39 UTC
From: Douglas Luurs
Topic: 3273 Message: 3274

Saturday is the 10th. *wink*

From: "Jack Amelar jamelar@localnet.com [GRARA]" <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com; "WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com"
<WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com>; LARC <w8lrc@...>; Barry County ARC
<bara_newsletter@...>
Sent: Wednesday, September 7, 2016 11:54 AM
Subject: [GRARA] Lowell ARC "Annual Meeting" this Saturday, September 11

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3275. OPPS: Lowell ARC "Annual Meeting" this Saturday, September 10

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-09-07 16:49:48 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 3275 Message: 3275

The LARC Annual Meeting is
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10
SATURDAY, SATURDAY, SATURDAY.
Sorry

73 Jack NY8D

3276. GRAHamfest (GR Area Hamfest) Saturday, September 17

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-09-07 16:47:54 UTC
From: GRAHamfest 2Ø16
Topic: 3276 Message: 3276
Attachments: 2 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

You are probably aware the date for GRAHamfest 2016 (Grand Rapids Area Hamfest) was changed to Saturday, September 17.

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[image: Inline image 5]

For those who's email, or re-mailer, is "image challenged"
The updated flier can be viewed or downloaded at
http://www.w8dc.org/attachments/2016_GRAHamfest_flyer.pdf
And here it is in plain text:

GRAHamfest 2016
Grand Rapids Area Hamfest
Saturday, October 17
an ARRL Approved Hamfest

The Home School Building
5625 Burlingame, SW
Wyoming, MI 49509-9702

Annual Electronics, Ham Radio, Shortwave
CB and Computer Equipment, Trains, Airplanes or just about anything
with an electron in it ! Swap Meet / Flea Market
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Seller Setup: Friday 7- 9PM, & Saturday 7AM (Vendors only prior to 8AM)
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DX Card card on-site checking
Concessions available on-site
Admission: $6 at the door
K-12 students free admission with student ID
See: www.w8dc.org
for updates, maps, directions and
additional information.

6 foot table @ $6 each. Along wall w/electric access $8, limited quantity
Table rental does not include admission to the swap. No charge for
tailgate space(s), a hamfest admission ticket is required for each
person

General questions: KC8NKA 616-531-6218
Table reservations: W8QZ 616-791-9411 (evenings)
or streyle.j@...
Reservations held at the door

Tables unclaimed after 8 AM are available first-come, first

Directions:

From the West:
Take M6 East / Lansing to exit 5 / Byron Center Ave. Turn left onto Byron Center Ave., drive 0.8 mi. Turn right onto Gezon Parkway, Drive 1.0 mi. Turn left onto Burlingame Ave. Turn left into the Home School Building.

From the North:
Take 131 South, to exit 78 / 54th St. Turn right onto 54th St. (turns into Gezon Pkwy) Drive 1.1 mi. Turn right onto Burlingame Ave. Turn left into the Home School Building.

From the East:
Take M6 West / Holland to exit 8, 131 North. Drive 1.3 mi. to exit 78 / 54th St. Turn left onto 54th St. (turns into Gezon Pkwy) Drive 1.1 mi. Turn right onto Burlingame Ave. Turn left into the Home School Building.

From the South:
Take 131 North to exit 78 / 54th St. Turn left onto 54th St. (turns into Gezon Pkwy) Drive 1.1 mi. Turn right onto Burlingame Ave. Turn left into the Home School Building.

73 Jack NY8D

3277. !! Need 5-6 more people ADA Bike Tour !!!

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-09-09 12:28:00 UTC
From: jamelar@...
Topic: 3277 Message: 3277

We are still in need of 5 or 6 more people to help out with this event. We are looking to staff a few SAG vans. We need a radio operator for each. If you know someone who would like to help with a SAG van, but is not a Ham radio operator we can use them as a co-pilot in a SAG van.

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Laryn Lohman: laryn@... <mailto:laryn@...>
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Thank you all in advance for your support in making this event a
success.

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3278. KF8QL/R September VHF Plans

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-09-10 00:55:31 UTC
From: David DeVos
Topic: 3278 Message: 3278

Hi everyone,
Hope to work you in the September VHF contest this weekend. My plans in a nutshell are Sat=EN82 area, and Sunday=Western shore of MI from Grand Rapids North. My detailed plans are here:
https://www.dropbox.com/s/6nvtdlswi8oy408/KF8QL%20Rover%20Schedule%20Sept%202016.pdf?dl=0

Please text me as much as you want - I will try to push out my position to those that ask for it via text as well. My sit frequency is 144.230. Dave DeVosKF8QL/R616-706-8736

3279. Duplexer tuning

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-09-11 01:55:04 UTC
From: Craig Bailey
Topic: 3279 Message: 3279

Hello all,

I am setting up a gmrs repeater up on the family propery and am needing a hand tuning a duplexer. Would anyone have recommendations as to where I should take it, or who I could buy a few beverages in exchange for said service?
Thank you,
Craig - KC8IJQ - WQUZ498

3280. Re: [GRARA] Lowell ARC "Annual Meeting" this Saturday, September 11

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-09-11 23:26:16 UTC
From: Craig Coleman
Topic: 3273 Message: 3280

Sent from BlueMail

On Sep 7, 2016, 12:19 PM, at 12:19 PM, "Douglas Luurs n8zuu@... [GRARA]"
<GRARA@yahoogroups.com> wrote:
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><GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
>To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com; "WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com"
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3281. Re: [GRARA] Lowell ARC "Annual Meeting" this Saturday, September 11

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-09-12 17:08:24 UTC
From: Thom
Topic: 3273 Message: 3281

WoW!

First of all Saturday is the 10th not the 11th.

Second of all...I got the post 2 days after the event.

Nice Job.

73

Thom WI8W

On 9/11/2016 7:26 PM, Craig Coleman craigscole@... [GRARA] wrote:
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3282. Re: Lowell ARC "Annual Meeting"

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-09-12 23:50:51 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 3273 Message: 3282

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73 Jack NY8D

----- Message from GRARA@yahoogroups.com ---------
Date: Mon, 12 Sep 2016 13:08:24 -0400
From: "Thom mirailfan@... [GRARA]" <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>

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----- End message from GRARA@yahoogroups.com -----

3283. Re: [GRARA] Re: Lowell ARC "Annual Meeting"

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-09-12 23:57:43 UTC
From: Michael J. Wolthuis
Topic: 3273 Message: 3283

Jack,

That message that Thom is referring too was somehow sent by another person, if you look at the archive it was sent again.

You did a great job correcting the whoops and also getting the meeting notification out. Thanks for all the thankless work you do for many of the West Michigan clubs.

So, when Thom says, “Nice Job” I concur, you are doing a great job and many of us appreciate it.

Mike

Kb8zgl

From: "GRARA@yahoogroups.com" <GRARA@yahoogroups.com> on behalf of "GRARA@yahoogroups.com" <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Reply-To: "GRARA@yahoogroups.com" <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Date: Monday, September 12, 2016 at 7:50 PM
To: "GRARA@yahoogroups.com" <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>, <mirailfan@...>
Subject: [GRARA] Re: Lowell ARC "Annual Meeting"

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----- End message from GRARA@yahoogroups.com -----

3284. Re: [GRARA] Re: Lowell ARC "Annual Meeting"

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-09-13 04:06:25 UTC
From: Thom
Topic: 3273 Message: 3284

I never received the correction email from the group.

Sorry if I opened a can of worms.

I know that Yahoo Groups can be somewhat flaky at times. Several years ago I had a group with them dealing with digital photography. I had over 15,000 subscribers and the delays and other issues got so bad I had to shut it down.

Yahoo never offered any solution to the issues and it looks like they still have not corrected it.

On another note I will be leaving for Florida in the morning and I will be gone for a week. Sorry I wont be at the Wednesday Radio Room meet nor the swap this weekend. Ya'll have fun.

73

Thom WI8W

3285. New License Callsign

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-09-13 09:12:07 UTC
From: Thom
Topic: 3285 Message: 3285

Howdy all,

I just received notification from the FCC that my application for modification to change my callsign has been approved.

I am now KI8W

Just thought I would let you all know.

73

Thom KI8W

3286. ARRL Request to Contact Your US Senators Supporting the Amateur Radio Parity Act

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-09-13 21:14:48 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3286 Message: 3286

Let the Senate know your symphonies on this matter.

72/73 de n8xx Hg
QRP >99.44% of the time

-------- Forwarded Message --------
Subject: ARRL Request to Contact Your US Senators Supporting the
Amateur Radio Parity Act
Date: Tue, 13 Sep 2016 16:47:27 -0400 (EDT)
From: ARRL Web site <memberlist@...>
To:

Dear ARRL member,

I am writing to you today because we are at a crossroad in our efforts
to obtain passage of /The Amateur Radio Parity Act./

Our legislative efforts scored a major victory in our campaign when /The
Amateur Radio Parity Act/, H.R. 1301, passed in the House of
Representatives yesterday, September 12th .The legislation now moves to
the Senate, where we need every Senator to approve the bill.

You are one of over 730,000 licensed Amateur Radio Operators living in
the United States.Many of you already live in deed-restricted
communities, and that number grows daily.

NOW IS THE TIME FOR ALL HAMS TO GET INVOLVED IN THE PROCESS!

·If you want to have effective outdoor antennas but are not currently
allowed to do so by your Home Owner’s Association, SEND THESE EMAILS TODAY!!

· If you already have outdoor antennas, but want to support your fellow
hams, SEND THESE EMAILS TODAY!!

·If you want to preserve your ability to install effective outdoor
antennas on property that you own, SEND THESE EMAILS TODAY!!

We need you to reach out to your Senators TODAY!*Right away*.

Help us in the effort.Please go to this linked website and follow the
prompts:

https://arrl.rallycongress.net/ctas/urge-senate-to-support-amateur-radio-parity-act

Thank you.

73,

Rick

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Rick Roderick, K5UR
President
ARRL, the national association for Amateur Radio^®

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importance to radio amateurs. It was sent by ARRL to current members.
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http://p1k.arrl.org/oo/8157b6c8b94eaa8db23692eac5cf93cc

3287. Hamfest setup, dinner meet before

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-09-16 01:36:14 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 3287 Message: 3287

Reminder, hamfest setup at the Home School Building is Friday 7:PM
Meet for dinner prior if you wish, Steak & Shake in front of the
Menards at 54th St / Gezon Parkway and Clyde Park, 5:30PM

And of course, Saturday morning.

73 Jack NY8D

3288. Amateur Radio Parity Act - Call to Action (Again)

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-09-20 18:07:41 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 3288 Message: 3288

If you have already done this, thank you.
If you haven't, seriously? You can't take 2 minutes to help push this bill through the US Senate? The US House has passed the bill. NOW LET'S GET THE JOB DONE!
Maybe 5 minutes if you're on dialup. Just do it!

----- Forwarded message from memberlist@... -----
Date: Tue, 20 Sep 2016 12:02:19 -0400 (EDT)
Subject: Amateur Radio Parity Act - Call to Action (Again)

Greetings to the hams of Michigan. Many of you have responded to our previous call to action and have sent your letters to our Michigan Senators. However, there are a significant portion that as of this writing have not done so.

This note is to urge that all who have not yet sent their letters to do just that: Send your letters!

We have an opportunity to positively affect Amateur Radio for years to come. H.R. 1301, the Amateur Radio Parity Act, has unanimously passed the House of Representatives and moved on to the Senate for consideration.

All you need to do is spend two minutes of your time to send an email to your two Senators supporting the Bill.

By doing so, you will have helped the future of Amateur Radio by guaranteeing our ability to have an effective outdoor antenna in deed-restricted communities.

The number of people living in such communities grows exponentially each year. Often, a ham homeowner has no choice but to live in a community restricted by covenants. There are nearly 3/4 of a million licensed hams in the United States, more than ever before.

But that may change if we are forced to live in a community that refuses to allow an antenna.

Help yourself and help your fellow hams. Go to this link:

https://arrl.rallycongress.net/ctas/urge-senate-to-support-amateur-radio-parity-act

Enter your zip code and follow the prompts. The letters are there. All you need to do is fill in the blanks, hit save, then send.

That?s it. Under 2 minutes and you?re done.

If you haven?t yet done so, please do so today. Your voice counts!

Thanks to all the hams of Michigan who have done their duty and thanks in advance to those who will respond to this missive.

For those who send their letters this time around, please send me a brief email that simply says "Letters Sent" followed by your callsign.

These emails help us gauge our participation.

73,

Larry, WB8R

ARRL Michigan Section
Section Manager: Larry Camp, WB8R
wb8r@...

----- End forwarded message -----

3289. Smoke Alarms

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-09-21 06:41:57 UTC
From: Jim Leys
Topic: 3289 Message: 3289

This Saturday, Sept. 24. TheRed Cross is requesting our help with the smoke alarm installs.

We will be providingcommunications. We will have a base station at a Wyoming Fire Department andoperate as we did with the Kentwood install. The was very successful and theRed Cross was very happy with the results.

We will meet at the Red Crossat noon for further instructions.

Let's have a great clubturnout.

Thanks

3290. NCT Trail activation, trail celebration Saturday

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-09-21 14:47:15 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 3290 Message: 3290

As part of the White Cloud Trail Town Celebration, we'll be activating
the North Country Trail (TR04) as part of National Parks On The Air
(NPOTA). This is in cooperation (and the blessing) of the West Michigan
Chapter of the North Country Trail Association and the River Country
Chamber of Commerce (Newaygo County)
http://www.rivercountrychamber.com/events/details/trail-town-celebration-2016-09-23-2016-7
224
The Ham Radio activation will take place along the NCT trail spur
(which counts for NPOTA) going into White Cloud County Park along with
other vendor participants. The NPOTA activation event is Saturday,
September 24.
White Cloud County park is at 680 East Wilcox, White Cloud, MI 49349
http://countyofnewaygo.com/Resources/ParksAndRecreation/Directions%20to%20White%20Cloud%20
Park.pdf
Admission to the park is free during the event.

73 Jack NY8D

3291. Hi Way clean up

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-09-22 10:30:43 UTC
From: Jim Leys
Topic: 3291 Message: 3291

Tuesday September 27th there will be a highway clean up.Meet at the Mobile gas station on Northland Dr. and highway M 57 (14 mile rd.) at 5:30pm.Rain date September 29.

3292. WWV-WWVH

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-09-25 13:25:23 UTC
From: Tom
Topic: 3292 Message: 3292

Everything you would like to know about WWV-WWVH. And I mean everything.

http://tf.nist.gov/general/pdf/1969.pdf

3293. Re: [GRARA] WWV-WWVH

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-09-25 14:28:49 UTC
From: Thom
Topic: 3292 Message: 3293

Interesting read...Thanks for posting this Tom.

73

Thom KI8W

On 9/25/2016 9:25 AM, Tom k8tb@... [GRARA] wrote:
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> http://tf.nist.gov/general/pdf/1969.pdf
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3294. RE: [GRARA] WWV-WWVH

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-09-25 14:51:43 UTC
From: Doug Luurs
Topic: 3292 Message: 3294

Not sure if I have the “time” to read all that. *snickers*

Nice fine .. Thanks

From: GRARA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:GRARA@yahoogroups.com]
Sent: Sunday, September 25, 2016 9:25 AM
To: k8daa@yahoogroups.com; westMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com; W8CSO@yahoogroups.com; W8ZHO@yahoogroups.com; GRARA@yahoogroups.com; AlleganARC@yahoogroups.com; W8USA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [GRARA] WWV-WWVH

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3295. New Extended Deployment Fox Hunt Starts tomorrow.

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-09-25 23:41:23 UTC
From: Michel Hill
Topic: 3295 Message: 3295

Hi Michigan Fox Hunters, how about trying a new kind of fox hunt? ...the extended deployment fox hunt! Our version of this new kind of fox hunt will start Monday, September 25th and continue for two weeks. We expect the batteries to last!

Actually this isn't really new. The CTFoxHunter@... has been doing this kind of hunt for two summers now. In fact, they have even been running this kind of hunt in the snow! They are located in Manchester Connecticut and the hunts are generally run by Paul Gibson, N1TUP. The Extended Deployment Fox Hunt has become so popular that they don't seem to have much time for the 2-hour hunt anymore.

We will try to run our local hunt much the way Manchester does.

The FoxBox has been placed as of 2:30pm today, Sep.25, 2016. It is running 2 watts into a stock rubber duck antenna. Since their is no starting place for finding the hidden transmitter, all you can do try is to bring-up the transmitter
as you travel around the community. When you have tried a certain route with no success,
report your information with an email to the Michiganfoxhunters@yahoogroups.com yahoo group.
Eventually someone will hear the fox signal and report their location and possible direction
to the transmitter.

Your first try may be from home. You do this by going on the 2 meter simplex frequency of 145.530 MHz, key your transmitter, ID and then send a DTMF "1". If the FoxBox can hear you and you can hear it, you will hear its very distinctive sequence of tones. It will
transmit for 30 seconds, ID and then go back to sleep. You can make it transmit as often as necessary to find the fox.

Once someone has been able to bring it up the foxbox, please report that information to the other fox hunters. Feel free to reply to the Yahoo Michigan Fox Hunter
group. _Do not reveal its,__location_,just a location from which you are able
to hear the fox. This then becomes a starting point (and a direction if possible) for the other fox hunters to use.

When someone finds the foxbox, they should report the success and time to the MichiganFoxHunters@... group, but *not the location. *This gives the other hunters time to find the box. After all, we have two weeks.

This way everybody wins!

You do not actually have to touch the box to claim finding it. Eye ball contact is sufficient. This week's foxbox is located less than 30 feet from a
safe parking location. This week's foxbox is located somewhere in the southern half of Kent County.
Remember, to make the fox respond, hold your transmit key down and push the DTMF "1" button.

I was able to make the fox respond from my mobile rig today from six miles away. In the Connecticut group, they
often start by testing along the expressway routes and reporting the findings.

Good luck,

Mike, W8DER, Chuck AJ8W

3296. testing new subscription with new email address

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-09-26 15:33:28 UTC
From: Thom Durfee
Topic: 3296 Message: 3296

[Body unavailable in the source archive]

3297. Re: [GRARA] testing new subscription with new email address

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-09-26 20:48:00 UTC
From: John Streyle
Topic: 3296 Message: 3297

59 here, OM!

Sent from my iPad

> On Sep 26, 2016, at 11:33 AM, Thom Durfee ki8w@... [GRARA] <GRARA@yahoogroups.com> wrote:
>
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>

3298. Re: [GRARA] testing new subscription with new email address

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-09-26 22:37:34 UTC
From: Thom Durfee
Topic: 3296 Message: 3298

Thanks, it only took Yahoo 10 hours to post it. Probably will take this one just as long

73

Thom KI8W

On 9/26/2016 4:48 PM, John Streyle streyle.j@... [GRARA] wrote:
> 59 here, OM!
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> Sent from my iPad
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> On Sep 26, 2016, at 11:33 AM, Thom Durfee ki8w@...
> <mailto:ki8w@...> [GRARA] <GRARA@yahoogroups.com
> <mailto:GRARA@yahoogroups.com>> wrote:
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3299. A Large Coronal Hole Turns Toward Earth

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-09-27 01:59:17 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3299 Message: 3299

*From Spaceweather.com

BIG CORONAL HOLE TURNS TOWARD EARTH:* A large coronal hole is turning toward Earth, and it is spewing a stream of high-speed solar wind. NOAA forecasters expect the stream to reach our planet on Sept. 28-29 with a 50% chance of G1-class geomagnetic storms when it arrives. Stay tuned to Spaceweather.com
<http://Spaceweather.us11.list-manage.com/track/click?u=0c5fce34d5ca05f64a13d085d&id=edd34ff59a&e=9364e82fa8>
for the onset of auroras.

3300. M-57 Highway Cleanup

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-09-27 02:06:09 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 3300 Message: 3300

Highway Cleanup along HWY M-57 / 14 Mile Rd. Sponsor West Michigan
American Red Cross, Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT).
Administered by Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association.
Participation welcome from all.
Section along HWY M-57 / 14 Mile Rd, Tefft Ave to Myers Lake Ave.
Tuesday, September 27, 5:30 PM. Rain date Thursday, September 29.
Meet at the J&H Store / Mobil Gas Station at the NE corner of M-57 and
Northland Dr. Talk-in 147.26-(94.8Hz)

3301. test 2

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-09-26 15:53:47 UTC
From: Thom Durfee
Topic: 3301 Message: 3301

[Body unavailable in the source archive]

3302. Extended Deployment Fox Hunt -- info

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-09-28 14:09:23 UTC
From: Mike
Topic: 3302 Message: 3302

Randy and others:

Here are some details about the foxbox being used in the current
Extended Deployment FoxHunt. Please follow this link.

http://www.michiganfoxhunter.com/fox_projects/foxbox.htm

Changes: After discussions with the supervisor of the Michigan State
Police Bomb Squad, some changes were made. Two permanent labels were
engraved and placed on the top of the box. In addition, a "name tag"
type message, sealed in plastic, is clipped to the top handle directing
police to two current phone numbers for additional information. These
numbers are my home phone and my cell phone. During a hunt, I am sure to
keep my cell on at all times. I have two identical fox boxes and a
third controlled by an Arduino micro-computer instead of the Byonics unit.

The batteries are still doing a good job. We are planning on two weeks
from last Sunday @ 2:00 pm.

Review: frequency is 145.530
a DTMF #1 tone transmitted by your HT/Mobile rig turns it
on for 30 seconds plus the CW ID.
Do not report the location of the foxbox it you find it.
You might report the first time you hear the foxbox and
maybe the direction to help others get started.
Email Reports to:
michiganfoxhunter@yahoogroups.com
or mike@...
or cjnowak45.com (chuck AJ8W)
To use michiganfoxhunter, you need to join (easy and automatic) and also
you need to use the email return address that you used to register at
yahoo.

To register at Yahoo go to:
https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/MichiganFoxHunter/info AND Click the
join button.

Mike, W8DER

3303. Re: [GRARA] Extended Deployment Fox Hunt -- info

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-09-28 14:21:36 UTC
From: Douglas Luurs
Topic: 3302 Message: 3303

Does the bomb squad get credit if they find it ? (*Snickers*)

From: "Mike mike@... [GRARA]" <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
To: .Y AlleganARC <AlleganARC@...>; "GRARA@yahoogroups.com" <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>; .Y HARC <k8daa@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 28, 2016 10:09 AM
Subject: [GRARA] Extended Deployment Fox Hunt -- info

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michiganfoxhunter@yahoogroups.com
or mike@...
or cjnowak45.com (chuck AJ8W)
To use michiganfoxhunter, you need to join (easy and automatic) and also you need to use the email return address that you used to register at yahoo.

To register at Yahoo go to: https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/MichiganFoxHunter/info AND Click the join button.

Mike, W8DER

3304. FW: MARA Burrito Night

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-09-28 18:22:42 UTC
From: Richard Ranta
Topic: 3304 Message: 3304

From: k8ook@... [mailto:k8ook@...]
Sent: Tuesday, September 27, 2016 2:49 PM
Subject: MARA Burrito Night

The Michigan Amateur Radio Alliance is again going to hold a

Burrito Night on 10/21 at 5 PM until the food runs out, we will

order more supplies this time. Location is the 5th st Hall at

5th & Davis NW, Grand Rapids. Price will be dependent on

what our supplies cost. Bring your friends, relatives, neighbors,

kids, your kid's kids for a great meal. This is a rain or shine event!

CU there!!!!!!!!!!

Mike Eilers, K8OOK, MARA Secretary

3305. Icom IC-7100 for sale, need sold ASAP.

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-09-30 17:31:27 UTC
From: mspl15@...
Topic: 3305 Message: 3305

Hi all,

I have an Icom IC-7100 for sale. It is in excellent condition & am willing to give a 2 week guarantee for trying everything out to make sure it works properly & is as described. I'm asking $700, or best offer.

The Craigslist Posting can be found here:
http://grandrapids.craigslist.org/ele/5801756806.html
http://grandrapids.craigslist.org/ele/5801756806.html

My dog recently became very sick and potentially needs emergency surgery; I'm selling this radio to help fund diagnostic tests scheduled for early next week.

If interested, I can be reached via email, or cellphone (231) 343-7500. I'm located in Grand Rapids.

Regards & thanks,

Mike
W8SPL

3306. Fwd: USECA HamFest, Oct 30

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-10-01 12:30:08 UTC
From: John Streyle
Topic: 3306 Message: 3306
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Begin forwarded message:

> From: Manitoumagic@...
> Date: September 28, 2016 at 7:33:23 PM EDT
> To: n8dgd@..., scooter1cat@..., streyle.j@...
> Subject: USECA HamFest, Oct 30
>
> GRARA...
> As President of USECA, I'd very much appreciate it if you could include a short announcement at your October meeting about our upcoming Swap, perhaps a blurb in your newsletter, on your nets, or an email to members. Below, you'll find a "text" version of our swap announcement that can be forwarded as is. There's also a PDF file attached of our official Hamfest Flyer that's far more colorful...
> We do the same for all Michigan clubs (and few from Ohio) that we hear from...
> Thanks... Ken Coughlin N8KC
>
> U.S.E.C.A. Hamfest 2016
> You are invited to attend our 31st annual Hamfest on Sunday, October 30, 2016
> Doors open at 8 am, it runs until 2 pm. Vendors are welcome to set up at 6:30 am
> Talk-in on USECA's K8UO Repeater: 147.180+ 100 Hz CTCSS
> United Food & Commercial Workers 876 Hall
> 876 Horace Brown Drive, Madison Heights, MI 48071
> (2 blocks south of 13 Mile Road between Stephenson Highway and John R Road)
> GPS Coordinates N42.516818, W-83.113124
>
> Questions may be directed to our Swap Coordinator, Rob Lifton, NY8W
> Call our Hamfest Hotline: (248)565-3329 or email ny8w@...
>
> New & Used Sales, Radio test bench, VE Test Session (9 AM - 10 AM)
> DXCC card check available (Forms need to be filled out in advance.. All bands & awards except 160m)
> Great Door Prizes, and the delectable food of the USECA Café
> Per-person admission is $5.00 and each table is $15.00
> Tables may be purchased at the swap. Please arrive early if doing so.
>
> Note: VE Testing: Show up between 9 & 10. Bring $14.00 cash, photocopies of existing licenses or CSCEs (originals not accepted). Two pieces of ID are also required, one of which must have a photo. You must also provide either your Social Security number or FRN.
> Pre-registration is preferred but not required. Contact Alec, NF8X nf8x@arrl.net
> ———
> Use this portion to reserve your table or pass it along to a friend
> Name _____ Callsign _____
> Email _____Phone # _____
> Address_____ City _____
> State _____ Zip _____

> # of Tables Needed _____ # of Admission Tickets needed _____
> Total Enclosed $ _____
> Please list any other special needs or requests, i.e. power, table assignment next to someone, etc.
> _____
> _____
> _____
> Checks for table reservations and admission tickets should be made payable to USECA
> and sent with this form to: USECA Hamfest 2016, PO Box 46331 Mt. Clemens, MI 48046
> Please mail by Oct 23rd or fill out fully and bring to the rear vendor entry door

3307. H W N activation

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-10-02 20:44:15 UTC
From: kd8lzu@...
Topic: 3307 Message: 3307

To all who might be interested:

2 minutes ago https://twitter.com/arrl/status/782680959376384002
From KB5HAV: Hurricane Watch Net to activate at 2100 UTC on 14.325 MHz, moving to 7.268 MHz at night. #HamRadio https://twitter.com/hashtag/HamRadio?src=hash #Hurricane https://twitter.com/hashtag/Hurricane?src=hash Matthew NWS Taunton Skywarn (@WX1BOX) | Twitter https://twitter.com/WX1BOX

https://twitter.com/WX1BOX

NWS Taunton Skywarn (@WX1BOX) | Twitter https://twitter.com/WX1BOX The latest Tweets from NWS Taunton Skywarn (@WX1BOX). Amateur Radio Station at the NWS office in Taunton Mass providing Skywarn Reports. Taun...

View on twitter.com https://twitter.com/WX1BOX
Preview by Yahoo

3308. Extended Deployment FoxHunt -- 8 days to go

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-10-03 18:31:19 UTC
From: Mike
Topic: 3308 Message: 3308

For those of you who have not found the fox yet over the last 8 days, there are six days left to achieve fame. This noon (Monday) we swapped fox-boxes to assure that we would have a strong signal right up until Sunday, October 9th.

Here is the field specs.

frequency: 145.530 Mhz

To make the fox transmit, Key your microphone and send a DTMF key #1 tone. The fox box will transmit random tones for 30 seconds, Identify with morse code and shut down. You can repeat as necessary. The fox is hiding somewhere in the lower half of Kent County. The fox is hidden from view less than 25 feet from the closest parking surface. The transmitter is sending 2 watts into a standard rubber ducky antenna at ground level.

You can see what the fox box looks like at:

.http://michiganfoxhunter.com/fox_projects/foxbox.htm
<http://www.http//michiganfoxhunter.com/fox_projects/foxbox.htm>

You can review previous postings to see where other hunters heard the transmissions.

When you first hear the box, you can report the location and direction here, but please don't disclose the hiding place.

If you locate the fox box, you don't have to have "hands-on" to claim you accomplishment. We use the honor system here. Please leave the box in the condition you find it.

....Then post your finding on the Yahoo Group:
http://michiganfoxhunter.com/fox_projects/foxbox.htm
<http://www.http//michiganfoxhunter.com/fox_projects/foxbox.htm>

or post an email to michiganFoxHunter@yahoogroups.com

Or email Mike@... and I will post it for you.

If you are not a member of the MichiganFoxHunter Yahoo group, you an subscribe free athttp://michiganfoxhunter-subscribe@...
<http://michiganfoxhunter-subscribe@yahoogroups.com/>. Or send me an email at Mike@... and I will send you an invitation to join the easy way.

Winners so far have been:

1. Dan Thompson, N8WKM

2. Mike Wolthuis, KB8ZGL

3. Randy Macneill, W8RWN

4. Tom Bosscher, K8TB

5. Nathan Hardman, N8THN

Any Questions, just email us.

Mike@W8DER and Chuck AJ8W

3309. Ham In A Day Saturday October 8, October LARC meeting

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-10-05 03:34:53 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 3309 Message: 3309

Know of anyone looking to get their ham license or upgrade? Pass this on!
The next Ham In A Day sponsored by the Lowell Amateur Radio Club is
this Saturday, October 8, 1PM, at F.R.O.M.
https://goo.gl/maps/LT3sfLGJHHn Preregistration is preferred. VE exam
at 6PM (Laurel VEC).
Cost for HIAD is $25. There is no fee for just taking the exam(s) if
you are looking to test without the HIAD class or upgrade.
Lots more details at http://w8lrc.org/hiad/

The October meeting of the Lowell Amateur Radio Club
IS NOT this Saturday. The meetings in October, November, and December
are on the Second Thursdays. Decision to keep meetings on Thursday
evenings or return to Saturday mornings will be made at the December
meeting.
So, the next LARC meeting is Thursday, October 13, 6:30PM social, 7PM
meeting, at the "Shack", actually a meeting room at Flat River Outreach
Ministries (F.R.O.M.) 11535 Fulton St E (Hwy M-21) just West of the
Lowell Meijer. Look for the 100 foot tower on the north side.
https://goo.gl/maps/LT3sfLGJHHn

73 Jack NY8D

3310. TV series Frequency premieres tonight

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-10-05 14:16:57 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 3310 Message: 3310

Interested in a TV fiction involving Amateur Radio?

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Frequency_(TV_series)
"Frequency is an upcoming drama series set to air on The CW in 2016. Inspired by the 2000 Gregory Hoblit film of the same name, Frequency is created by Supernatural and Being Human veteran Jeremy Carver. The series is set to premiere on October 5, 2016"
Plot: In 2016, NYPD Detective Raimy Sullivan discovers that she is able to speak to her deceased father Frank Sullivan in 1996 via his old ham radio. Her attempts to save his life trigger the "butterfly effect", changing the present in unforeseen ways. To fix the damage, she must work with her father across time to solve a decades-old murder case.

Premieres tonight at 9PM on the CW TV network
Ch. 3-2 or Ch. 7 on cable and satellite.
http://www.cwtv.com/shows/frequency/

73 Jack NY8D

3311. Re: [GRARA] TV series Frequency premieres tonight

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-10-05 18:08:19 UTC
From: Frank McClelland
Topic: 3310 Message: 3311

Thanks' Jack I will watch it.

On Wednesday, October 5, 2016 10:17 AM, "Jack Amelar jamelar@... [GRARA]" <GRARA@yahoogroups.com> wrote:

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3312. Re: [GRARA] TV series Frequency premieres tonight

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-10-05 18:11:06 UTC
From: Frank McClelland
Topic: 3310 Message: 3312

On Wednesday, October 5, 2016 2:08 PM, Frank McClelland <fivegunner@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

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3313. October GRARA meeting this Friday 7th

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-10-06 03:15:27 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 3313 Message: 3313

Reminder the October meeting of GRARA is this Friday the 7th at the
American Red Cross building on Fuller Ave between the Ford I-196
expressway and Leonard St.
Social at 6:30PM, meeting at 7

73 Jack NY8D

3314. Re: [GRARA] October GRARA meeting this Friday 7th

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-10-06 03:34:42 UTC
From: Kreigh Tomaszewski
Topic: 3313 Message: 3314

Unfortunately, it is my wife's birthday, so I probably won't be there. But thanks for the reminder.

Kreigh
KE8EAL

On Wed, Oct 5, 2016 at 11:15 PM, Jack Amelar jamelar@... [GRARA] <GRARA@yahoogroups.com> wrote:

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3315. Deep Thoughts

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-10-07 11:12:30 UTC
From: Thom
Topic: 3313 Message: 3315

Deep Thoughts...

Pouring coffee in the dark means, you cannot determine how full the cup is.

I might have more of these...later.

see ya at the meeting tonight.

73

Thom KI8W

3316. Full Time Digital Wires-X RF Link into W8DC 146.76 C4FM

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-10-10 22:10:29 UTC
From: ab8dt@...
Topic: 3316 Message: 3316

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Follow this link to more Fusion & Wires-X information at www.hamorerator.com
Ham Operator Activities and Information
http://hamoperator.com/Hamoperator/HamOperator.com.html

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Ham Operator Activities and Information
http://hamoperator.com/Hamoperator/HamOperator.com.html Yaesu Fusion Fusion Help - help and tip sheets, technical information, and other Fusion resources.

View on hamoperator.com http://hamoperator.com/Hamoperator/HamOperator.com.html
Preview by Yahoo

3317. Wires-X / Fusion Nets

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-10-10 22:17:51 UTC
From: ab8dt@...
Topic: 3317 Message: 3317

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3318. Re: [GRARA] Wires-X / Fusion Nets

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-10-10 22:23:53 UTC
From: Ron Karger
Topic: 3317 Message: 3318

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Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

On Mon, Oct 10, 2016 at 6:18 PM, ab8dt@... [GRARA]<GRARA@yahoogroups.com> wrote:

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3319. Re: [GRARA] Wires-X / Fusion Nets

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-10-10 23:18:34 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3317 Message: 3319

What's WireX and Fusion Nets? Are we all being wired as robots and/or
our minds fused (brainwashed) by some monster computer?

What hath this anything to do with GRARA, Red Cross, Ham Radio, et. Cetera?

All these acronyms look like a bunch of hieroglyphs to me.

At least one reader of this GRARA reflector is in need of an education.

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On 10/10/2016 6:23 PM, xxxx xxxx xxxx [GRARA] wrote:

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3320. Re: [GRARA] Wires-X / Fusion Nets

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-10-11 00:32:49 UTC
From: Ron Karger
Topic: 3317 Message: 3320

Hank, you will are getting very very sleepy....No you are not being hypnotized or brainwashed (You are getting enough of that with election season). The GRARA connection is the Fusion repeater on the W8DC 146.760 repeater. Wires-X is a digital internet link using the C4FM mode. If you do not have a Yaesu radio with C4FM then you can listen and talk with a DMR radio using a FCS reflector. If this is all Greek or you don't wish to cross over to the dark side (being digital radio) that is fine also. If the digital packet racket bothers you when you are o. The 146.76 just turn on your CTCSS and the coded squelch should do the trick. The repeater is on AUTO/AUTO so the repeater will transmit both analog and digital bit without a digital radio you will not be able to decode the C4FM. I am just down the road from you in Cedar Springs and if you you would like more info or like to check out my station, get a cup of coffee, shoot the breeze feel free to stop by. I work out of my home so usually here.Ron AB8DT

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3321. Re: [GRARA] Full Time Digital Wires-X RF Link into W8DC 146.76 C4FM

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-10-11 00:35:06 UTC
From: Michael J. Wolthuis
Topic: 3316 Message: 3321

Congrats guys! The HRI-200 is sitting at the Redcross then? I assume that is where GR-Mi6WAN is? Sounds like a ton of fun. Checkout the MI5-MICHIGAN room on 21917 that links to MI5 DMR StateWide2. Audio is perfect between DMR and Fusion.

Mike

Kb8zgl

From: "GRARA@yahoogroups.com" <GRARA@yahoogroups.com> on behalf of "GRARA@yahoogroups.com" <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Reply-To: "GRARA@yahoogroups.com" <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Date: Monday, October 10, 2016 at 6:10 PM
To: "GRARA@yahoogroups.com" <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Subject: [GRARA] Full Time Digital Wires-X RF Link into W8DC 146.76 C4FM

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Ham Operator Activities and Information

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View on hamoperator.com
Preview by Yahoo

3322. Re: [GRARA] Wires-X / Fusion Nets

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-10-11 00:45:02 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3317 Message: 3322

Have I missed a presentation @ a club meeting about all this
gobbledegook? If so, it's probably my own fault for not paying
attention to the very, very, very robust communication of what the
presentation of the monthly meetings will be. If, not, it sounds like
it might be of interest to someone who is still bemoaning the demise of
sp*rk.

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3323. MARA Burrito Night Friday

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-10-19 02:49:47 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 3323 Message: 3323

From: k8ook@... [mailto:k8ook@...]
Sent: Tuesday, September 27, 2016 2:49 PM
Subject: MARA Burrito Night

The Michigan Amateur Radio Alliance is again going to hold a

Burrito Night on 10/21 at 5 PM until the food runs out, we will

order more supplies this time. Location is the 5th st Hall at

5th & Davis NW, Grand Rapids. Price will be dependent on

what our supplies cost. Bring your friends, relatives, neighbors,

kids, your kid's kids for a great meal. This is a rain or shine event!

CU there!!! !!!!!!!

Mike Eilers, K8OOK, MARA Secretary

3324. Repeater controller

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-10-19 15:20:17 UTC
From: Thom
Topic: 3323 Message: 3324

Its time to get the new repeater controller installed.

I am going to keep bugging you. That is all.

73

Thom KI8W

3325. GRARA repeater system update

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-10-31 15:11:38 UTC
From: stprovost@...
Topic: 3325 Message: 3325

Hello, this past friday, Mike KB8ZGL and his climber Troy were successful in getting the 440 mhz link cable (located between 440 mhz antenna and hardline cable from the radio room) removed, fixed (by our friends at T&W), and then re-installed.
Tom Hansen stated the signal quality was much better after the link cable was repaired and installed.
Cost for the cable repair at T&W was $75, I will ask for a check to be cut for this cost at our November Meeting.

Now we are getting ready to order equipment to setup our high speed internet link from the 92nd street hill to our antenna platform on the verizon tower.
This is the next phase of the plan to get us internet access for the radio rooms, and our second repeater location.
The cost for the equipment is about $800.
We would need to cut a check for this amount at our meeting this friday.
This cost is already covered from the $1300 we already received for cable sales.
I am also working on raising more money through sales of ups units that were given to GRARA from a local school district that replaced all ups units with new units. The old units are being sold to raise funds for the GRARA repeater system.

The issue is, we are running out of time to have climbers available to install the equipment for the data link.
Thus, I am having the equipment ordered this week.
I will gladly answer any questions from members about this purchase.

stephen AC8QE

3326. Re: [GRARA] GRARA repeater system update

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-10-31 15:14:47 UTC
From: Thom
Topic: 3325 Message: 3326

Does this mean we are finally going to get our new repeater controller installed? I sure hope so.

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73

Thom KI8W

"Living deep in the black hole of RF"

3327. GRARA hamfest 2017

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-10-31 15:57:45 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3327 Message: 3327

*I suspect we should set the date of the next GRARA hamfest in stone,
nail down and confirm a venue in writing, and request it be sanctioned
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3328. Re: [GRARA] GRARA hamfest 2017

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-11-01 00:32:49 UTC
From: John Streyle
Topic: 3327 Message: 3328

Mr. Douglas will be the key player here (unless another would like to step into that role)
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Sent from my iPad

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3329. ARRL Info on new OTH Radar

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-11-01 01:46:15 UTC
From: Thom
Topic: 3327 Message: 3329

New Russian Arctic Over-the-Horizon Radars Set for 2017 Startup

10/31/2016

According to media accounts, more long-range, new over-the-horizon (OTH) radars that can identify aerial and sea targets hundreds of miles away are scheduled to begin operation next year in the Russian Arctic. It's doubtful, however, that the news heralds the return of interference on the level of that generated by the so-called "Russian Woodpecker" OTH radar, which plagued Amateur Radio HF bands in the 1970s and 1980s.

Over the past couple of years, OTH radars, /sans/ woodpecker, have become increasingly commonplace intruders on Amateur Radio bands, according to the International Amateur Radio Union Region 1 (*IARU R1* <http://www.iarums-r1.org/>) Monitoring System (*IARUMS* <http://www.iarums-r1.org/>), which has noted OTH radars in Russia, China, Cyprus, Iran, and Turkey. The frequency-hopping nature of the technology accounts for the annoying interference that covers wide swaths of spectrum. The Russian systems-intelligence "Konteyner RLS" OTH radar, transmitting from in the Nizhny Novgorod region, is frequently spotted on 20 meters. While no woodpecker, it transmits a broad, frequency-modulated CW signal at 50 sweeps per second with a bandwidth of 80 kHz or greater, accompanied by signal splatter, IARUMS Coordinator Wolfgang Hadel, DK2OM, reported recently.

/Sputnik/, a Russian government-controlled radio service, *cited* <https://sputniknews.com/russia/201610291046866256-russia-radar-arctic/> a /Rossiiskaya Gazeta/ newspaper report that six OTH radar installations will operate in the region. Deputy Defense Minister Dmitry Buklgakov, who visited the construction site, said a runway capable of handling all types of combat aircraft was simultaneously being reconstructed nearby, the report continued. Other reports have indicated that similar systems will be deployed in the Far East in 2018. Russia has sold its OTH radar technology to China.

OTH radars employ widely separated transmitting and receiving site and can "see" beyond the horizon, the typical limit for ordinary radar. The systems employ antenna arrays of up to 5 kilometers long and 5 meters tall. /— Thanks for news tip to Frank Smith, WS1MH/

The Konteyner receiving site southeast of Moscow.

From the ARRL website.

73

Thom KI8W

3330. Re: [GRARA] GRARA repeater system update

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-11-01 03:34:25 UTC
From: wd8usa@...
Topic: 3325 Message: 3330

great job by all! Thank you!! JB

-----Original Message-----
From: stprovost@... [GRARA] <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
To: GRARA <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Mon, Oct 31, 2016 11:11 am
Subject: [GRARA] GRARA repeater system update

Hello, this past friday, Mike KB8ZGL and his climber Troy were successful in getting the 440 mhz link cable (located between 440 mhz antenna and hardline cable from the radio room) removed, fixed (by our friends at T&W), and then re-installed.
Tom Hansen stated the signal quality was much better after the link cable was repaired and installed.
Cost for the cable repair at T&W was $75, I will ask for a check to be cut for this cost at our November Meeting.

Now we are getting ready to order equipment to setup our high speed internet link from the 92nd street hill to our antenna platform on the verizon tower.
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This cost is already covered from the $1300 we already received for cable sales.
I am also working on raising more money through sales of ups units that were given to GRARA from a local school district that replaced all ups units with new units. The old units are being sold to raise funds for the GRARA repeater system.

The issue is, we are running out of time to have climbers available to install the equipment for the data link.
Thus, I am having the equipment ordered this week.
I will gladly answer any questions from members about this purchase.

stephen AC8QE

3331. Re: [GRARA] GRARA repeater system update

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-11-01 04:18:06 UTC
From: Kreigh Tomaszewski
Topic: 3325 Message: 3331

They are not free, but 'The Antenna Men' are professional climbers I have used more than once. http://www.theantennamen.com/ I have never had to wait more than two weeks to get them out, even though we are at the edge of their area. Just thought I should mention it since you indicated a problem with finding climbers.

Kreigh
KE8EAL

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3332. November GRARA meeting Friday 4th.

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-11-03 03:01:51 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 3332 Message: 3332

Reminder, Friday, November 4 is the monthly GRARA meeting at the
American Red Cross building on Fuller Ave between the I-96 Ford Freeway
and Leonard St.
Social 6:30, meeting 7PM.

Election of officers at this meeting.

73 Jack NY8D

3333. Re: GRARA repeater system update

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-11-03 03:23:11 UTC
From: stprovost@...
Topic: 3325 Message: 3333

Kreigh: I did not mention that climbers are hard to get, I mentioned that available days before the weather gets bad are limited. thank you for the recommendation of the The Antenna Men - Digital HDTV Antennas http://www.theantennamen.com

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The Antenna Men - Digital HDTV Antennas http://www.theantennamen.com Digital TV antennas, amplifiers, tower, cell phone boosters, installation and service, serving mid-Michigan. Best digital TV antenna,

View on www.theantennamen... http://www.theantennamen.com
Preview by Yahoo

stephen

---In GRARA@yahoogroups.com, <kreigh@...> wrote :

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3334. Changes are coming!

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-11-05 06:28:40 UTC
From: Thom
Topic: 3325 Message: 3334

Greetings all,

It's 1am on Saturday November 5 and I am still wide awake. Earlier, at the monthly club meeting, I was voted in to the position of club website administrator. This position will start on January 1, 2017.

I have already started a design for the new club website. We are about to make it look great, be much bigger and contain loads of information that you will find useful. I am in need of the following, as a start....

To start let me say that if you email me stuff, attachments are welcome. I can handle text files, PDF's and I use Microsoft Word 2010. I also have Adobe Photoshop for photographs and videos.

1. Does anyone have a photograph of the city of Grand Rapids taken at night? If so please send me a copy of it. I want to use it as the header photo on the new site.

2. I would request that all officers (and anyone else who wants to) submit a brief, written summary of your history as a Amateur Radio Operator.

3. I would like to get ideas for what you would like to see on the new site. No matter how trivial, it might just be included.

4. Photos of any activities you have participated in relating to Amateur Radio.

You can email me those items, if you have them, ASAP, at the address below.

5. If you have any questions call me on the repeater (146.26), send me a email, or you can call me direct.

I hope to have A PREVIEW OF THE NEW WEBSITE at the December Meeting.

email: ki8w@...

phone: 616-498-7770...if you do not get an answer, leave a voice mail and I will call you back. I am often separated from my phone even while at home and I don't move around all that fast anymore. lol

Thanks all

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73

Thom KI8W

"Living deep in the black hole of RF"

3335. Smoke Alarm installs

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-11-09 08:42:09 UTC
From: Jim Leys
Topic: 3335 Message: 3335

This Saturday November 12will be the last smoke alarm install of this year.

The Red Cross could use ourhelp in providing communications from the install teams to a the base ifneeded. This system works very well.

This event will take place atthe Fire Station in Dutton.

Please meet at the Red Crossat noon for further instructions.

Thanks.

Jim K8CAN

3336. Re: [GRARA] Smoke Alarm installs

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-11-10 01:01:54 UTC
From: streyle.j@...
Topic: 3335 Message: 3336

Can't make this (but would have) - I committed to winterize the Warped Wings mowers this Saturday afternoon.
W8QZ
----- Original Message -----

From: "Jim Leys jm_leys@... [GRARA]" <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
To: "GRARA" <grara@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 9, 2016 3:42:09 AM
Subject: [GRARA] Smoke Alarm installs

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3337. Re: [GRARA] Smoke Alarm installs

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-11-10 05:00:14 UTC
From: Thom
Topic: 3335 Message: 3337

I wont make it either.

WAE RTTY Contest this weekend and a visit to my daughters.

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73

Thom KI8W

"Living deep in the black hole of RF"

3338. Field Day Results

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-11-18 23:09:50 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3338 Message: 3338

We is in QST and in the downloadable database at arrl.org

Call *Score* *Category* *QSOs* *Power Mult* *Section*
Participants *Club*
W8DC 1,820 2A 360 2 MI 25 Grand Rapids ARA

This is in the top 30 percentile of scores in Michigan, in all
categories. But in the bottom 50 percentile of the 2A category.

We had "about" 25 people show up, but few helped with setup and operating.

Lettuce start planning for 2017. I've found an excellent place.
Lettuce Discuss!

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3339. Re: [GRARA] Field Day Results

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-11-18 23:23:00 UTC
From: Thom
Topic: 3338 Message: 3339

Count me in....I am a contesting junkie.

CW only BTW but I also do contesting in RTTY.

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Thom KI8W

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3340. Re: [GRARA] Field Day Results

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-11-18 23:46:05 UTC
From: John Streyle
Topic: 3338 Message: 3340

Did we beat MARA or Lowell?
W8QZ

Sent from my iPad

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3341. Re: [GRARA] Field Day Results

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-11-19 00:04:38 UTC
From: John Streyle
Topic: 3338 Message: 3341

Spent some time searching the listings:

North Ottawa got 2196 points as a 3A
Lowell got 5738 points as a 4A
Kalamazoo got 4538 points as a 5A, Allegan 1734 points also 5A
I didn't find MARA - did they submit a score?
Looks like an apples-to-oranges comparison.

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3342. Re: [GRARA] Field Day Results

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-11-19 00:03:58 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3338 Message: 3342

Lettuce C:

Call *Score* *Category* *QSOs* *Power Mult* *GOTA Call*
Section *Participants* *Club*
W8LRC 5,738 4A 1,771 2 KD8RXD MI 20 Lowell ARC

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So the answer is No and ??? Didn't find W8USA in the database.

72/73 de n8xx Hg
QRP <99.44% of the time

On 11/18/2016 6:46 PM, John Streyle streyle.j@... [GRARA] wrote:
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3343. Re: [GRARA] Field Day 2016 in Kalamazoo County...

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-11-19 00:44:12 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3215 Message: 3343

Nice video, and great results!

72/73 de n8xx Hg
QRP >99.44% of the time

On 7/3/2016 9:50 AM, WB8ALW@... [GRARA] wrote:

> 2016 Field Day W8VY <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qf3mK8x70p0>
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> Preview by Yahoo
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> Chip - WB8ALW
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3344. Re: Field Day Results

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-11-20 17:53:24 UTC
From: greg333333@...
Topic: 3338 Message: 3344

MARA was not able to submit their logs in time, but I have a rough calculation of their point total.

We operated 2A. According the the latest newsletter we had 885 contacts. Using my logs to compare, I can guess we would of had somewhere around 2500-2600 points.

3345. Dayton I-75

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-11-23 15:41:39 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 3345 Message: 3345

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And the signs directing to Hara Arena are gone.

73 Jack NY8D

3346. Re: [GRARA] Dayton I-75

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-11-23 15:53:00 UTC
From: Thom
Topic: 3345 Message: 3346

Great news...

Here is my story of driving to Dayton for my first Hamvention.

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Traffic was backed up for about 9 miles...the reason... there was an
Ohio State Trooper sitting in the passing lane, eating his lunch. No
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3347. Re: [GRARA] Dayton I-75

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-11-23 15:59:39 UTC
From: Douglas Luurs
Topic: 3345 Message: 3347
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

I-75 anything like I-405 in LA last night ?

(11/22/16 @ 22:15 local)

From: "Thom ki8w@... [GRARA]" <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Wednesday, November 23, 2016 10:53 AM
Subject: Re: [GRARA] Dayton I-75

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3348. Re: [GRARA] Dayton I-75

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-11-23 22:06:41 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3345 Message: 3348

I-75 Northbound this afternoon through Dayton was a bit crowded, but
southbound was clear, only one slowdown south of town a mile or two
before I-675.

I'm very glad to be out of such messes of traffic.

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On 11/23/2016 10:59 AM, Douglas Luurs n8zuu@... [GRARA] wrote:
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3349. VNA to borrow?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-11-29 00:12:19 UTC
From: John Streyle
Topic: 3349 Message: 3349

Does anyone have a VNA (vector network analyzer) they would be willing to loan out? I am trying to figure out how to shunt feed my tower for 160, and my MFJ analyzer appears to be too overwhelmed with noise and RF to be able to give a usable reading, when hooked to the tower. (And, an SWR bridge doesn't provide enough info.)

John W8QZ

Sent from my iPad

3350. Re: [GRARA] VNA to borrow?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-11-29 00:22:37 UTC
From: Thom
Topic: 3349 Message: 3350

John,

I do not own a VNA...sorry.

What kind of radial system do you have under your shunt feed?

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3351. Re: [GRARA] VNA to borrow?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-11-29 02:30:05 UTC
From: John Streyle
Topic: 3349 Message: 3351

The radial system is ~80 pieces of ~20 ga. copper magnet wire, with lengths varying between 6 and 100 feet, depending on direction and obstacles, house, etc. It was either laid on the surface of the ground and stacked down with wire staples, or else buried shallowly (about an inch) in the ground. all terminate (after stripping the ends, of course) into a group of screw-type grounding tie bars in a large plastic electrical box, and are in turn tied together with the tower and its ground rods through a short piece of 10 ga. solid copper, which is also the point the coax shield connects to.

> On Nov 28, 2016, at 7:22 PM, Thom ki8w@... [GRARA] <GRARA@yahoogroups.com> wrote:
>
> John,
>
> I do not own a VNA...sorry.
>
> What kind of radial system do you have under your shunt feed?
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> 73
>
> Thom KI8W
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>> On 11/29/2016 00:12, John Streyle streyle.j@... [GRARA] wrote:
>>
>> Does anyone have a VNA (vector network analyzer) they would be willing to loan out? I am trying to figure out how to shunt feed my tower for 160, and my MFJ analyzer appears to be too overwhelmed with noise and RF to be able to give a usable reading, when hooked to the tower. (And, an SWR bridge doesn't provide enough info.)
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3352. GRARA meeting this Friday

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-11-30 19:37:12 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 3352 Message: 3352

Reminder the GRARA December meeting is this Friday, December 2, at the Red Cross Building. 6:30 social, 7PM meeting.

If I recall, bring a dish to pass for Christmas potluck dinner.

73 Jack NY8D

3353. Re: [GRARA] GRARA meeting this Friday

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-12-01 20:44:58 UTC
From: John Kay
Topic: 3352 Message: 3353

Thank you Jack can't wait john n8vlj 73's .

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From: GRARA@yahoogroups.com <GRARA@yahoogroups.com> on behalf of Jack Amelar jamelar@...
[GRARA] <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 30, 2016 2:37 PM
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com; grara_members@...g
Subject: [GRARA] GRARA meeting this Friday

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3354. Call to Action.....

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-12-01 23:02:13 UTC
From: ARRL Members Only Web site
Topic: 3354 Message: 3354

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Thank you.

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suggested:

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Urging your US Senators' support is simple: Go to our Rally Congress page at, https://arrl.rallycongress.net/ctas/urge-us-senate-to-pass-amateur-radio-parity-act , enter your ZIP code, fill in your name and address, press enter, and e-mails will go directly to your Senators. Members may do this even if they have already contacted their US Senators for support.

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3355. Power Supply

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-12-03 03:06:34 UTC
From: Thom
Topic: 3354 Message: 3355

Dustin tried to to get in touch with someone who has access to the Red Cross building because he left his laptop power supply there and cannot use his laptop without that power supply. If someone could retrieve that item and let Dustin know that would be great.

73

Thom KI8W

3356. Re: Power Supply

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-12-04 17:16:08 UTC
From: <stprovost@...>
Topic: 3354 Message: 3356

Hello, I found the power supply when I picked up the projector equipment after the meeting. The power supply is sitting in front of the Yaesu 920 in the radio room.

stephen

3357. Re: [GRARA] Call to Action.....

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-12-10 01:22:26 UTC
From: Thom
Topic: 3354 Message: 3357

All,

I spoke to Senator Stabenow yesterday on the phone and she told me that with the Senate going on recess for the holidays very soon they will not be doing anything on this bill before the end of the year. Looks like we will have to start all over with the new congress after the first of the year. But miracles do happen from time to time.

73

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[GRARA] wrote:
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3358. Re: [GRARA] Call to Action.....

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-12-10 19:38:37 UTC
From: Thom
Topic: 3354 Message: 3358

Confirmed! The bill has died in the Senate. Better luck next year.

http://forums.qrz.com/index.php?threads/parity-act-hr1301-dies-in-senate.547331/

73

Thom KI8W

3359. Anyone on the ARRL 10 meter contest?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-12-11 03:01:38 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3359 Message: 3359

I ain't heard nothing good about propagation on 10 meters today.

But, some stations seem to be working others. Family and other activities kept me off the air, except I think I've made one more point as a "chaser" in the National Parks On The Air, sorta by accident.

For about 3 or 4 years straight, 10 meters was "hot" for the ARRL 10, and my peanut whistle could make a hundred contacts or more. Probably not for this weekend. I might have some time tomorrow afternoon.

Just curious, and thanks for the bandwidth.

72/73 de n8xx Hg
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3360. Re: [GRARA] Anyone on the ARRL 10 meter contest?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-12-11 16:00:17 UTC
From: Thom
Topic: 3359 Message: 3360

I listened to the band at various times this weekend and heard no one.
I probably just missed it when the bands was open but that is how I goes
for me.

Hope you have better lick.

73

Thom KI8W

On 12/11/2016 03:01, Hank Greeb n8xx@... [GRARA] wrote:
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3361. For your consideration...Winter Field Day

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-12-12 20:30:10 UTC
From: Thom
Topic: 3359 Message: 3361

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What ya all think?

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3362. Re: [GRARA] Anyone on the ARRL 10 meter contest?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-12-12 22:42:50 UTC
From: John Streyle
Topic: 3359 Message: 3362

I had the radio on for a while Saturday, and tried working Guatemala, with no success. Didn't see anything else spotted that was both interesting and copyable on 10. 20 wasn't a lot better, as Oman would have been a new country, but couldn't get through.
W8QZ

Sent from my iPad

> On Dec 10, 2016, at 10:01 PM, Hank Greeb n8xx@... [GRARA] <GRARA@yahoogroups.com> wrote:
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3363. Re: [GRARA] For your consideration...Winter Field Day

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-12-13 04:53:27 UTC
From: John Kay
Topic: 3359 Message: 3363

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From: GRARA@yahoogroups.com <GRARA@yahoogroups.com> on behalf of Thom ki8w@...m [GRARA] <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Monday, December 12, 2016 3:30 PM
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
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3364. Re: [GRARA] For your consideration...Winter Field Day

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-12-13 05:34:17 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3359 Message: 3364

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3365. Re: [GRARA] For your consideration...Winter Field Day

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-12-13 23:20:10 UTC
From: Thom
Topic: 3359 Message: 3365

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Date: 2016-12-14 00:08:26 UTC
From: Marcelo W6EUH
Topic: 3359 Message: 3366

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I'm not a GRARA member yet, but I like this idea and agree with Hank's suggestion. I would be willing to be there a couple of hours, if I get permission from my local authority (wife).

I'm sure you'll have plenty of radios, but my humble FT-857D can be there in its go-kit if needed.

73,
Marcelo W6EUH

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3367. Broadcastify Live Feed of 146.760 Repeater

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-12-17 18:29:06 UTC
From: ab8dt@...
Topic: 3367 Message: 3367

I have put live streaming feed on the "W8DC 146.760 MHz repeater and Wires-X Node #40074" via Broadcastify (see Broadcastify - Live Police, Fire, EMS, Aircraft, and Rail Audio Feeds http://www.broadcastify.com/). You can listen online or via an app thru your mobile device. It will broadcast both FM & C4FM. The Wires-X node is still RF linked into the repeater and has it's own Room W8DC Repeater Room #40074. Also and can be linked to any room that is active (see constantly updated list at WIRES-X ACTIVE NODE ID list https://www.yaesu.com/jp/en/wires-x/id/active_room.php).

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3368. RE: Mara's After Christmas dinner party

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-12-17 21:46:49 UTC
From: Richard Ranta
Topic: 3368 Message: 3368

Hear yee, hear yee, hear yee,

MARA is holding it annual Christmas Party on Jan 21st, 2017 at the 5th St Hall. Oops, nobody gave me a time, check

the website. The menu will include Swiss Steak, chicken, etc and a desert table. This party is open to all local hams &

families. In order to inform the caterer on the attendance numbers, payment of $11 per person must be sent to arrive by

Jan 11th to Jerry Wittkoski, W8MSK, 1025 Kendalwood St NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49505. We will also have a "White

Elephant" gift exchange if you "wish" to participate. A White Elephant is anything you have laying around the house, you

don't want or need and would rather dump it on a unsuspecting friend than pay the junk man to haul away. We always have

fun. Checks should be made out to MARA. Hope your schedule will allow you to attend. Merry Christmas to ALL!!!

Mike, K8OOK, MARA Secretary

RE: posted by Rich K8JX GRARA Secretary

3369. Radio Room

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-12-24 06:52:34 UTC
From: greg333333@...
Topic: 2285 Message: 3369

I'm off from work until after new years, so I was hoping to stop by the radio room a few times. I was wondering if there is anyone I need to contact about getting into the room or anything else important.

Thanks
Greg KN4CK

3370. Re: [GRARA] Radio Room

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-12-24 09:00:07 UTC
From: Thom
Topic: 2285 Message: 3370

We meet at the radio room on Wednesdays starting around 6pm. Stop by and say hi. Coffee and maybe cookies are provided.

73

Thom KI8W

On 12/24/2016 06:52, greg333333@... [GRARA] wrote:
> I'm off from work until after new years, so I was hoping to stop by the radio room a few times. I was wondering if there is anyone I need to contact about getting into the room or anything else important.
>
> Thanks
>
> Greg KN4CK
>
>

3371. To all my friends on the list

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-12-24 09:13:41 UTC
From: Thom
Topic: 2285 Message: 3371

I hope you all have a Merry Christmas.

I don't, because it is my Birthday.

73

Thom KI8W

3372. Potential "SMART" Club Ohio Bus Trip - Hamvention 2017 (Xenia, OH)

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-12-27 21:18:54 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 3372 Message: 3372
Attachments: 3 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

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3373. My email address

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2016-12-28 17:30:45 UTC
From: Thom
Topic: 3372 Message: 3373

All,

I am in the process of transferring my domain ki8w.com to a different registrar.

My email address will be out of commission until the transfer is complete.

This will be a few days and I will let everyone know when my email address is working again.

I have received all emails sent to this account as of 12:30pm EST

thanks

Thom

KI8W

3374. [FWD: Livonia Amateur Radio Club Swap-N-Shop, Feb 19, 2017]

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-01-02 17:35:04 UTC
From: <stprovost@...>
Topic: 3374 Message: 3374
Attachments: 2 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Hello, if you have a need for a hamswap, here is the info on the livonia ARC's hamswap
stephen

-------- Original Message --------
Subject: Livonia Amateur Radio Club Swap-N-Shop, Feb 19, 2017
From: Mike N8MR <n8mr@...>
Date: Mon, January 02, 2017 8:32 am
To: "K8UNS@ARRL.NET" <K8UNS@...>

Dear Amateur Radio Club,

The Livonia (Michigan) Amateur Radio Club (http://www.livoniaarc.com) is having our Swap & Shop on Sunday, February 19th from 8am till noon at the Livonia Seniors Center 15218 Farmington Road? Livonia, MI 48154. Our swap flier and vendor flier are attached. More information can be found on our swap page:
http://www.livoniaarc.com/index.php?page=swapshop

Can you please mention our swap to your fellow club officers, at your meetings, in your newsletter or on your local nets?

Thanks and 73,
Mike, N8MR
LARC Swap Co-Chair

3375. January 2017 General Class

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-01-04 17:33:49 UTC
From: edwallace38@...
Topic: 3375 Message: 3375

When will the January general class license training start.
Thanks,
Dave Ed

3376. Re: [GRARA] January 2017 General Class

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-01-04 20:04:47 UTC
From: Jim Leys
Topic: 3375 Message: 3376

It has been canceled due to scheduling conflicting of the instructor de k8can

On Wednesday, January 4, 2017 12:33 PM, "edwallace38@yahoo.com [GRARA]" <GRARA@yahoogroups.com> wrote:

When will the January general class license training start.Thanks,Dave Ed

3377. Re: [GRARA] January 2017 General Class

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-01-04 20:38:35 UTC
From: Dave Ed
Topic: 3375 Message: 3377

Jim,Thanks

On Wednesday, January 4, 2017 3:04 PM, "Jim Leys jm_leys@yahoo.com [GRARA]" <GRARA@yahoogroups.com> wrote:

> It has been canceled due to scheduling conflicting of the instructor de k8can

On Wednesday, January 4, 2017 12:33 PM, "edwallace38@... [GRARA]" <GRARA@yahoogroups.com> wrote:

> When will the January general class license training start.Thanks,Dave Ed

3378. Re: [GRARA] January 2017 General Class

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-01-04 23:31:39 UTC
From: Kreigh Tomaszewski
Topic: 3375 Message: 3378

That is sad. Hope it can be rescheduled in the not too distant future.

Kreigh
KE8EAL

On Wed, Jan 4, 2017 at 3:04 PM, Jim Leys jm_leys@... [GRARA] <
GRARA@yahoogroups.com> wrote:

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>
> It has been canceled due to scheduling conflicting of the instructor
> de k8can
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> On Wednesday, January 4, 2017 12:33 PM, "edwallace38@... [GRARA]" <
> GRARA@...m> wrote:
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> When will the January general class license training start.
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> Dave Ed
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3379. Special Event Station K7Z will commemorate Zane Grey's birthday on January 28-31, 2017

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-01-05 20:19:50 UTC
From: Bruce Sperka
Topic: 3379 Message: 3379

For Immediate Release

January 5, 2017

Contact: Bruce Sperka, AD7MM
bsperka@...

Special Event Station K7Z will commemorate Zane Grey's birthday on January 28-31, 2017

Payson, Arizona -- Sponsored by the Tonto Amateur Radio Association, Inc. and the Northern Gila County Historical Society that operates The Rim Country Museum and The Zane Grey Cabin. Members of our amateur radio association will be active from January 28 - 31, 2017 using the call sign K7Z from their own QTHs as well as from the Zane Grey Cabin in Payson, AZ.

Preferred frequencies will be in the General band segments. Like Us? Spot Us!

A special QSL card will be available for the event:
https://www.qrz.com/db/k7z

QSL INFO

Direct Only - Your Card and SASE, Sorry No eQSL, LOTW or Bureau

Non-USA, Please enclose 2 US Dollars for return Postage

Send a SASE (self-addressed stamped envelope) for a commemorative QSL card to:

Tonto Amateur Radio Assoc., Inc.
PO Box 765
Payson, AZ 85547

Zane Grey was an author and master of the American western novel. An Ohio born dentist, Pearl Zane Grey spent many years under the Mogollon Rim writing "To The Last Man" and a dozen other Westerns with Arizona settings and characters. His prolific writings popularized the American cowboy as a taciturn, romantic figure.

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3380. Great Deal on Dayton 2017 Hamvention Housing at Univ at Dayton Campus South!!!!

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-01-11 02:32:26 UTC
From: <stprovost@...>
Topic: 3380 Message: 3380

Every year, Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association has a group of members go to Hamvention in the Dayton Ohio area.

This year Hamvention 2017 is located at a new location in Xenia Ohio at the Greene County Fairgrounds and Expo center. More information is at this website:
http://hamvention.org/about/hamvention/
Keep in mind that the main website still has last years info, but it is being updated now on a daily basis!

Our group usually leaves thursday day morning and comes home monday afternoon.
We stay at the University at Dayton dorm rooms.
We have available spots in the Campus South building.
You don't need to stay for the whole four nights.
Each suite has a kitchen, bathroom with multiple stalls and showers, and 3 bedrooms that sleep two people each

Cost is $117.00 per person for four nights at Campus South.
Parking is included right outside of the dorm building.
Please note the $117.00 is a flat rate for the four night stay.

Contact is Tom N8DGD via email (n8dgd@...)?for reservation,

Make check payable to "Tom Hansen"

Mail payment to
Tom Hansen
632 Fairview Ave NE
Grand Rapids, MI. 49503

3381. Club Email addresses

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-01-12 12:56:03 UTC
From: Thom
Topic: 3380 Message: 3381

Howdy all,

Work continues on getting the club website cleaned up and working.
Changes are coming.

Now available are club email addresses that are forwarded to a email
account you are using. They are in the format yourcall@....

For example...ki8w@...

If you would like to have this setup for you, I need the following...

1. your callsign

2. a currently used email address that is not a forward, somewhere else
(like ki8w@...).

Send your info to web.administrator@... and I will get this setup
for you.

Hope to see you at the Wednesday night Open Club Room or at the next
General Meeting.

Have a great day.

73

Thom KI8W

web.administrator@...

616-498-7770

3382. Re: [GRARA] Club Email addresses

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-01-12 17:13:35 UTC
From: John Streyle
Topic: 3380 Message: 3382

W8QZ
streyle.j@...

Thanks for your efforts to update the club website -long overdue!

Sent from my iPad

> On Jan 12, 2017, at 7:56 AM, Thom ki8w@... [GRARA] <GRARA@yahoogroups.com> wrote:
>
> Howdy all,
>
> Work continues on getting the club website cleaned up and working.
> Changes are coming.
>
> Now available are club email addresses that are forwarded to a email
> account you are using. They are in the format yourcall@w8dc.org.
>
> For example...ki8w@...
>
> If you would like to have this setup for you, I need the following...
>
> 1. your callsign
>
> 2. a currently used email address that is not a forward, somewhere else
> (like ki8w@...).
>
> Send your info to web.administrator@... and I will get this setup
> for you.
>
> Hope to see you at the Wednesday night Open Club Room or at the next
> General Meeting.
>
> Have a great day.
>
> 73
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> Thom KI8W
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> web.administrator@...
>
> 616-498-7770
>
>

3383. Re: Club Email addresses

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-01-12 18:47:27 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 3380 Message: 3383

There used to be GRARA_officers@... or something like that that would forward to,you guessed it, GRARA Officers. There was a link on the web page to contact GRARA that's been missing for some years. I hope it returns, or at least some way to email or a web interface to contact GRARA.

I use to have ny8d@... forward to jamelar@... Yes I would like to have it set up again. TNX

73 Jack NY8D

Jack Amelar
13110 Victory Woods Dr NE
Lowell, MI 49331-8857
Home Phone #: (616)438-5412
Cell Phone #: (616)438-1464
E-mail: jamelar@...

----- Message from GRARA@yahoogroups.com ---------
Date: Thu, 12 Jan 2017 12:56:03 +0000
From: "Thom ki8w@... [GRARA]" <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Reply-To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [GRARA] Club Email addresses
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com

> Howdy all,
>
> Work continues on getting the club website cleaned up and working.
> Changes are coming.
>
> Now available are club email addresses that are forwarded to a email
> account you are using. They are in the format yourcall@....
>
> For example...ki8w@...
>
> If you would like to have this setup for you, I need the following...
>
> 1. your callsign
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> 2. a currently used email address that is not a forward, somewhere else
> (like ki8w@...).
>
> Send your info to web.administrator@... and I will get this setup
> for you.
>
> Hope to see you at the Wednesday night Open Club Room or at the next

> General Meeting.
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> Have a great day.
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> 73
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> Thom KI8W
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> web.administrator@...
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----- End message from GRARA@yahoogroups.com -----

3384. Re: [GRARA] Re: Club Email addresses

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-01-14 00:44:53 UTC
From: Robert Schroeder
Topic: 3380 Message: 3384

Thom,

I would like to request KD8VHV@.... This can point to KD8VHV@gmail.com.

Please let me know when you set up the forwarding.

73, KD8VHV - Robert Schroeder

Sent from my iPhone

> On Jan 12, 2017, at 1:47 PM, Jack Amelar jamelar@... [GRARA] <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
wrote:
>
> There used to be GRARA_officers@... or something like that that
> would forward to,you guessed it, GRARA Officers. There was a link on
> the web page to contact GRARA that's been missing for some years. I
> hope it returns, or at least some way to email or a web interface to
> contact GRARA.
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> I use to have ny8d@... forward to jamelar@... Yes I
> would like to have it set up again. TNX
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> 73 Jack NY8D
>
> Jack Amelar
> 13110 Victory Woods Dr NE
> Lowell, MI 49331-8857
> Home Phone #: (616)438-5412
> Cell Phone #: (616)438-1464
> E-mail: jamelar@...
>
> ----- Message from GRARA@yahoogroups.com ---------
> Date: Thu, 12 Jan 2017 12:56:03 +0000
> From: "Thom ki8w@... [GRARA]" <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
> Reply-To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
> Subject: [GRARA] Club Email addresses
> To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
>
> > Howdy all,
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> > account you are using. They are in the format yourcall@....
> >

> > For example...ki8w@...
> >
> > If you would like to have this setup for you, I need the following...
> >
> > 1. your callsign
> >
> > 2. a currently used email address that is not a forward, somewhere else
> > (like ki8w@arrl.org).
> >
> > Send your info to web.administrator@... and I will get this setup
> > for you.
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> > Hope to see you at the Wednesday night Open Club Room or at the next
> > General Meeting.
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> ----- End message from GRARA@yahoogroups.com -----
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>

3385. ARRL January VHF Contest is this coming weekend.

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-01-17 03:56:21 UTC
From: David DeVos
Topic: 3385 Message: 3385

Hi everyone,
I'll be on for the January VHF contest this coming weekend from EN72fu, and I'll have 6,2 & 432 from my home station. I do have 5.7G and 10G on my tripod, and I wouldn't have any problem pulling those out for snow scatter - just give me a phone call. My 10G , 5.7G , 2.3G, and 1296 beacons will be on as well from EN72et.
For information see the ARRL Contest Page January VHF

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Dave DeVos616-706-8736
– 1296.301 MHz KF8QL/B EN72et Grand Rapids– 2304.308 MHz KF8QL/B EN72et Grand Rapids– 5760.300 MHz KF8QL/B EN72et Grand Rapids– 10,396.858 MHz KF8QL/B EN72et Grand Rapids

3386. Club Website

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-01-18 00:11:46 UTC
From: Thom
Topic: 3385 Message: 3386

Howdy All,

Spent 50 hours over 2 weeks building a new website for the club.

It is coded in good old HTML. The old site was deleted.

Just finished uploading the new website to the server and the site is now live.

The site contains everything the old site did and a bit more.

So head on over to w8dc.org and give it a ride. Let me know if you find anything amiss

Of course I can always use info, web site links, photos/video or what have you.

I will be displaying the new website at tomorrow nights Open Club Room event.

73,
Thom KI8W
Web Administrator GRARA

3387. Re: Club Website

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-01-18 00:32:27 UTC
From: Wendell Broome
Topic: 3385 Message: 3387

Thom,
The web site looks great.
I travel a lot and so use a lot of club web sites for the local activities. None are better.
I did not see any info on your repeater(s). The recent meeting minutes are absent.
Good job.
Wendell, K8OO/4

Sent from my iPad

3388. Re: [GRARA] ARRL January VHF Contest is this coming weekend.

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-01-21 01:35:22 UTC
From: J. k.
Topic: 3385 Message: 3388

Dave I just called sorry to bother on friday I would like to make a sked with you for the january vhf contest i have to find my proper grid square number letters for you hope to hear from you jk n8vlj 73's.

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From: GRARA@yahoogroups.com <GRARA@yahoogroups.com> on behalf of David DeVos kf8ql@... [GRARA] <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Monday, January 16, 2017 10:56:21 PM
To: Mivus
Cc: grara@yahoogroups.com; NLRS Reflector; BC_E-Mail Reflector
Subject: [GRARA] ARRL January VHF Contest is this coming weekend.

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3389. Re: [GRARA] ARRL January VHF Contest is this coming weekend.

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-01-21 13:49:02 UTC
From: Thom
Topic: 3385 Message: 3389

John,

proper grid square for your home QTH is EN72ew. Got that from the
Detail Page from your callsign listing on QRZ.com.

73

Thom KI8W

On 1/21/2017 01:35, 'J. k.' john-wa@... [GRARA] wrote:
>
> Dave I just called sorry to bother on friday I would like to make a
> sked with you for the january vhf contest i have to find my proper
> grid square number letters for you hope to hear from you jk n8vlj 73's.
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3390. Re: [GRARA] ARRL January VHF Contest is this coming weekend.

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-01-23 00:01:58 UTC
From: J. k.
Topic: 3385 Message: 3390

thank you Tom n8vlj. jk.

From: GRARA@yahoogroups.com <GRARA@yahoogroups.com> on behalf of Thom ki8w@... [GRARA] <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Saturday, January 21, 2017 8:49:02 AM
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: Re: [GRARA] ARRL January VHF Contest is this coming weekend.

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3391. Re: [GRARA] Re: Club Website

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-01-25 01:00:51 UTC
From: Tom Hansen
Topic: 3385 Message: 3391

I agree
Tom n8dgd

3392. GRARA Net Tuesday evening

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-01-25 02:17:41 UTC
From: n8dgd@...
Topic: 3392 Message: 3392

GRARA is hosting a net on Tuesday evening at 7 pm on our 146.760/R which is FM and C4FM. We open the net on FM and if there are others who would like to try Fusion System after the net we'll switch modes.
Tom n8dgd

3393. Re: [GRARA] GRARA Net Tuesday evening

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-01-25 02:23:35 UTC
From: J. k.
Topic: 3392 Message: 3393

cool Tom ok i will be there john n8vlj 73's

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From: GRARA@yahoogroups.com <GRARA@yahoogroups.com> on behalf of n8dgd@yahoo.com [GRARA] <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 24, 2017 9:17:41 PM
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [GRARA] GRARA Net Tuesday evening

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Tom n8dgd

3394. GET OUTTA THE CABIN, New Hams Dinner, February 18

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-01-26 01:58:30 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 3394 Message: 3394
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

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3395. [LARC Officers] International DX Convention 2017 Visalia, California, USA

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-01-18 16:11:46 UTC
From: Mike Flowers
Topic: 3395 Message: 3395
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Dear DXer,

I would like to extend a personal invitation to you and Members of your Club to attend the International DX Convention 2017 in Visalia, California on April 21-22-23, 2017.

IDXC 2017 will be our 68th annual International DX Convention. DXers from around the world will gather once again to meet their fellow DXers, attend interesting and informative programs, see the latest in new products from the top vendors - and have a chance to win some great raffle prizes! This year Friday, April 21, 2017 will be a full day of training, presentations and vendor exhibits.

Full details of IDXC 2017 are at this website: http://www.dxconvention.com/

You can download the IDXC 2017 PR Kit here:
http://www.dxconvention.com/files/idxc2017-prkit.zip

The IDXC 2017 PR Kit contains:

* An IDXC 2017 Flyer that you can include in your Club newsletter and post at your DX gathering place.
* A short IDXC 2017 PPT slide show you can use for your Club meeting
* An IDXC 2017 color advertisement that you can include in your Club newsletter
* A Visalia Vacation Options brochure - Visalia is just a few hours from world-class California vacation destinations, and we encourage all our DXing friends to combine their visit to IDXC with a vacation.

Thank you, and I hope to see you and many of your Club members at our International DX Convention next April!

- 73 and good DX de Mike, <http://www.qrz.com/db/k6mkf/> K6MKF, IDXC 2017 Committee

3396. Fwd: [MichiganFoxHunter] Easy Hunt, Howell, MI Feb 4 10:00AM

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-01-29 13:07:54 UTC
From: Mike
Topic: 3396 Message: 3396

Forwarded for N8NQN/N8NYK/N8RDF, Howell Michigan

-------- Forwarded Message --------
Subject: [MichiganFoxHunter] Easy Hunt, Howell, MI Feb 4 10:00AM
Date: Sat, 28 Jan 2017 20:26:06 -0500
From: Gary N8RDF gary.n8rdf@... [MichiganFoxHunter]
<MichiganFoxHunter@yahoogroups.com>
Reply-To: MichiganFoxHunter@yahoogroups.com
To: michiganfoxhunter@yahoogroups.com

N8NQN/N8NYK hosting an EASY foxunt on Feb 4 (Feb 11 backup date if
weather is bad).

Start before 10:00AM behind Panera at Grand River and Latson Rd. in
Howell. 146.5Mhz hunt frequency.

Good hunting!
Gary N8RDF

3397. Re: [GRARA] Fwd: [MichiganFoxHunter] Easy Hunt, Howell, MI Feb 4 10:00AM

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-01-29 23:22:16 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3396 Message: 3397

If anyone is going to Howell, please remember than Hell is only about 15 miles away. A trip to Hell, and eating a burger or similar at the Hell Saloon (formerly Dam Site Inn), is a priceless adventure. :)

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On 1/29/2017 8:07 AM, Mike mike@... [GRARA] wrote:

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3398. February GRARA meeting

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-02-01 19:00:02 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 3398 Message: 3398

Reminder, Friday evening, February 3, GRARA monthly meeting. 6:30 social, 7 meeting. American Red Cross building between the I-196 Ford Expressway and Leonard St. All are welcome. http://www.w8dc.org

Keep on your calendar the Get Outta The Cabin / New Hams Dinner, Saturday, February 18, 1:30PM at Golden Corral on Alpine Ave (M-37). Download the flier
http://www.w8dc.org/file/club/dinflyr17.pdf

73 Jack NY8D

3399. Re: [GRARA] February GRARA meeting

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-02-01 20:22:56 UTC
From: Thom
Topic: 3398 Message: 3399

Or simply go to the club website at w8dc.org...click the link then right click and print the pdf. Find the link at top of front page.

73

Thom KI8W

Web Administrator GRARA

On 2/1/2017 19:00, Jack Amelar jamelar@... [GRARA] wrote:
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> 73 Jack NY8D
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3400. Re: [LARC General List] GET OUTTA THE CABIN, New Hams Dinner, February 18

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-02-03 04:51:08 UTC
From: Kreigh Tomaszewski
Topic: 3394 Message: 3400

1:30 pm is a really odd time to schedule a 'dinner'. It might be better called a 'very late lunch'. I would suggest better timing is needed in the future as this is inconvenient at best.

Kreigh

On Wed, Jan 25, 2017 at 8:58 PM, Jack Amelar <jamelar@...> wrote:

> Lowell Amateur Radio Club weekly open radio room every Thursday, 7PM until
> ? except on Holiday's Please consider supporting the Lowell Amateur Radio
> Club
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> WEST MICHIGAN AREA AMATEUR RADIO BANQUET
>
> Open attached flier pdf. If re-mailer has stripped the attachment, read
> teh following text.
>
> Announcing the 22nd ANNUAL
> West Michigan Hams
> GET OUTTA THE CABIN DINNER
> Formerly called “The New Hams Dinner”
> SPONSORED BY:
> Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association http://www.w8dc.org
> Lowell Amateur Radio Club http://www.w8lrc.org
> Holland Amateur Radio Club http://www.hollandarc.org
> Michigan Amateur Radio Alliance http://www.w8usa.org
>
> GOLDEN CORRAL
> SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2017, 1:30PM
> 3461 Alpine Ave NW (Hwy M-37), Walker, MI
> Between I-96 expressway (exit 30 north) and 4 Mile Rd, NW corner of Alpine
> and North Center Dr.
>
> BRING YOUR SIGNIFICANT OTHER, the KIDS, FRIENDS, anyone involved or
> interested in ham radio is welcome, regardless of any club affiliation. In
> tradition, we especially like to encourage and welcome any new licensees or
> new to the area hams. Dress casual.
>
> LET THE NEW HAMS KNOW WE WELCOME THEM, and enjoy each others company
> without the need to split so not to miss that hamfest deal! And you don’t
> want to miss out on the door prizes, this year including a new radio for a

> lucky new ham. Good time for all!
>
> Buffet style. Pay at the door. Normal restaurant rates, under $13 with
> beverage and tax, plus gratuity. No reservations, just show up.
>
> _____
> for Meeting times see our Web site www.w8lrc.org Talk-in will be 145.270
> - 94.8 PL or 147.42 simplex (Not Always Monitored)
>
> Our Address is: 11535 Fulton St E, Suite 112, LOWELL, MI 49331-9609
> _____
> Visit our Web Site at: www.w8lrc.org
> W8lrc mailing list
> W8lrc@...
> http://lists.w8lrc.org/mailman/listinfo/w8lrc
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>

3401. Re: [GRARA] Re: [LARC General List] GET OUTTA THE CABIN, New Hams Dinner, February 18

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-02-03 05:21:24 UTC
From: Thom
Topic: 3394 Message: 3401

I will not be attending...I am lucky if I am even thinking of even
waking up at that time of the day.

73

Thom KI8W

On 2/3/2017 04:51, Kreigh Tomaszewski kreigh@... [GRARA] wrote:
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3402. Need transportattion to/from GRARA meeting

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-02-03 15:31:12 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3402 Message: 3402

I'd love to attend the GRARA meeting tonight. Does anyone live in the Northwest part of the county who could pick me up for the meeting and return me to home? I think I could drive, but it would be against medical advice. I'm recuperating from a hip replacement, and am not supposed to drive until I see my surgeon later this month.

I live about a mile from Rockford.

Please advise by private e-mail or phone 616 828 9663 (cell)

Thanks es 73 de n8xx Hg
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3403. Re: GET OUTTA THE CABIN, New Hams Dinner, February 18

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-02-03 17:38:07 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 3394 Message: 3403

----- Message from kreigh@... ---------
Date: Thu, 2 Feb 2017 23:51:08 -0500

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>

In the past, the dinner was at 6:PM. The problem was the line ups from
the crowds at that time made it difficult for our people to get in, and
room reservations were difficult to get as well. If the weather was
bad, driving home at dark was no fun either.

Finding a time and day that's convenient for everybody would be futile.
Over the years we have found the 1:30-2PM start time to be most
compatible for most of those who wish to attend. Sorry for anyone who
can't make it this year, hopefully next year will work out.

73 Jack NY8D

Flyer available at
http://www.w8dc.org/file/club/dinflyr17/pdf or
http://w8lrc.org/wp-content/uploads/dinflyr17.pdf

3404. Re: [GRARA] February GRARA meeting

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-02-03 20:23:51 UTC
From: n8dgd@...
Topic: 3398 Message: 3404

Thanks Jack for the announcement on the meeting tonight.

3405. Re: [GRARA] Re: GET OUTTA THE CABIN, New Hams Dinner, February 18

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-02-04 02:18:50 UTC
From: wd8usa@...
Topic: 3394 Message: 3405

Good post Jack and spot on- Hopefully the wife and myself will be there! DE WD8USA AR

PS Thanks for your time to arrange this!!

-----Original Message-----
From: Jack Amelar jamelar@... [GRARA] <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
To: GRARA <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>; LARC <w8lrc@...>; WestMichiganHams <WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Fri, Feb 3, 2017 12:38 pm
Subject: [GRARA] Re: GET OUTTA THE CABIN, New Hams Dinner, February 18

----- Message from kreigh@... ---------
Date: Thu, 2 Feb 2017 23:51:08 -0500

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3406. Terre Haute Hamfest March 11

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-02-06 04:09:24 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3406 Message: 3406

Yep, I know that Terre Haute Indiana is quite a distance from here, but, figure it's a free country, and maybe some will be traveling in that area in March:

More details in better format is at
http://www.w9uuu.org/hamfest.html

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Hamfest & Computer Expo

Saturday -- March 11, 2017

Clay County 4-H Fairgrounds
6650 N State Road 59
Brazil, IN 47834
(39Â° 29' 03" N, 87Â° 07' 30" W)

Indoor Event â€“ Rain or Shine!

8:00 AM to 12:00 PM EST
(Vendor setup begins at 6:00 AM)

Talk-In: K9IKQ/R, 146.685 MHz, PL 151.4 Hz

Admission $7.00 (12 and under free)

Free Tables

Hourly Door Prize Drawings

DXCC, WAS, & VUCC Card Checking

3407. Re: Hamfest March 11

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-02-06 11:55:20 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 3407 Message: 3407

----- Message from n8xx@... ---------
Date: Sun, 5 Feb 2017 23:10:43 -0500

> Yep, I know that Terre Haute Indiana is quite a distance from here, but,
> figure it's a free country, and maybe some will be traveling in that
> area in March:
>

Or one could stick closer to home and go to the Youth Club Hamfest in
Lowell on March 11

http://k8lhs.club/hamfest/

3408. Re: Hamfest March 11

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-02-07 13:06:06 UTC
From: w8nsi@...
Topic: 3407 Message: 3408

Thanks for the reminder of the Lowell event. It had quite slipped my mind as I didn't get a reminder card this year. Probably because I was busy and didn't attend last year. In any case it is on my calendar now.
Tnx and 73 de w8nsi jim

3409. Hamfests, hamfests, Hamfests

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-02-07 22:06:34 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3409 Message: 3409

Lowell Youth Hamfest, Lowell, Michigan, March 11, 2017
details at
http://k8lhs.club/hamfest/

Crossroads Hamfest, Kalamazoo, Michigan, March 18, 2017
details at
http://www.w8df.com/hamfest/hamfest2017.pdf

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3410. GRARA VE Testing for Feb 2017 this friday Feb 10th at 7pm

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-02-08 03:13:47 UTC
From: stprovost@...
Topic: 3410 Message: 3410

Hello, we continue the tradition of the VE testing by the Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association on the second friday each month.
The next testing date is this friday Feb 10th at 7pm.
We will start registration at 630pm.

Remember the cost of this VE exam is zero dollars!.

Please review this website FAQ section to know what to bring:
https://www.laurelvec.com/?pg=faq https://www.laurelvec.com/?pg=faq

Upon successful completion of the exam, you will see your new license status in the FCC database within 7 days or less!

Testing location is at the
American Red Cross
1050 Fuller Ave NE
Grand Rapids, MI 49503

Questions?
Contact Stephen Provost
616-648--5983 cell/text
stprovost@provtechs.com email

3411. Where is Stephen these days?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-02-08 21:49:48 UTC
From: stprovost@...
Topic: 3411 Message: 3411

Hello, for the past 2.5 weeks, I have been working through pneumonia.
Last night I wen to med center and was given new antibiotics! for round two.

I am working with Nathan N8THN to be sure we will have a successful friday night.
I will be meeting with him tomorrow to finish this process.

Thus, I will not be there tonight :(.
Trying to get more rest.

stephen

3412. C4FM - Wires-X demonstration tonight

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-02-08 22:45:40 UTC
From: ab8dt@...
Topic: 3412 Message: 3412

Sorry for the late notice but I am giving a demonstration tonight at 7:30 for the MARA / W8USA group at their monthly meeting at the Plainfield Fire Department training building on the corner of Plainfield Ave. And 5 Mile Rd. It is the red brick building closest to the intersection on the NW corner.
All are welcome.
Ron, AB8DT

3413. Re: [GRARA] Where is Stephen these days?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-02-08 22:56:13 UTC
From: John Streyle
Topic: 3411 Message: 3413

Hope you're healthier by Friday evening! I am very interested in seeing how the Laurel system works - planning to be there.
W8QZ

Sent from my iPad

> On Feb 8, 2017, at 4:49 PM, stprovost@... [GRARA] <GRARA@yahoogroups.com> wrote:
>
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> stephen
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3414. Re: [GRARA] GRARA VE Testing for Feb 2017 this friday Feb 10th at 7pm

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-02-09 04:19:33 UTC
From: Thom
Topic: 3410 Message: 3414

I plan on being there myself. I will be arriving at about 4:30pm to
open the radio room and hang out until the exams start.

73

Thom KI8W

On 2/8/2017 03:13, stprovost@... [GRARA] wrote:
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3415. RE: [GRARA] Where is Stephen these days?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-02-09 05:04:09 UTC
From: Richard Ranta
Topic: 3411 Message: 3415

You just be sure not to overdue it. Stay healthy.

Rich k8jx and the cat

From: GRARA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:GRARA@yahoogroups.com]
Sent: Wednesday, February 08, 2017 4:50 PM
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [GRARA] Where is Stephen these days?

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Trying to get more rest.

stephen

3416. Re: [GRARA] Where is Stephen these days?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-02-09 09:51:36 UTC
From: Thom
Topic: 3411 Message: 3416

Be safe and get well Stephen.

73

Thom KI8W

On 2/9/2017 05:04, 'Richard Ranta' scooter1cat@... [GRARA] wrote:
>
> You just be sure not to overdue it. Stay healthy.
>
> Rich k8jx and the cat
>
> *From:*GRARA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:GRARA@yahoogroups.com]
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> stephen
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>

3417. WWV to go off the air Feb 21 & 22

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-02-09 20:12:30 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 3417 Message: 3417
Attachments: 3 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

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3418. ARRL DX Contest, (SSB) Mar 4 & 5

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-02-09 21:58:14 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3418 Message: 3418

Yep, the ARRL International DX Contest (SSB) will start at 0000Z
Saturday, March 4, and run through 2359Z Sunday, March 5

This is coincident with the 1900 (EST) Meeting of the Grand Rapids
Amateur Radio Association.

I suggest that a group of GRARA members fire up W8DC for the event, and
give it a try. We've done this before, and it has worked out quite well.

Details of this event are at:
http://www.arrl.org/arrl-dx

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3419. ARRL DX Contest, (SSB) Mar 4 & 5

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-02-09 22:06:49 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3418 Message: 3419

Yep, the ARRL International DX Contest (SSB) will start at 0000Z
Saturday, March 4, and run through 2359Z Sunday, March 5

I suggest that this would be a good test of the rig and antenna at W8LRC.

Details of this event are at:
http://www.arrl.org/arrl-dx

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3420. RED CROSS closure alert

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-02-14 00:03:53 UTC
From: stprovost@...
Topic: 3420 Message: 3420

Hello, Today I was informed that starting next monday Feb 20 and going on until saturday Feb 25, the basement area of the red cross will be CLOSED.

There will a company working to clear asbestos from the ceiling area in all the rooms. They will also wrap piping with proper insulation.

During this time, no one will have access to the basement area.

Thus, thus wed Feb 22, there will be no radio room.

We need to remove some of our gear from the radio room, and declutter our room as well this week.
See you wednesday night this week.

stephen

3421. Re: [GRARA] RED CROSS closure alert

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-02-14 02:56:56 UTC
From: wd8usa@...
Topic: 3420 Message: 3421

Steve- Please keep track of what is taken out of the radio room-

How I wish I was retired, I could see to this myself!!

DE WD8USA AR

-----Original Message-----
From: stprovost@... [GRARA] <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
To: GRARA <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Mon, Feb 13, 2017 7:03 pm
Subject: [GRARA] RED CROSS closure alert

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3422. NA Parks on the Air

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-02-14 23:16:23 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3422 Message: 3422

If you're amongst the many who have activated a National Park in 2016,
and are feeling "withdrawal symptoms" of not being able to participate
in such a grand effort, you may be interests in KB6NU's latest blog
about "Parks On the Air":

http://www.kb6nu.com/p-ops-going-2017/

It seems to encompass all the State and National Parks in the United States.

There's a "promise" of Michigan State Parks On the Air, with a "soft
start" on April 1, but the rules have yet to be published.

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3423. Re: [GRARA] RED CROSS closure alert

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-02-14 22:51:27 UTC
From: Thom
Topic: 3420 Message: 3423

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3424. Re: [GRARA] RED CROSS closure alert

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-02-15 02:16:55 UTC
From: wd8usa@...
Topic: 3420 Message: 3424

We have at times talked about doing all these suggestions at one time in the past- All good suggestions!

It is the followthrough that was the hard part!

A drop ceiling is a winner! JB

-----Original Message-----
From: Thom ki8w@... [GRARA] <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
To: GRARA <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Tue, Feb 14, 2017 9:01 pm
Subject: Re: [GRARA] RED CROSS closure alert

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3425. Michigan State Police 100th Anniversary

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-02-15 19:41:14 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3425 Message: 3425

Received from Larry Camp, WB8R, Section Manager:

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Michigan State Police 100th Anniversary

Ever since they first got radios back in the 1930's, hams have worked closely with the Michigan State Police.

MSP is Michigan's Emergency Management Agency, so as soon as ARES was formed, the partnership between MSP and ARES began.

On April 19th, the Michigan State Police celebrates it's 100th anniversary. To commemorate that event, we will be operating a special event station from the State Emergency Operations Center, which happens to have a very impressive ham shack.

The station will be operating the following weekend, April 22nd and 23rd (zulu days). We will be operating on the following frequencies:

3.560 (CW)
3.930 (LSB)
7.065 (CW)
7.230 (LSB)
14.030 (CW)
14.230 (USB)

We will (obviously) favor the lower frequencies during the evening and early morning, higher frequencies mid-day.

To support the Michigan State Parks on the Air event going on at the same time, the station will also operate 146.58 FM. The SEOC station has a significant VHF footprint.

The Michigan State Police will be providing a special QSL for this event. To obtain this special QSL Card, see http://ares-mi.org/MSP100.php.

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Might be a good chance to get that special QSL card.

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QRP >99.44% of the time

3426. Re: [GRARA] Michigan State Police 100th Anniversary

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-02-16 03:00:36 UTC
From: John Streyle
Topic: 3425 Message: 3426

Hmm - 14.230 is normally a frequency for SSTV. Probably not the best choice, IMHO.
W8QZ

Sent from my iPad

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3427. Re: [GRARA] Michigan State Police 100th Anniversary

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-02-16 13:10:52 UTC
From: Marc Veeneman
Topic: 3425 Message: 3427

3.560 is often in use by QRPers as this is their designated calling frequency.
W8SDG

> On Feb 15, 2017, at 10:00 PM, John Streyle streyle.j@comcast.net [GRARA]
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3428. Re: [GRARA] Michigan State Police 100th Anniversary

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-02-16 13:25:09 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3425 Message: 3428

Fellows and Gals:

I suspect we can have input on frequencies of choice for this event. I
suggest you contact Larry Camp, WB8R, <wb8r@...> directly about
your concerns>

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On 2/16/2017 8:10 AM, Marc Veeneman mveeneman@... [GRARA] wrote:

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> W8SDG
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> On Feb 15, 2017, at 10:00 PM, John Streyle streyle.j@...
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3429. Reminder, Saturday, February 18, Get Outta the Cabin / New Hams Dinner

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-02-16 22:08:36 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 3429 Message: 3429

Reminder, Saturday, February 18, Get Outta the Cabin / New Hams Dinner

Download flier at http://www.w8dc.org
or direct at
http://www.w8dc.org/file/club/dinflyr17.pdf

Feb. 18 ☐Get Outta the Cabin☐ Dinner (formerly known as the ☐New Hams Dinner☐) at 1:30 at the Golden Corral, 3461 Alpine NW, Walker. Anyone involved or interested in ham radio is welcome. We would especially like to encourage and welcome any new licensees and hams new to the area. You don☐t want to miss out on the door prizes, this year including a new radio for a lucky new ham. Good time for all! Buffet style; pay at the door. Normal restaurant rates with discounts for seniors and children. Cost is under $13 with beverage and tax, plus gratuity. No reservations, just show up.

Kent / Ottawa Severe Weather Spotter Training 2017
Kent / Ottawa Skywarn
Thursday, March 16, 2017 from 6:30 PM to 9:30 PM (EDT)
Grandville, MI
More information and free registration at
https://www.eventbrite.com/e/kent-ottawa-severe-weather-spotter-training-2017-registration-28894842251

3430. Ride needed - Sat. Feb 18, Get Outta the Cabin / New Hams Dinner

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-02-17 00:08:24 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3429 Message: 3430

Doctor still won't let me drive, so I'm looking for a ride to the Dinner on Saturday.

I live about 2 miles from downtown Rockford. Anyone from the area going to this gala?

Please reply privately, or call cell 616 828 9663

Thanks in Advance.

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p.s. With any luck I'll be able to drive after seeing the Orthopedic Surgeon next Tuesday!

3431. ride needed

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-02-26 04:50:53 UTC
From: J. k.
Topic: 3431 Message: 3431

hello all

Sent from Windows Mail
hello john n8vlj needs a ride to and from the 2017 skywarn training in Grandville gas and dinner prided for that night thank you john n8vlj 73’s.

3432. Anyone have Last Years Michigan Governor's Ham radio proclamation?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-02-27 18:19:47 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3432 Message: 3432

I had a computer failure, and can't find the proclmation made around
Field Day date last year by the Governor concerning Amateur Radio.

I'm applying for a special use permit for a Field Day Site for 2017, and
would like a copy of this resolution as supporting documentation.

Thanks in advance.

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3433. Re: [GRARA] Anyone have Last Years Michigan Governor's Ham radio proclamation?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-02-27 18:26:32 UTC
From: Douglas Luurs
Topic: 3432 Message: 3433

This what you looking for ?
http://www.michigan.gov/snyder/0,4668,7-277-57577_59874-386220--,00.html
Doug / W8ZUU

From: "Hank Greeb n8xx@arrl.org [GRARA]" <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
To: GRARA Group <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Monday, February 27, 2017 1:19 PM
Subject: [GRARA] Anyone have Last Years Michigan Governor's Ham radio proclamation?

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Field Day date last year by the Governor concerning Amateur Radio.

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3434. Re: [GRARA] Anyone have Last Years Michigan Governor's Ham radio proclamation?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-02-28 02:40:16 UTC
From: Van Lincoln
Topic: 3432 Message: 3434

At 12:19 2/27/2017, you wrote:
>proclmation made around
>Field Day date last year by the Governor concerning Amateur Radio.

http://www.michigan.gov/snyder/

3435. Re: [GRARA] Anyone have Last Years Michigan Governor's Ham radio proclamation?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-02-28 03:44:34 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3432 Message: 3435

Thanks!

On 2/27/2017 9:40 PM, Van Lincoln vlincoln@... [GRARA] wrote:
> At 12:19 2/27/2017, you wrote:
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> Posted by: Van Lincoln <vlincoln@...>
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3436. 2017 Kent and Ottawa NWS SkyWarn Spotter Class

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-02-27 17:25:36 UTC
From: Derek Schroeder
Topic: 3436 Message: 3436
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Good afternoon!

It is that time of year again when threatening weather looms in the forecast.

The Kent and Ottawa counties SkyWarn groups are proud to present the Annual NWS Basic SkyWarn Spotter class.

The link to sign up is located here.
https://www.eventbrite.com/e/kent-ottawa-severe-weather-spotter-training-2017-registration-28894842251

This year the training will be held at the Grandville High School. Please see the attached flyer for address details.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Derek Schroeder
Kent County SkyWarn

3437. March GRARA meeting this Friday 3rd

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-03-01 17:26:17 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 3437 Message: 3437

Reminder, this Friday, March 3, the GRARA monthly meeting at the Red Cross building. 6:30PM social, 7PM meeting.
http://www.w8dc.org/pages/meetings.html

3438. Lowell AR youth club hamfest Saturday, March 11

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-03-01 18:15:50 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 3438 Message: 3438

Copied from http://k8lhs.club/hamfest/

Lowell amateur radio youth club hamfest 2017
Saturday, March 11th, 8AM to 12 NOON

Admission: $5.00 ☐ Elementary, Middle & High School Free

Advance Table Sales: Two 5′ Tables & Admission = $12 / One
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At The Door Table Sales: Two 5′ Tables & Admission = $15 / One
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Set-Up: Friday, March 10th, 7PM to 9PM, or Saturday, March 11th 6AM to 8AM

V.E. Exams: 10AM Walk-ins Welcome

Location: Lowell High School, 11700 Vergennes St, Lowell, MI 49331

Advance Sales: Al Eckman, 725 Bowes Rd, Apt K6, Lowell, MI 49331
616-450-4332 aeckman@lowellschools.com

Sponsored By: Lowell Amateur Radio Youth Club: K8LHS

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Location: Kalamazoo Township, MI
Type: ARRL Hamfest
Sponsor: Southern Michigan Amateur Radio Society
Website: http://www.w8df.com/index.php?content=hamfest

Sunday, March 19 - Toledo Mobile Radio Association Hamfest and Computer Fair
Location: Perrysburg, OH
Type: ARRL Hamfest
Sponsor: Toledo Mobile Radio Association
Website: http://www.tmrahamradio.org

Saturday, May 6 - Cadillac Amateur Radio and Computer Swap
Location: Cadillac, MI
Type: ARRL Hamfest
Sponsor: The Wexaukee Amateur Radio Club
Website: http://www.tmrahamradio.org/hamfest.php

Friday Saturday Sunday, May 19, 20, 21 - Ohio State Convention (2017
Dayton Hamvention)

Location: Xenia, OH
Type: ARRL Convention
Sponsor: Dayton Amateur Radio Association
Website: http://www.hamvention.org

Saturday, June 3 - IRA Hamfest
Location: Hudsonville Fairgrounds
Sponsor: Independent Repeater Association
Website: http://w8ira.org/

Friday Saturday, July 14, 15
Location: Kalamazoo Fairgrounds
Type: Antique radio and electronics convention / swap
Sponsor: Michigan Antique Radio Club
Website: http://michiganantiqueradio.org/

Saturday, September 9 - GRAHamfest
Location: Grand Rapids / Wyoming, MI
Type: ARRL Hamfest
Sponsor: Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association
Website: http://w8dc.org

Hamfest/Convention
Sunday, September 17 Adrian Hamfest
Location: Adrian, MI
Type: ARRL Hamfest
Sponsor: Adrian Amateur Radio Club
Website: http://www.w8tqe.com/

Saturday Sunday, October 7 - Great Lakes Division Convention
Location: Brooklyn , MI
Type: ARRL Convention
Sponsor: Great Lakes Amateur Radio Association
Website: http://GLHamCon.org

Saturday, October 21 - Muskegon Color Tour Hamfest
Location: Muskegon, MI
Type: ARRL Hamfest
Sponsor: Muskegon County Emergency Communication Services, Inc.
Website: http://mcecs.net/

Sunday, October 21 - 2017 Kalamazoo Hamfest and Amateur Radio Swap and Shop
Location: Kalamazoo, MI
Type: ARRL Hamfest
Sponsor: Southwest Michigan Amateur Radio Team & Kalamazoo Amateur Radio Club
Website: http://www.kalamazoohamfest.com

3439. Field Day - June 23 & 24 - Cedar Springs

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-03-01 19:03:26 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3437 Message: 3439

Mark your calendars for June 23 and 24! Field Day is near! Make plans for taking part! We plan to operate at the Staging Area for the Fred Meijer White Pine Trail in Cedar Springs. This will be in conjunction with the centennial of the founding of the Michigan State Parks. The Michigan DNR plans a 3 year celebration of State Parks staring this year, and running through 2019. Hams will be celebrating with the State as "Michigan State Parks On The Air" (MSPOTA).

Details will be discussed at the GRARA meeting on March 3.

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3440. ARRL International DX Contest, SSB: 0000Z, Mar 4 to 2400Z, Mar 5

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-03-01 19:13:33 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3437 Message: 3440

Yep, it's DX contest starting at 7 p.m. EST this Friday. This coincides with the start of the GRARA meeting.

Anyone want to operate W8DC, and try out the new antennae? Seems like it would be a great opportunity to make a few contacts, especially on 20, 15, and possibly 10 meters (if 10 is actually open!)

Let's discuss this at our meeting on Friday!

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On Air Director

3441. Re: [GRARA] Field Day - June 23 & 24 - Cedar Springs

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-03-02 12:12:27 UTC
From: John Streyle
Topic: 3437 Message: 3441

June 23 is a Friday- did you mean the 24th & 25th?
W8QZ

Sent from my iPad

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3442. Re: [GRARA] Field Day - June 23 & 24 - Cedar Springs

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-03-02 12:54:16 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3437 Message: 3442

John:

Thanks for the correction. Yeah, I must have looked at the calendar
with rose colored glasses. :)

Field Day is June 24 and 25, 2017.

72/73 de n8xx Hg
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On 3/2/2017 7:12 AM, John Streyle streyle.j@... [GRARA] wrote:

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3443. QRP To the Field - 22 April?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-03-03 20:34:58 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3443 Message: 3443

Anyone interested in operating "in the field" between 0800 and 1800 EDT, April 22, 2017, for QRP to the field? We could operate near the Grand River or the Flat River near Lowell, or the Rogue River near lots of places in the county, or on or near the Thornapple River and the Covered Bridge in Ada, or.... ???? What's the river which flows into and out of The Wabasis Lake. - like when we operated from Wabasis Lake Park a couple years ago? Lots of Rivers in the area, lots of choices..... I'm sure I'm not familiar with many of the rivers in the area.

Whatcha thimk? How about another adventure in the Wilds? (At least it shouldn't be -2 °F like it was when we a bunch of us went to Hell in 2007. :)

Répondre s'il vous plaît par message privé.

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-------- Forwarded Message --------
Subject: [QRP-L] 2017 QRP TO THE FIELD
Date: Fri, 03 Mar 2017 11:22:30 -0700
From: na5n@...
Reply-To: QRP-L Mailing List <qrp-l@...>
To: QRP-L Mailing List <qrp-l@...>

This year's QRP TO THE FIELD (QRPTTF) will be held on:

SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 2017 from 0800-1800 your local time

THEME: "A River Runs Through It" -or- "Rivers On The Air"

Operate from near a river, stream, creek, etc. Most everyone has some sort of river nearby, or even a scenic river park, for a nice field location. If it has a name, it counts. SOTA stations are always invited to participate in QRPTTF for the x3 multiplier. Working a SOTA station earns you extra points.

Rules, information, and babbling commentary here:
http://www.zianet.com/qrp/qrpttf/2017/ttf.htm

72, Paul NA5N

3444. Reminder, Lowell AR youth club hamfest this Saturday, March 11 & other area events

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-03-06 21:32:55 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 3444 Message: 3444

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616-450-4332 aeckman@...

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More hamfest listings below

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Muskegon Severe Weather Spotter Training 2017
Muskegon Skywarn
Saturday, April 15, 2017, 2pm - 4pm
Muskegon Community College, Stevenson Center, 221 South Quarterline Road

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40th Annual 5/3rd River Bank Run
Main Event Saturday, May 1 6AM - 1PM / varying end times

Why should you help out with the 5/3rd River Bank Run?
1. As amateur radio operators we should give back to the community.
2. Time to dust off those radios and hone our communication skills.
3. Great opportunity to show the community what ham radio operators
can do to support their community.
4. For those of you who volunteer in the emergency community it is a
great time to work with other emergency service personnel.
5. See old friends.
6. We think this is fun.

Several things to keep in mind. We have 2 Events.
#1) The JR Event which we will need about 15-20 People to help.
Wednesday, May 10 4PM - abbout 8PM.
#2) The Main Event Saturday, May 13 6AM - 1PM with varying end times.

We will also have an RBR Pre-Meeting on Friday, May 12 at the Kent
County Sheriff Dept,701 Ball Ave, Grand Rapids, from 6:30PM - 8:30PM.
(We need about 80-85 People to help with the main event in various
positions)

For those who have never worked the River Bank Run.
This is the PREMIER Communications event in Kent County. This event is
one that you'll enjoy and come back every year for more! The RBR event
is HUGE and keeps growing!

Please sign up @ http://vrm.cc/rbr. Any questions please email:
rbrsafety@...

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Sponsor: The Wexaukee Amateur Radio Club
Website: http://www.tmrahamradio.org/hamfest.php

Friday Saturday Sunday, May 19, 20, 21 - Ohio State Convention (2017 Dayton Hamvention)
Location: Xenia, OH
Type: ARRL Convention
Sponsor: Dayton Amateur Radio Association
Website: http://www.hamvention.org

Saturday, June 3 - IRA Hamfest
Location: Hudsonville Fairgrounds
Type: Hamfest
Sponsor: Independent Repeater Association
Website: http://w8ira.org/

Friday Saturday, July 14, 15 ☐ Extravaganza 2017
Location: Kalamazoo Fairgrounds
Type: Antique radio and electronics convention / swap
Sponsor: Michigan Antique Radio Club
Website: http://michiganantiqueradio.org/

Saturday, September 9 ☐ GRAHamfest 2017
Location: Grand Rapids / Wyoming, MI
Type: ARRL Hamfest
Sponsor: Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association
Website: http://w8dc.org

Sunday, September 17 Adrian Hamfest
Location: Adrian, MI
Type: ARRL Hamfest
Sponsor: Adrian Amateur Radio Club
Website: http://www.w8tqe.com/

Saturday Sunday, October 7, 8 - Great Lakes Division Convention
Location: Brooklyn, MI
Type: ARRL Convention
Sponsor: Great Lakes Amateur Radio Association
Website: http://GLHamCon.org

Saturday, October 21 - Muskegon Color Tour Hamfest
Location: Muskegon, MI
Type: ARRL Hamfest
Sponsor: Muskegon County Emergency Communication Services, Inc.
Website: http://mcecs.net/

Sunday, October 22 - 2017 Kalamazoo Hamfest and Amateur Radio Swap and Shop
Location: Kalamazoo, MI
Type: ARRL Hamfest
Sponsor: Southwest Michigan Amateur Radio Team & Kalamazoo Amateur Radio Club
Website: http://www.kalamazoohamfest.com

Saturday Sunday, November 18, 19 - Indiana State Convention (Fort Wayne Hamfest and Computer Expo) Location: Fort Wayne, IN
Type: ARRL Convention
Sponsor: Allen County Amateur Radio Technical Society

Website: http://www.fortwaynehamfest.com/hfmain.htm

73 Jack NY8D

3445. Fw: ride needed

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-03-08 04:49:45 UTC
From: J. k.
Topic: 3431 Message: 3445

From: J. k. <John-WA@...>
Sent: Saturday, February 25, 2017 11:50 PM
To: grara@yahoogroups.com
Subject: ride needed

hello all

Sent from Windows Mail
hello john n8vlj needs a ride to and from the 2017 skywarn training in Grandville gas and dinner prided for that night thank you john n8vlj 73’s.

3446. MI-State Parks OTA (MSPOTA) - April 1, White Pine Trail

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-03-11 18:30:45 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3446 Message: 3446

On All Fool's Day, April 1, 2017,this fool will be participating in the maiden day of the Michigan State Parks On The Air (MSPOTA)

I'm inviting all fellow *fools... errr...*. hams who have mobile or portable stations to join the effort.

Schedule - (Approximate)

Start Time
Date
Comment
Where?
1700Z
1 April 2017
1 p.m. EDT
Trail Head, Cedar Springs, Michigan

Trail Head & Parking area is where West Maple Street meets the Fred Meijer White Pine Trail, west of Main Street. The best landmark on Main Street is the Cedar Springs Brewing Company on the SW Corner of West Maple and Main Street.

If you wish to operate but don't have portable gear, I'll have my Elecraft KX2 QRP Rig, and "probably" will even have a microphone attached to it so SSB will be possible. (No guarantees - I've hooked the microphone to a borrowed KX3, so I think it will work with the KX2, but, as many know, SSB is not a high priority on my list of modes. :) Use your own call, if you wish, or a special event call which I'll have for this special All-fool's-Day event, whichever floats your boat.

I'll personally be operating at 1700Z from the gazebo on site if weather is favorable. If it's raining, snowing, hail falling, gale wind blowing, etc. I'll operate from my automobile.

If timing is not right for your schedule, and you have your own portable or mobile rig, show up anywhere along the trail (doesn't need to be at the site, just within 50 yards, 150 feet) of the trail. Pick a time and a mode, and operate.

Advertise yourself with a self spot on any of the DXclusters. I generally prefer DXwatch.com, but the majority of the DXclusters are linked together on the internet, so if you announce your presence on one of them, it will show up within a minute or so throughout the country.

Full rules of the MSPOTA have not been promulgated yet, but I know that all one needs to exchange is RS(T) and MSPOTA park number (MSP404 for Cedar Springs). The "chasers" who will be calling you only need to give

RS(T), but will often give their state. The only thing that is needed for a valid log entry is date, time, mode, the call letters of the station worked. Usually operators give signal report.

If you plan to join me at 1700Z, please advise by private e-mail (or via return e-mail to the reflector).

72/73 de n8xx Hg
QRP >99.44% of the time

3447. CQ WW WPX Contest, SSB: 0000Z, Mar 25 to 2359Z, Mar 26

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-03-14 18:26:40 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3447 Message: 3447

Yep for all those who love flapping their jaws and exercising their
vocal cords, there the

CQ WW WPX Contest, SSB: 0000Z, Mar 25 to 2359Z, Mar 26
For the very, very, very few who still think in local time that is
CQ WW WPX Contest, SSB: 2000EDT, Mar 24 to 1959edt, Mar 26

This is a fun contest, where one gets multipliers for each and every
different prefixes in the world.
I haven't counted them, but there is numerous one. Like W*DC gives one
prefix, WA*DC gives another, WB*DC gives anoher, etc, up to WZ*DC, where
* equals 0 through 9, then K* thru KZ*, etc. Probably several hundred,
maybe even several thousand in the United States alone.

So, crank up those Sidewinder rigs, exercise you jaws and vocal cords,
and join the fun!

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p.s. Trying to figure out how to make my vibroplex bug "talk" for my
station. :)I

3448. WOW! My Woodbadge Beading!

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-03-15 05:20:24 UTC
From: Jerry
Topic: 3448 Message: 3448

Okay, I completed Woodbadge training for Scouting 'way back in 2011/2012, and never had my beading ceremony. If you like seeing strange rituals, cake and pop, this event is for you!

Sunday, March 26th from 2PM to 4PM.

Neil Fonger Post #179, American Legion, 2327 Wilson Ave. Walker, MI 49534.

(Up the hill from the I-196 & 28th STreet//M-11 interchange)

I'd love to see you again. Me, I'm doing as OK as I can expect, with Kidney dialysis 3x a day. I've been on the transplant list for the past 1-1/2 years, on medical retirement, with a few miscellaneous other "issues". Just hit 250,000 words with the 11 books I'm writing simultaneously.

My email address will probably be permanent for the rest of my life, but I misplaced my phone and sill be out of town this Thursday to Monday,.

Warmest regards,

Jerry "Uncle fester" Elya

3449. Re: [GRARA] WOW! My Woodbadge Beading!

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-03-15 11:59:05 UTC
From: Del Rockwell
Topic: 3448 Message: 3449

Jerry,

Congrats on finally getting your beads!? Big
occasion!!!!

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W8WDW
Eagle, class of '77
C-35-03
I used to be a fox,,,

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3450. MI-State Parks OTA (MSPOTA) - April 1, White Pine Trail

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-03-18 23:49:56 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3446 Message: 3450

This is the 2nd announcement for this event, Somewhat redundant, but I can't find the list of two or three folks who showed interest in the event for the firs announcement. Must be hiding in a different computer or an obscure name for the file.

Anyway, on All Fool's Day, April 1, 2017,this fool will be participating in the maiden day of the Michigan State Parks On The Air (MSPOTA)

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Full rules of the MSPOTA have not been promulgated yet, but keep an eye on http://www.mspota.org and click on the "Activator Rules" link. Rules have been promised, and things seem to be falling into shape.

If you plan to join me at 1700Z, please advise by private e-mail (or via return e-mail to the reflector). If you're unsure, and find out you can make it on April 1, just show up.

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QRP >99.44% of the time

3451. North Country Trail help

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-03-21 02:17:44 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 3451 Message: 3451

The National Parks On The Air (NPOTA) event may be history, but we can now give a little help to the people who operate the trail. They were very cooperative with us during NPOTA, read on how a simple email can be a thanks in return.

73 Jack NY8D

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West Michigan friends:

We have a bill in Congress that's very important to us, that would extend the NCNST to connect with the Appalachian Trail in Vermont, and would also include in the NCNST the world-class hiking trails including the Superior, Border Route and Kekekabic Trails in northeastern Minnesota. the bill in the North Country National SCenic TRail Route Adjustment Act, HR. 1026 and S. 363. Here is how Congressmen representing west Michigan have supported this (or not):

Justin Amash--MI-03
For many of us, Justin Amash is our Congressman. While it seems a bit incongruous that he has never co-sponsored our NCNST re-route bill, its true. He hasn't despite numerous personal requests and the fact that MI-03 hosts the national headquarters of BOTH the NCTA and NPS-NOCO, and more NCTA members per capita than anywhere else.

Next week I'm giving it another shot, with a scheduled visit to his Grand Rapids office. What I need for you to do, and it will take only a minute, is one or both of these things:

Go to this link to e-mail Rep. Amash: https://amash.house.gov/contact-me/email-me, or Call (202) 225-3831 (Amash's Washington office)

Please urge him to co-sponsor HR 1026, the North Country National Scenic Trail Route Adjustment Act. Share that you are his constituent, that this issue is very important to you and the community he represents.

Bill Huizenga--MI-02
Friday we received notice that Rep. Bill Huizenga (R-MI-02) was again co-sponsoring the NCNST's Route Adjustment Act (HR 1026). He had us a bit worried there --especially since he was a co-sponsor in the last Congress. But he added his name to HR 1026 Friday, bringing our total to 31 co-sponsors, 14 of which are Republicans.

Please take a moment to send a personal e-mail (go here: http://huizenga.house.gov/contact/) or make a phone call: Phone: (202) 225-4401 . A simple "Please thank Congressman Huizenga for co-sponsoring HR. 1036, our North Country National Scenic Trail Route Adjustment Act. " If you like, add a sentence about why this is personally important to you as a constituent.

Saying "thank you" is important!

Fred Upton--MI-06
Fred co-sponsored our legislation in the last Congress, and, as a member of the House Trails Caucus (plus the fact we sponsored an event for him on the Trail last year!) you'd think he would be all over this, Sadly, not yet. Please contact him to urge him to co-sponsor HR 1026:

Email: http://upton.house.gov/contact/zipauth.htm
Phone (269) 385-0039 or (202) 225-3761

The House bill now has 31 co-sponsors (14 Republicans, 17 Democrats), and the Senate bill has 10 co-sponsors. We've prepared a map (https://northcountrytrail.org/get-involved/advocacy/) showing the 8 states for the NCNST indicating which Congressional Districts have co-sponsored the bill, and which remain. Senate support is also shown.

Many thanks. Please do this now. It matters!

-- B

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www.northcountrytrail.org

3452. Hamvention 2017 ticket order

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-03-21 05:21:58 UTC
From: stprovost@...
Topic: 3452 Message: 3452

Hello, this wednesday night, we will add to the flea market order any general admission tickets that members want. Please let me know by wednesday at 5pm by emailing your request to stprovost@provtechs.com
Tickets are $22 each and we need payment for your tickets at the Friday April 7th meeting.

thanks!
stephen AC8QE

3453. Re: [GRARA] Hamvention 2017 ticket order

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-03-21 13:42:38 UTC
From: Nelson Van Elderen
Topic: 3452 Message: 3453

I will be needing one general admission ticket please.

Nelson

K8ZKL

From: GRARA@yahoogroups.com <GRARA@yahoogroups.com> on behalf of stprovost@... [GRARA] <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 21, 2017 1:21 AM
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [GRARA] Hamvention 2017 ticket order

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3454. Re: [GRARA] Hamvention 2017 ticket order

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-03-21 14:17:43 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 3452 Message: 3454

One ticket please. I fully anticipate being at the April 7 meeting. TNX.

73 Jack NY8D

Jack Amelar
13110 Victory Woods Dr NE
Lowell, MI 49331-8857
Home Phone #: (616)438-5412
Cell Phone #: (616)438-1464
E-mail: jamelar@...

----- Message from GRARA@yahoogroups.com ---------
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----- End message from GRARA@yahoogroups.com -----

3455. Re: [GRARA] Hamvention 2017 ticket order

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-03-22 15:27:08 UTC
From: fivegunner@...
Topic: 3452 Message: 3455

Hi, could I get a ticket to? Frank . KD8OHS

3456. Re: [GRARA] Hamvention 2017 ticket order

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-03-22 17:52:05 UTC
From: Frank McClelland
Topic: 3452 Message: 3456

Hi, Kd8HNF (BOB) needs a ticket also.

On Wednesday, March 22, 2017 11:27 AM, "fivegunner@... [GRARA]" <GRARA@yahoogroups.com> wrote:

  Hi, could I get a ticket to? Frank . KD8OHS

3457. Yaesu Fusion information

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-03-27 14:14:57 UTC
From: stprovost@...
Topic: 3457 Message: 3457

Hello, if you want to learn more about Yaesu fusion, here is a youtube link of a demonstration
given to a chicago club last month.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E81KafJT_zI&feature=youtu.be
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E81KafJT_zI&feature=youtu.be

I am working with a local ham who wants to come give us a demonstration of yaesu fusion across several radios.
I am requesting that after our regular may meeting, he will demonstrate the yaesu fusion.

thanks
stephen AC8QE

3458. Re: Yaesu Fusion information

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-03-28 02:51:07 UTC
From: <kf8ql@...>
Topic: 3457 Message: 3458

Hi - Can you provide information on connecting to WIRES via the 146.76 machine. Is that possible today, or planned for the future?
What other local repeaters are connected to WIRES? I’ve been experimenting with a DV4Mini at home, and enjoying the US/Worldwide WIRES connection.

Thanks – Dave – KF8QL

3459. Re: [GRARA] Re: Yaesu Fusion information

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-03-28 19:23:04 UTC
From: Ron Karger
Topic: 3457 Message: 3459

Dave,It is a lot to absorb in so here we go in a nut shell. I am planning on giving a demonstration on the Wires-X at the next club meeting so a hands on with equipment maybe the best way to explain things.
Below I compiled a list of local repeaters that are Fusion and do both FM-Analog & C4FM-Digital (AMS/AMS) along with a couple of local simplex nodes. I also gave a list that your DV4mini can use to connect into three of the most popular rooms that are "bridged" into the FCS Reflector. The most impressive is the Alabama Link that has about all the analog & digital modes available all on one.
In order to give you an answer I will need to explain a few things. When we are talking on C4FM we will be using Simplex or Repeaters and either one can be connected into the internet with a interface (I.E.; HRI-200 Wires-X) or a Hotspots (I.E.; DV4mini, DV4home, DVmega, OpenSpot, etc.). Only a HRI-200 will get you into the "Wires-X" system. The hotspots will get you into a reflector system (I.E.; FCS/YSF). In order to get into the Wires-X on the 146.760 W8DC you will need a C4FM radio (I.E.; FT1DR, FT2DR, FTM-100, FTM-400, FTM-3200, FT-991 or the new FT-70DR) all the listed radios can connect into the Wires-X node except the FTM-3200 and the FT-70DR. Connecting into the Wires-X node will allow you to change to a different room but you can still communicate as long as you have a C4FM radio.
FCS/YSF Reflectors are "bridged" into the Wires-X system via an RF Link. So since the W8DC has a Wires-X node I would put a VHF DV4mini stick inline with the repeater's input & output so it would put the RX & TX into the FCS system (I.E. FCS002/22 "Michigan")
The developers at SharkRF OpenSpot has hinted about someday in the near future having a direct connection into the Wires-X system so keep tuned for that info. Their hotspot is the only one that will allow cross-mode from DMR to C4FM or C4FM into DMR which will be beneficial if you only have one type of radio but want to try different modes.
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LOCAL FUSION REPEATERS								
		Analog						Connection		
Frequency	Offset	Tone	DSQ	City	County	Call	Use	Wires-X	Type	Node #	Room #
145.230	-0.6 MHz	94.8	OFF	Sparta	Kent	W8USA	OPEN	YES	RF Link	30382	40832
145.490	-0.6 MHz	94.8	OFF	Grand Haven	Ottawa	W8CSO	OPEN				
146.760	-0.6 MHz	94.8	OFF	Grand Rapids	Kent	W8DC	OPEN	YES	RF Link	30074	40074
146.880	-0.6 MHz	141.3	OFF	Cedar Springs	Kent	NW8J	OPEN	Near Future			
147.380	+0.6 MHz	94.8	OFF	Muskegon	Muskegon	KE8LZ	OPEN				
443.075	+5 MHz	94.8	OFF	Cedar Springs	Kent	NW8J	OPEN	YES	Direct Connected	11924	21924
444.100	+5 MHz	94.8	OFF	Grand Rapids	Kent	N8NET	OPEN				
444.800	+5 MHz	103.5	OFF	Holland	Ottawa	N8XPQ	OPEN	YES	RF Link	11960	21960
444.900	+5 MHz	94.8	OFF	Hudsonville	Ottawa	K8IHY	OPEN				

Simplex Nodes				
Frequency	DSQ	City	County	Call	Node #	Info
144.750	OFF	Grand Rapids	Kent	WA8EBM	11779	Open Simplex Node
145.625	OFF	Cedar Springs	Kent	AB8DT	30466	Open Simplex Node with occasional RF linking to various Fusion RPT

Wires-X Rooms that are bridged									
Room Name	Node	Room	City	State	FCS Reflector	FCS Reflector	YSF Reflector	SRF Reflector	Brandmeister	DSTAR Reflector	Allstar Node	Echolink
----AMERICA-LINK	11080	21080	Beaumont	TX	FCS002/90	FCS003/90						
----MNWIS-FUSION	11493	21493	Lino Lakes	MN	FCS002/23							
ALABAMA-LINK	18933	28933	Troy	AL	FCS002/02		Alabama Link	Alabama Link	31010	XRF334-B	44110	KT4ROY-R

On Monday, March 27, 2017 10:50 PM, "kf8ql@... [GRARA]" <GRARA@yahoogroups.com> wrote:

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3460. RE: [GRARA] Re: Yaesu Fusion information

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-03-30 04:57:54 UTC
From: Richard Ranta
Topic: 3457 Message: 3460

Thanks a million Ron. This is just what I’m looking for to include in our Newsletter.

Thanks again.

Rich k8jx and the cat

From: GRARA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:GRARA@yahoogroups.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 28, 2017 3:23 PM
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: Re: [GRARA] Re: Yaesu Fusion information

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RF Link

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Grand Haven

Ottawa

W8CSO

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146.760

-0.6 MHz

94.8

OFF

Grand Rapids

Kent

W8DC

OPEN

YES

RF Link

30074

40074

146.880

-0.6 MHz

141.3

OFF

Cedar Springs

Kent

NW8J

OPEN

Near Future

147.380

+0.6 MHz

94.8

OFF

Muskegon

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KE8LZ

OPEN

443.075

+5 MHz

94.8

OFF

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Kent

NW8J

OPEN

YES

Direct Connected

11924

21924

444.100

+5 MHz

94.8

OFF

Grand Rapids

Kent

N8NET

OPEN

444.800

+5 MHz

103.5

OFF

Holland

Ottawa

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K8IHY

OPEN

Simplex Nodes

Frequency

DSQ

City

County

Call

Node #

Info

144.750

OFF

Grand Rapids

Kent

WA8EBM

11779

Open Simplex Node

145.625

OFF

Cedar Springs

Kent

AB8DT

30466

Open Simplex Node with occasional RF linking to various Fusion RPT

Wires-X Rooms that are bridged

Room Name

Node

Room

City

State

FCS Reflector

FCS Reflector

YSF Reflector

SRF Reflector

Brandmeister

DSTAR Reflector

Allstar Node

Echolink

----AMERICA-LINK

11080

21080

Beaumont

TX

FCS002/90

FCS003/90

----MNWIS-FUSION

11493

21493

Lino Lakes

MN

FCS002/23

ALABAMA-LINK

18933

28933

Troy

AL

FCS002/02

Alabama Link

Alabama Link

31010

XRF334-B

44110

KT4ROY-R

On Monday, March 27, 2017 10:50 PM, "kf8ql@... [GRARA] <mailto:kf8ql@...%20[GRARA]> " <GRARA@yahoogroups.com <mailto:GRARA@yahoogroups.com> > wrote:

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Thanks – Dave – KF8QL

3461. Reminder, Allegan mini-swap, Saturday April 1

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-03-30 21:10:04 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 3461 Message: 3461

Saturday, April 1

The Allegan County Amateur Radio Club is holding an indoor "Mini Swap" at the Salem Township office, 3003 142nd Ave, Burnips, from 8AM to noon.

The building is located in Burnips at the corner of 30th St (County Highway A37) and 142nd Ave,

From Grand Rapids, US 131 south for 15 miles to Dorr Exit #68, 142nd Ave. West 9 miles to Burnips.

From Allegan, N Main St / 30th St (County Highway A37) north for 13 miles to Burnips.

Admission is $5 for buying or selling. Vendor setup 6AM - 8AM

More information / downloadable flier:
http://ac8rc.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/Trunk-Sale-Flyer.pdf

Thanks to Tom K8TB for originating these details.

73 Jack NY8D

3462. Re: [GRARA] Re: Yaesu Fusion information

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-03-30 21:39:38 UTC
From: Ron Karger
Topic: 3457 Message: 3462

On the W8DC 146.760 I have bridged a DV4mini into the C4FM/FCS reflector so those with hotspots can connect into FSC002/22 Michigan. It has been running the past few days and seems stable so if you have any issues please let me know.

On Tuesday, March 28, 2017 3:23 PM, Ron Karger <ab8dt@yahoo.com> wrote:

Dave,It is a lot to absorb in so here we go in a nut shell. I am planning on giving a demonstration on the Wires-X at the next club meeting so a hands on with equipment maybe the best way to explain things.
Below I compiled a list of local repeaters that are Fusion and do both FM-Analog & C4FM-Digital (AMS/AMS) along with a couple of local simplex nodes. I also gave a list that your DV4mini can use to connect into three of the most popular rooms that are "bridged" into the FCS Reflector. The most impressive is the Alabama Link that has about all the analog & digital modes available all on one.
In order to give you an answer I will need to explain a few things. When we are talking on C4FM we will be using Simplex or Repeaters and either one can be connected into the internet with a interface (I.E.; HRI-200 Wires-X) or a Hotspots (I.E.; DV4mini, DV4home, DVmega, OpenSpot, etc.). Only a HRI-200 will get you into the "Wires-X" system. The hotspots will get you into a reflector system (I.E.; FCS/YSF). In order to get into the Wires-X on the 146.760 W8DC you will need a C4FM radio (I.E.; FT1DR, FT2DR, FTM-100, FTM-400, FTM-3200, FT-991 or the new FT-70DR) all the listed radios can connect into the Wires-X node except the FTM-3200 and the FT-70DR. Connecting into the Wires-X node will allow you to change to a different room but you can still communicate as long as you have a C4FM radio.
FCS/YSF Reflectors are "bridged" into the Wires-X system via an RF Link. So since the W8DC has a Wires-X node I would put a VHF DV4mini stick inline with the repeater's input & output so it would put the RX & TX into the FCS system (I.E. FCS002/22 "Michigan")
The developers at SharkRF OpenSpot has hinted about someday in the near future having a direct connection into the Wires-X system so keep tuned for that info. Their hotspot is the only one that will allow cross-mode from DMR to C4FM or C4FM into DMR which will be beneficial if you only have one type of radio but want to try different modes.
a good video can be seen here Repeater basics Wires-X (HRI-200) vs FCS reflectors (DV4mini Openspot)

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Repeater basics Wires-X (HRI-200) vs FCS reflectors (DV4mini Openspot)
Repeater basics with Yaesu Wires-X (HRI-200) vs FCS reflectors (DV4mini and Openspot).

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LOCAL FUSION REPEATERS								
		Analog						Connection		
Frequency	Offset	Tone	DSQ	City	County	Call	Use	Wires-X	Type	Node #	Room #
145.230	-0.6 MHz	94.8	OFF	Sparta	Kent	W8USA	OPEN	YES	RF Link	30382	40832
145.490	-0.6 MHz	94.8	OFF	Grand Haven	Ottawa	W8CSO	OPEN				
146.760	-0.6 MHz	94.8	OFF	Grand Rapids	Kent	W8DC	OPEN	YES	RF Link	30074	40074
146.880	-0.6 MHz	141.3	OFF	Cedar Springs	Kent	NW8J	OPEN	Near Future			
147.380	+0.6 MHz	94.8	OFF	Muskegon	Muskegon	KE8LZ	OPEN				
443.075	+5 MHz	94.8	OFF	Cedar Springs	Kent	NW8J	OPEN	YES	Direct Connected	11924	21924
444.100	+5 MHz	94.8	OFF	Grand Rapids	Kent	N8NET	OPEN				
444.800	+5 MHz	103.5	OFF	Holland	Ottawa	N8XPQ	OPEN	YES	RF Link	11960	21960
444.900	+5 MHz	94.8	OFF	Hudsonville	Ottawa	K8IHY	OPEN				

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Wires-X Rooms that are bridged									
Room Name	Node	Room	City	State	FCS Reflector	FCS Reflector	YSF Reflector	SRF Reflector	Brandmeister	DSTAR Reflector	Allstar Node	Echolink
----AMERICA-LINK	11080	21080	Beaumont	TX	FCS002/90	FCS003/90						
----MNWIS-FUSION	11493	21493	Lino Lakes	MN	FCS002/23							
ALABAMA-LINK	18933	28933	Troy	AL	FCS002/02		Alabama Link	Alabama Link	31010	XRF334-B	44110	KT4ROY-R

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3463. MI-State Parks OTA (MSPOTA) - April 1, White Pine Trail

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-03-30 22:04:30 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3446 Message: 3463

This is the nth announcement for this event, Somewhat redundant, but I can't find the list of two or three folks who showed interest in the event for the firs announcement. Must be hiding in a different computer or an obscure name for the file.

Anyway, on All Fool's Day, April 1, 2017,this fool will be participating in the maiden day of the Michigan State Parks On The Air (MSPOTA)

Fourth announcement - but who is keeping trackF? As noted before, I'm inviting all fellow *fools... errr...*. hams who have mobile or portable stations to join the effort. (or, if you don't have a portable or mobile rig, and just want to operate, I'll fit you in for a spell.)

Schedule - (Approximate)

Start Time
Date
Comment
Where?
1700Z
1 April 2017
1 p.m. EDT
Trail Head, Cedar Springs, Michigan

Trail Head & Parking area is where West Maple Street meets the Fred Meijer White Pine Trail, west of Main Street. The best landmark on Main Street is the Cedar Springs Brewing Company on the SW Corner of West Maple and Main Street.

If you wish to operate but don't have portable gear, I'll have my Elecraft KX2 QRP Rig, and "probably" will even have a microphone attached to it so SSB will be possible.

I'll be operating at 1700Z from the gazebo on site if weather is favorable. If it's raining, snowing, hail or sn*w falling, gale wind blowing, etc. I'll operate from my automobile.

If timing is not right for your schedule, and you have your own portable or mobile rig, show up anywhere along the trail within Kent or Montcalm County (doesn't need to be at the site, just within 50 yards, 150 feet) of the trail. Pick a time and a mode, and operate.

Full rules of the MSPOTA are on http://www.mspota.org and click on the "Activator Rules" link.

If you plan to join me at 1700Z, please advise by private e-mail (or via return e-mail to the reflector). If you're unsure, and find out you can

make it on April 1, just show up.

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3464. International Mills on the AIR weekend March 13, 14

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-03-31 14:34:19 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 3464 Message: 3464

International Mills on the AIR weekend March 13, 14
ACTIVE WINDMILLS / WATERMILLS / WATER PUMPING STATIONS and links

A bunch from the Netherlands, only one from the USA
K8DAA in Holland at Windmill Island Gardens.

Mills on the Air main page http://www.pb7z.com/dmota/Mills.htm

Mills on the Air K8DAA page http://www.pb7z.com/dmota/k8daa.htm

"Windmills On The Air" is now planned for MAY 13th thru May 14th 2017 !
Jeff KB8QAP and Phil K8PVH will be portable on WIND MILL ISLAND
during Tulip Time located in Holland, Michigan USA to activate " DE
ZWAAN" Windmill on May 14th only using various HF bands and digital
modes. On 20 meters please look for us on CW with 14.018, SSB Phone on
14.255, and PSK31 on 14.070. Our special windmill callsign will be
K8DAA.
A handsome QSL card is ready for any stations who can contact us at the
windmill directly on that day. Both Phil-K8PVH and Jeff-KB8QAP are
heading up the HF site operations on the Island.
So please mark your calendars and tune in for the Windmills on the air
2017! Didn't hear us on HF ? Try calling the K8DAA De Zwaan mill on May
14th using IRLP node 4373 Good Luck! 73 Jeff KB8QAP, Phil K8PVH

3465. Re: [GRARA] MI-State Parks OTA (MSPOTA) - April 1, White Pine Trail

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-04-01 02:42:35 UTC
From: Del Rockwell
Topic: 3446 Message: 3465

Hank,

If things work out right, I will probably activate
tomorrow in Rockford.? I might swing by and see if I can find you,
but I'm not sure.? Barb will be with me.? We'll see.? I'm
just now putting my gear in a new vehicle.? So, I don't know if I
will try to set up totally portable, or try to run from the Jeep.?
We'll see I guess, depending on the weather.

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Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-04-01 03:03:33 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3446 Message: 3466

Del: VEry good new from you. Welcome aboard!

Either way, either from Rockford, or Belmont, or Cedar Springs....
White Pine in Kent County is White Pine in Kent County. Cedar Springs
is just 7 miles from Rockford, so would be nice to see you, but not
necessary.

And, you may operate portable or mobile - it's not like NPOTA where you
were supposed to be independent of your vehicle. Since this will be the
very first day of MSPOTA activations, we may find it a dud, or we could
find us being swamped with calls. You also can simultaneously activate
it as KFF1555 for WWFF-KFF Parks on the Air, they are independent but
many folks are bilingual and activate them simultaneously. We will be
trying to be on 40, 30, 20, 17, 15, 12, 10 meters, whichever is open,
and two or three of us will be operating CW and maybe some PSK-31 or
RTTY, or ???

We're all planning to use our own calls, right now we have "reasonable
probability" of having NY8D, K8GGL, W8QS, and me. Self spot on the
DXclusters and on the MSPOTA Facebook page, and, if you're doing both
KFF155 and MSPOTA, on the POTA Facebook page as well.

Let's see how much fun MSPOTA can be. And/or how much fun POTA -
KFF-WWFF can be.

Oh, temp is supposed to be in the 50's, so I'll "probably" be in the
gazebo at the staging area. But, if it's at all cold, I'll stay in the
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3467. Great video on youtube to watch that explains digital voice modes d-star, fusion, and dmr

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-04-03 04:48:12 UTC
From: stprovost@...
Topic: 3467 Message: 3467

This video was recorded at Hamcation (not sure on spelling) last month.
Ham Radio 2.0 was the one who recorded the forum.
The actual forum starts at the 9 minute mark of the video.
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It is about one hour long, and the tech level for understanding is at the basic level.
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Remember we are having a demonstration of fusion at the may 2017 grara monthly meeting!

stephen AC8QE

3468. Re: [GRARA] Great video on youtube to watch that explains digital voice modes d-star, fusion, and dmr

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-04-03 09:50:05 UTC
From: Thom
Topic: 3467 Message: 3468

It is going to be a interesting and long meeting.

We are also going to have a demonstration by Tom Behler KB8TYJ on how he handles his station operation as a sight impared ham.

Thanks for the link Stephen...going to put that on the website this morning.

73

Thom KI8W

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3469. Fw: [All-members] 2017 VHF and up Spring Sprints Announcement

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-04-04 02:28:03 UTC
From: David DeVos
Topic: 3469 Message: 3469

FYI - from the Michigan VHF-UHF Society:

From: Mike Metroka via All-members <all-members@...>
To: life-members@...; all-members@csvhfs.org
Sent: Monday, April 3, 2017 9:55 PM
Subject: [All-members] 2017 VHF and up Spring Sprints Announcement

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3470. New noontime net in Michigan

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-04-05 21:12:32 UTC
From: Tom
Topic: 3470 Message: 3470

Beginning on Friday, April 14th at 12 noon EDT, or 1600 Z, a new net will be hitting the air waves on the W8IRA Independent Repeater Association Link system. It will be called the IRA Link System Michigan Noon-time Roundup Net.

The net will be held on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday each week, with the possibility of expanding to a five-day schedule if interest and participation are sufficient. So, find a link near you, and please join us!

The purpose of the net is to promote activity on the IRA Link System, and also to help identify and trouble-shoot any problems that might be occurring with system repeaters.

The net also will be a great way for Michigan hams to communicate with each other during the mid-day hours while mobile, or just looking for conversations with fellow hams.

If you have any questions, or would like more information, please contact Tom Behler: KB8TYJ, the Net Manager. He can be reached at:

tombehler@...

If you would like more information on the Independent Repeater Association (IRA) Link System, go to:

www.w8ira.org

In addition, the W8IRA system now has a Yahoo email reflector, and you can subscribe to that at https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/W8IRA/info

And the audio from the W8IRA repeater is available to anyone to listen to on the Internet at http://www.broadcastify.com/listen/feed/24896

We look forward to your participation in this new and exciting ham radio activity!!

3471. ECHOLINK or IRLP on GRARA Repeaters?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-04-12 22:08:28 UTC
From: jrluellen@...
Topic: 3471 Message: 3471

Hi All,

Just wonder whether there's EchoLink or IRLP on the Grand Rapids repeaters.

Thanks,

Jared Luellen
KE8GBF

3472. Fwd: [VHF] First Spring VHF & Up SPRINT Will Be Held On Monday Evening

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-04-12 23:13:26 UTC
From: Dave DeVos
Topic: 3472 Message: 3472

FYI

David DeVos
KF8QL

> Subject: [VHF] First Spring VHF & Up SPRINT Will Be Held On Monday Evening
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> Please get on the air to contact us & others participating in the SPRINT!
>
> Rules for 2017 VHF and up Spring Sprint Contests
>
> 1.0 Contest Purpose: Encourage weak signal VHF/UHF amateur radio operation & have fun.
> 2.0 Contest Date and Time:
> 1. 144 MHz: Monday, 4/17/17 from 7 - 11 PM local
> 2. 222 MHz: Tuesday, 4/25/17 from 7 - 11 PM local
> 3. 432 MHz: Wednesday, 5/03/17 from 7 - 11 PM local
> 4. Microwave, 902 MHz and up: Saturday, 5/6/17 from 8 AM - 2 PM local
> 5. 50 MHz: Saturday, 5/13/17 from 2300Z until 0300Z Sunday, 5/14/17
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3473. HF equipment for sale

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-04-13 02:25:27 UTC
From: Tom
Topic: 3473 Message: 3473

Three HF rigs for sale:

1. The classic Kenwood 430S, all solid state, 160 through 10, including the WARC bands. Includes mobile microphone and a copy of the operating manual. $ 230 Rig-Pix athttp://www.rigpix.com/kenwood/ts430s.htm

2. An Icom IC-706MKiiG. This is the latest version, 160-10, plus 6m, 2m and 432, with factory box and manual, mobile microphone, $ 600 RigPix athttp://www.rigpix.com/icom/ic706mkiig.htm

3. Very cool Icom IC-7200, 160-10 plus 6 meter. Includes factory box and manual and mobile microphone, $ 750. RigPix at http://www.rigpix.com/icom/ic7200.htm

These are located in Grandville, Mich. Please email Jeff, W8IP at jeffemery72@...

3474. Radios forsale

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-04-13 16:15:14 UTC
From: Michael J. Wolthuis
Topic: 3474 Message: 3474

Good afternoon everyone,

I am making some changes to my collection and wanted to offer these radios to you all forsale before I brought them to hamfests and such. These are all pristine. Feel free to share this with anyone looking.

ICOM 5100A – Brand new in box – Top of the line D-STAR radio - $475

Kenwood D-710 – APRS dual band radio - $400

ICOM 2820 – Dual band DSTAR radio - $400

RC-d710 – pairs with the Icom2820 to do APRS or can pair with any other radio that has packet input/output for APRS - $250

Icom 2800H – my very first dual band mobile, hard to see her go, but time to move on - $250

All radios have each original part, original manual and original box. Many have add-ons that were purchased to increase value.

Again these radios are all nearly perfect, the 2800H has a few marks on it. I can send pictures if interested in any of the gear.

Mike

Kb8zgl

3475. Tinyurl links

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-04-14 16:05:37 UTC
From: Thom
Topic: 3473 Message: 3475

Howdy All,

I just finished removing any links from our club website (w8dc.org)
that were created by the TinyUrl site. They all appeared to be broken.

Please if you submit any links for inclusion, I ask that you do not use
TinyUrl to create them. No matter how long the link may be, include
it, and I will use it.

I currently need active links for the Ham In A Day event in Lowell on
June 10 and for the General Class Upgrade Class to be held starting
September 6.

thanks

Thom KI8W

Web Administrator GRARA

w8dc.org

3476. W8DC 146.760 Repeater

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-04-15 00:07:29 UTC
From: ab8dt@...
Topic: 3476 Message: 3476

The W8DC 146.760 MHz repeater will be off the air Saturday April 15, 2017 starting after 8:00 AM and should be back on the air by noon to get the equipment moved into a new cabinet and to install internet for direct connection of a HRI-200 for Wires-X.

Ron, AB8DT

3477. Fwd: Help needed Saturday April 29 2017

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-04-22 03:26:15 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 3477 Message: 3477
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3478. Fwd: volunteers with radios for local races

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-04-22 21:36:19 UTC
From: JOHN STREYLE
Topic: 3478 Message: 3478

Anyone interested in taking the communications lead on one of these events?

W8QZ

-------- Original Message ----------
From: Mark VanTongeren <mark@miadventureracing.com>
To: president@..., vice.president@...
Date: April 9, 2017 at 7:11 AM
Subject: volunteers with radios for local races

Hi Tom and John,

I own Michigan Adventure Racing and we're looking for volunteers with hand-held radios to help with communications and safety for some of our trail running, mountain biking and adventure races, especially the adventure races which may not have good cell coverage

Here are a list of our races. Would you be willing to share this information with your club members and see if anyone is interested?

Thanks!

Mark

Michigan Adventure Racing

April 29 Hurt the Dirt http://hurtthedirt.com/ trail race, 1/4, 1/2, full marathon, free kids run, Luton Park, Rockford Good cell coverage so we are probably okay with this one
May 20 Michigan Adventure Race: Ludington Edition
http://miadventurerace.com/ludington-edition/race-information/ , 6 and 12 hrs, Ludington State Park I believe Mason County EM is recruiting the local club
July 28-30 Michigan Adventure Race: Epic Edition
http://miadventurerace.com/epic-edition-2/race-information/ , 6-8 and 18 hrs, Caberfae Peaks Resort Do you have emails or phone numbers for anyone in the Wexaukee Amateur Radio Club? I can't find anything on their site.
Sept. 16 Lord of the Springs http://lordofthesprings.com/ Singletrack + Gravel Bike Race, Yankee Springs, Middleville
Oct. 7 Michigan Adventure Race: ArtPrize Edition
http://miadventurerace.com/artprize-edition/race-information/ , 4 hrs, Grand Rapids
Nov. 11 Dirty Duel http://dirtyduel.com/ trail race, 5K vs. 6K, Robinette's, Grand Rapids
Jan. 27, 2018 Michigan Adventure Race: Winter Edition
http://miadventurerace.com/winter-edition/race-information/ , 3 hours, Rockford

Mark VanTongeren

Owner/race director, Michigan Adventure Racing LLC

616.460.9331

www.lordofthesprings.com
www.miadventurerace.com http://www.miadventurerace.com/

www.hurtthedirt.com http://www.hurtthedirt.com/

www.dirtyduel.com http://www.dirtyduel.com/

3479. Re: volunteers with radios for local races

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-04-23 16:34:23 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 3478 Message: 3479

"April 29 Hurt the Dirt trail race, 1/4, 1/2, full marathon, free kids run, Luton Park, Rockford Good cell coverage so we are probably okay with this one"
Just as well, too soon to plan properly.

"May 20 Michigan Adventure Race: Ludington Edition, 6 and 12 hrs, Ludington State Park I believe Mason County EM is recruiting the local club"
Hamvention weekend

"July 28-30 Michigan Adventur e Race: Epic Edition, 6-8 and 18 hrs, Caberfae Peaks Resort Do you have emails or phone numbers for anyone in the Wexaukee Amateur Radio Club? I can□t find anything on their site."
Yes, best to contact WARC. On their hamfest (Saturday, May 6) i found n8ul@... I will forward this information.

"Sept. 16 Lord of the Springs Singletrack + Gravel Bike Race, Yankee Springs, Middleville"
I am forwarding this to the Barry ARA bara_newsletter@...

"Oct. 7 Michigan Adventure Race: ArtPrize Edition, 4 hrs, Grand Rapids"
Same day as HamCon at MIS http://glhamcon.org/

"Nov. 11 Dirty Duel trail race, 5K vs. 6K, Robinette□s, Grand Rapids"
GRARA should consider this one.

"Jan. 27, 2018 Michigan Adventure Race: Winter Edition, 3 hours, Rockford"
And this one too. Let's discuss at the May 5 GRARA meeting.

And of course, not everybody will be at Hamvention and HamCon.

"Michigan Adventure Racing LLC" Does anyone know if this operates as a profit or non-profit entity? Not that a profit would really matter, but still would be good to know.

----- Message from GRARA@yahoogroups.com ---------
Date: Sat, 22 Apr 2017 17:36:19 -0400 (EDT)
From: "JOHN STREYLE streyle.j@... [GRARA]" <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>

> Anyone interested in taking the communications lead on one of these events?
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> -------- Original Message ----------
> From: Mark VanTongeren <mark@...>
> To: president@..., vice.president@w8dc.org

> Date: April 9, 2017 at 7:11 AM
> Subject: volunteers with radios for local races
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> Hi Tom and John,
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----- End message from GRARA@yahoogroups.com -----

3480. Fwd: Updated Help needed Saturday for katty shack 5 k

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-04-25 00:38:46 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 3480 Message: 3480
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3481. May GRARA meeting

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-05-03 02:54:33 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 3481 Message: 3481

Reminder the GRARA monthly meeting is this Friday, May 5, 6:30PM
social, 7PM meeting, at the Red Cross Building.
http://www.w8dc.org/pages/meetings.html

More details as they become available.

73 Jack NY8D

3482. IRA Hamfest, Saturday, June 3, and other events

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-05-04 18:41:26 UTC
From: Grand Rapids Area Hamfests
Topic: 3482 Message: 3482
Attachments: 2 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

IRA HAMFEST, Saturday, June 3 ~ 8AM-Noon
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If your email is flier “image challenged”, here it is in text, or
download athttp://w8ira.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/IRA-Hamfest-2017.pdf
Other region events and unsubscribe info below.

Independent Repeater Association, Inc.
West Michigan’s Largest Hamfest and Computer Fair
$6 at the Door ~ 12 & Under Free
Spacious Indoor & Trunk Sales
Food & Drinks Available
Forums & Seminars
Hudsonville Fairgrounds, 5235 Park Avenue, Hudsonville, MI, I-96 exit 62
Talk-in on the IRA 147.16(94.8Hz) repeater.
GPS: N42.8645 / W85.8763
FREE PARKING!
MULTIPLE DOOR PRIZES!!
SATURDAY 10AM ~ VE Testing by the Holland ARC VE team. NO CHARGE for
VE testing, upgrades, or renewals.
FRIDAY 6:30PM ~ Ray’s Roadkill and Potluck Dinner
Bring a dish to pass and join the fun after helping with setup.
“Eyeball QSOs”, entertainment, awards, and surprises.
Last chance to buy reduced price ($5) Hamfest tickets.
FRIDAY NIGHT ~ Camping Available on the Grounds
Showers & restrooms available.
PROCEEDS SUPPORT THE W8IRA/R LINKED REPEATER SYSTEM.
Your financial assistance is required to maintain this system.
Donations are tax deductible.
QUESTIONS? Email hamfest@... ~ or ~ Call Kathy (KB8KZH) at
616-541-4090 (If no answer, leave message)
RESERVATIONS Download the flier at
http://w8ira.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/IRA-Hamfest-2017.pdf
Complete the form and send with your payment and SASE to:
Independent Repeater Association, Inc., PO Box 8122, Kentwood, MI 49518
Thank you for your support!

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The following information comes from the ARRL Hamfest and Convention
Databasehttp://www.arrl.org/hamfests-and-conventions-calendar and/or
directly from sponsors websites.

Other upcoming Hamfests and events:

Saturday, May 6 - Cadillac Amateur Radio and Computer Swap
Location: Cadillac Junior High School
Type: ARRL Hamfest
Sponsor: Wexaukee Amateur Radio Club
Website: http://www.wexaukeearc.org
Contact: Alton N8UL n8ul@...
Flier:
http://www.wexaukeearc.org/documents/Amateur%20Radio%20and%20Computer%20Swap%20%202017.pdf

Friday Saturday Sunday, May 19, 20, 21 - Ohio State Convention (2017
Dayton Hamvention)
Location: Xenia, OH, Greene County Fair & Exposition Center
Type: ARRL Convention
Sponsor: Dayton Amateur Radio Association
Website: http://www.hamvention.org
Contact: Ron KD8ENJ chair@... (937)603-9707
Flier: http://hamvention.org/media-news/ads-flyers/

Saturday, June 3 - IRA Hamfest
Location: Hudsonville Fairgrounds
Type: ARRL Hamfest
Sponsor: Independent Repeater Association
Website: http://w8ira.org/
Contact: Kathy KB8KZH hamfest@... (616)541-4090
Flier: http://w8ira.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/IRA-Hamfest-2017.pdf

Sunday, June 4 – Chelsea ARC Swap Meet
Location: Chelsea Fairgrounds
Type: ARRL Hamfest
Sponsor: Chelsea Amateur Radio Club
Website: https://www.facebook.com/wd8iel
Contact: Michelle KD8GWX michelle.dye@... (734)864-6623

Saturday Sunday, June 24, 25 – FIELD DAY
Visit http://www.arrl.org/field-day-locator to find an FD station near you.

Friday Saturday, July 14, 15 – Extravaganza 2017
Location: Kalamazoo County Fairgrounds and Expo Center
Type: Antique radio and electronics convention / swap
Sponsor: Michigan Antique Radio Club
Website: http://michiganantiqueradio.org/
Contact: Mark Oppat moppat@... (734)20-RADIO (207-2346)
http://michiganantiqueradio.org/contact-us/
Flier: http://michiganantiqueradio.org/extravaganza-flier/

Saturday, July 22 – Harrison Hamfest
Location: Harrison City Park
Type: ARRL Hamfest
Sponsor: Gladwin Area Amateur Radio Club
Website: https://www.hamqth.com/W8GDW
Contact: John W8CSX johnhensley1940@... (734)679-0385

Saturday, July 29 - CMARC “Outdoor” Hamfest
Location: Lansing, Holt Christian Church

Type: ARRL Hamfest
Sponsor: Central Michigan Amateur Radio Club

Website: http://www.centralmiarc.com/outdoorhamfest.php
Contact: Clyde K8CPT k8cpt@... (517)489-2014
Flier: http://www.centralmiarc.com/docs/July%2030,%202016%20CMARC%20Hamfest%20Flyer.pdf

Saturday, Aug 19 – Spark in the Park
Location: Grand Rapids / Wyoming, Home School Building
Type: “A Science Fair for Ham Radio” and radio/electronics in general.
Sponsor: 8 area clubs are sponsoring this no admission charge event,
visit website for details.
Website: http://www.k8tb.org/sitp.htm
Contact: Tom K8TB k8tb@...

Saturday, September 9 – GRAHamfest 2017 (Grand Rapids Area Hamfest)
Location: Grand Rapids / Wyoming, Home School Building
Type: ARRL Hamfest
Sponsor: Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association
Website: http://w8dc.org
Contact: Rich KC8NKA kc8nka@... (616)531-6218

Sunday, September 17 - Adrian Hamfest
Location: Adrian, Lenawee County Airport
Type: ARRL Hamfest
Sponsor: Adrian Amateur Radio Club
Website: http://www.w8tqe.com/hamfest.htm
Contact: Mark NU8Z cqnu8z@... (517)423-5906
Flier: http://www.w8tqe.com/pdfs/2017%20AARC%20FLYER.pdf

Saturday Sunday, October 7, 8 - Great Lakes Division Convention
Location: Brooklyn, Michigan International Speedway
Type: ARRL Convention
Sponsor: Great Lakes Amateur Radio Association
Website: http://GLHamCon.org
Contact: Glen K8GO info@... (734)731-0901
Flier: http://glhamcon.org/Flyer-041217.pdf

Saturday, October 21 - Muskegon Color Tour Hamfest
Location: Muskegon, Fellowship Reformed Church
Type: ARRL Hamfest
Sponsor: Muskegon County Emergency Communication Services, Inc.
Website: http://mcecs.net/Hamfests.htm
Contact: James K8COP k8cop@... (231)638-7010

Sunday, October 22 - 2017 Kalamazoo Hamfest and Amateur Radio Swap and Shop
Location: Kalamazoo County Fairgrounds and Expo Center
Type: ARRL Hamfest
Sponsor: Southwest Michigan Amateur Radio Team & Kalamazoo Amateur Radio Club
Website: http://www.kalamazoohamfest.com

Contact: Don WE8UPJ info@KalamazooHamfest.com (269)205-3560
Flier: http://www.kalamazoohamfest.org/flier.pdf

Saturday Sunday, November 18, 19 - Indiana State Convention (Fort Wayne Hamfest and Computer Expo)
Location: Fort Wayne, IN, Allen County War Memorial Coliseum and Exposition Center
Type: ARRL Convention

Sponsor: Allen County Amateur Radio Technical Society

Website: http://www.fortwaynehamfest.com/hfmain.htm
Contact: Dave W9LKH w9lkh@... (260)485-6135
Flier: http://www.fortwaynehamfest.com/images/2017%20FLYER.pdf

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These emails are sent primarily promoting the 3 Hamfests and “Spark in the Park” in the Grand Rapids Area with the regional hamfests information attached. If you prefer not to receive future mailing, just let me know (yes, a real person, no robots) and your email will be removed and flagged not to be re-added. Make sure to identify the email sent to, example, My call @ arrl.net which was forward to me @ myisp . Net.

Send requests to grahamfest@...

73 Jack NY8D

3483. Fusion - C4FM Demonstration Tonight after meeting

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-05-05 14:03:14 UTC
From: ab8dt@...
Topic: 3483 Message: 3483

All,
I have not heard differently so I am still planning on doing a Fusion / C4FM / Wires-X demonstration tonight Friday 5/5/17 after the club meeting. If you have a Yaseu C4FM capable HT (FT-1DR or FT2DR) please feel free to bring it to follow along and participate.

If anything has changed please let me know.

Ron Karger, AB8DT

3484. Petis Mowing

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-05-07 16:26:22 UTC
From: Robert Moe
Topic: 3484 Message: 3484

We will be at the Pitus Tower Site to mow the grass,
Monday May 8 at 1:00 PM If you can help, Welcome

73, Bob AC8ZX
Robert Moe
rmoe424242@...

3485. 2017 River Bank Run - help still needed

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-05-02 12:19:01 UTC
From: jamelar@...
Topic: 3485 Message: 3485

We are a little over a week out before River Bank Run events kick off.
We are still in need of a few more volunteers for the event.

Why should you help out with the 5/3rd River Bank Run?

1. As amateur radio operators we should give back to the community.

2. Time to dust off those radios and hone our communication skills.

3. Great opportunity to show the community what ham radio operators
can do to support their community.

4. For those of you who volunteer in the emergency community it is a
great time to work with other emergency service personnel.

5. See old friends.

6. We think this is fun.

Please pass this invitation along to your local clubs and friends.

Several things to keep in mind. We have 2 Events.

#1) The JR Event which we will need about 15-20 People to help. May
10th 2017 from 4PM - approximately 8PM

#2) The Main Event Which is on May 13th 2017 from 6AM - 1PM with
varying end times.

We will also have a RBR Pre-Meeting on Friday May 12th 2017 at KCSD

701 Ball Ave from 6:30PM - 8:30PM. (We need about 80-85 People to
help with the main event in various positions)

For those who have never worked the River Bank Run.

This is the PREMIER Communications event in Kent County. This event
is one that you'll enjoy and come back every year for more! The RBR
event is HUGE and keeps growing!

More detailed information will be sent out before the event. We are
still working out this year's communication plan.

Please sign up @ http://vrm.cc/rbr

Any questions please email: rbrsafety@...

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3486. Hamvention, beds still avalable at UofD dorm

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-05-08 03:40:21 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 3486 Message: 3486

As of this writing, there are 2 beds available at the University of Dayton Dormitory.

The dorm has 3 rooms, 2 beds per room, a kitchen and living room area. WIFI is included.

The cost is $117 per person for the weekend and the advance rate Hamvention ticket is $22, total $139. The room is available for Thursday evening until Monday morning. You can arrive later and/or leave earlier if you wish, but still the same rate.

Contact Tom N8DGD n8dgd@... You can ride along / carpool if you wish, leave mid-late morning Thursday, head back Monday morning, or make own transportation arrangement. Contact Tom ASAP, once the rooms are gone....

73 Jack NY8D

3487. [LARC Officers] GLHamCon Newsletter Available

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-05-08 21:06:32 UTC
From: Great Lakes HamCon
Topic: 3487 Message: 3487
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Great Lakes HamCon Newsletter Available

** The latest news from the Great Lakes HamCon @MIS can be found here:
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3488. WE get publicity

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-05-10 00:10:45 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3488 Message: 3488

Didn't even have to send a press release.

From the */Northeast Advance/*, Sunday, May 2, 2017, Page 5

CEDAR. SPRINGS

Group seeks approval to test emergency ham radio system

Jan Hoist jholst@mlive@com

Cedar Springs residents may soon be getting a firsthand look at how an amateur radio operation might work in an emergency.

The Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association has applied to the City of Cedar Springs for an Amateur Radio Field Day, celebrating the 100th anniversary of Michigan State Parks, to be held in late June at the staging area for the Fred Meijer White Pine Trail State Park.

Henry Greib (sic), on-air director for the radio association, told the Cedar Springs City Council that the event is a 24-hour test of radios to ensure they are ready in case of an emergency.

If the event gains city approval, several amateur radio stations would be set up on the site, demonstrating how such a station might be deployed in case of a major disaster in the city or county, which could knock out or overload other communication systems.

Antennas will be located on trailers, portable masts and communications van. Generators, designed for campground use, also would be used.

The event would take place in a continuous 30-hour period over a two-day period. June 24-25. The group also would set up a booth so interested visitors could learn about amateur radio operations.

GRARA is a nonprofit organization. Amateur radio operators, also called ham radio operators, are often used in emergencies. They are called amateurs because they are not paid for their services.

"Services are provided at no charge, but our communications services are professional," Greib said. "The Grand Rapids association supports the Red Cross and does a number of odd jobs that don't get handled by other communications."

In addition, ham radio operators are licensed by the Federal Communications Commission, according to Greib.

The council will make a decision about the event at its next regularly scheduled meeting May ii. Council meetings begin at 7 p.m. at city hall, 66 S. Main St.

3489. Re: [GRARA] WE get publicity

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-05-10 00:40:10 UTC
From: Tom
Topic: 3488 Message: 3489

Hank,

Exceptionally well written. We can forgive the spelling of your name for
a very well written article.

From all of us, thank you

Tom Bosscher

On 5/9/2017 8:10 PM, Hank Greeb n8xx@... [GRARA] wrote:
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> Didn't even have to send a press release.
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3490. RE: delayed 2 Meter Net.

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-05-10 01:34:40 UTC
From: Richard Ranta
Topic: 3490 Message: 3490

Good evening. I wanted to let you all know that we were scheduled to have a 2 meter net on the 146.760 Mhz repeater tonight at 7PM. However, a c4fm conversation was taking place and after repeated attempts to get their attention, I decided to simply wait and hold the net next week at the normal time: 7PM. Come rain or shine.

I hope you all have a great weekend and have fun at Dayton.

Rich Ranta K8JX and the cat

3491. Test...this is only a test

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-05-10 14:28:28 UTC
From: Thom
Topic: 3490 Message: 3491

I have been having some issues with this group rejecting my emails.
Just checking.

73

Thom KI8W

Web Administrator GRARA

w8dc.org

3492. Videos

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-05-10 16:17:20 UTC
From: Thom
Topic: 3490 Message: 3492

Howdy All,

Now that my email issue appears to be resolved, I have posted the videos taken at our last club meeting (May 5,2017) to the w8dc.org website. There is the General Membership Meeting and the excellent presentation on the Wires-X system on our 146.76 Fusion Repeater as given by Ron AB8DT. The videos are basically in raw format with very little editing.

I do not claim to be a videographer...I just play one at meetings.

http://www.w8dc.org/pages/video.html

Enjoy

73

Thom KI8W

Web Administrator GRARA

3493. Re: [GRARA] RE: delayed 2 Meter Net.

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-05-10 18:37:19 UTC
From: Ron Karger
Topic: 3490 Message: 3493
Attachments: 5 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

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I hope you all have a great weekend and have fun at Dayton.

Rich Ranta K8JX and the cat

3494. Re: [GRARA] RE: delayed 2 Meter Net. [6 Attachments]

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-05-10 18:42:05 UTC
From: Ron Karger
Topic: 3490 Message: 3494
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Well that did not display well thru Yahoo.... Attached is the email in a .pdf to display better. I will upload to the Yahoo Group next
On Wednesday, May 10, 2017, 2:37:30 PM EDT, Ron Karger ab8dt@... [GRARA] <GRARA@yahoogroups.com> wrote: [Attachment(s) from Ron Karger included below]

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3495. New file uploaded to GRARA

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-05-10 18:43:07 UTC
From: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 336 Message: 3495

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the GRARA
group.

File : /Wires-X disconnect.pdf
Uploaded by : ab8dt <ab8dt@...>
Description : Two methods to disconnect the Wires-X node from the 146.760

You can access this file at the URL:
https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/GRARA/files/Wires-X%20disconnect.pdf

To learn more about file sharing for your group, please visit:
https://help.yahoo.com/kb/index?page=content&y=PROD_GRPS&locale=en_US&id=SLN15398

Regards,

ab8dt <ab8dt@...>

3496. Re: [GRARA] Videos

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-05-11 01:39:51 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 3490 Message: 3496

Nice job, Thom. Great addition to the website for those who couldn't
make a meeting.

73 Jack NY8D

----- Message from GRARA@yahoogroups.com ---------
Date: Wed, 10 May 2017 12:17:20 -0400
From: "Thom ki8w@... [GRARA]" <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>

> Howdy All,
>
> Now that my email issue appears to be resolved, I have posted the videos
> taken at our last club meeting (May 5,2017) to the w8dc.org website.
> There is the General Membership Meeting and the excellent presentation
> on the Wires-X system on our 146.76 Fusion Repeater as given by Ron
> AB8DT. The videos are basically in raw format with very little editing.
>
> I do not claim to be a videographer...I just play one at meetings.
>
> http://www.w8dc.org/pages/video.html
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> Enjoy
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> 73
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> Thom KI8W
>
> Web Administrator GRARA
>

----- End message from GRARA@yahoogroups.com -----

3497. RE: [GRARA] RE: delayed 2 Meter Net. [1 Attachment]

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-05-11 17:53:26 UTC
From: Richard Ranta
Topic: 3490 Message: 3497

Thanks Ron. I thought there must exist a way to work around the syetem.

Thanks again. Rich k8jx

From: GRARA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:GRARA@yahoogroups.com]
Sent: Wednesday, May 10, 2017 2:42 PM
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: Re: [GRARA] RE: delayed 2 Meter Net. [1 Attachment]

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3498. Reminder, International Mills on the AIR weekend May 13, 14

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-05-13 02:33:54 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 3498 Message: 3498

International Mills on the AIR weekend May 13, 14
ACTIVE WINDMILLS / WATERMILLS / WATER PUMPING STATIONS and links

A bunch from the Netherlands, only one from the USA
K8DAA in Holland at Windmill Island Gardens.

Mills on the Air main page http://www.pb7z.com/dmota/Mills.htm

Mills on the Air K8DAA page http://www.pb7z.com/dmota/k8daa.htm

"Windmills On The Air" is now planned for MAY 13th thru May 14th 2017 !
Jeff KB8QAP and Phil K8PVH will be portable on WIND MILL ISLAND
during Tulip Time located in Holland, Michigan USA to activate " DE
ZWAAN" Windmill on May 14th only using various HF bands and digital
modes. On 20 meters please look for us on CW with 14.018, SSB Phone on
14.255, and PSK31 on 14.070. Our special windmill callsign will be
K8DAA.
A handsome QSL card is ready for any stations who can contact us at the
windmill directly on that day. Both Phil-K8PVH and Jeff-KB8QAP are
heading up the HF site operations on the Island.
So please mark your calendars and tune in for the Windmills on the air
2017! Didn't hear us on HF ? Try calling the K8DAA De Zwaan mill on May
14th using IRLP node 4373 Good Luck! 73 Jeff KB8QAP, Phil K8PVH

3499. ARROW one day bus trip to Hamvention

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-05-15 19:34:08 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 3499 Message: 3499

Forwarded from ARROW Communication Association, Ann Arbor

Know anybody who would like to join the ARROW Hamvention bus ride? There still are a few good seats left. We have lots of goodies for door prizes again this year. Our prizes include a 440 MHz DMR handi from Connect Systems and a headphone/microphone combo from Heil Sound. We also have a no-solder no-tool RF Probe kit for each and every rider from www.QRPme.com with an on-board DVD that will show our passengers how to put it together and use it.

$65.00 via Pay Pal at https://www.w8pgw.org/activities/dayton-bus-trip/

If you know someone, send them our way! Only a few seats left! (We even have a rider from Toronto!)

Forward this to anybody and everybody!

73,

John

WA8TON

3500. Hamvention spaces and communications

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-05-17 14:23:33 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 3500 Message: 3500

For those headed to Hamvention this weekend, keep in mind GRARA has flea market spaces for gathering, storing your new treasures, resting, etc.
Flea Market spaces 7255 and 7355.

For keeping in touch, we recommend 147.26 Simplex, that's the output of the primary W8DC repeater operating simplex.

73 Jack NY8D

3501. Re: [GRARA] Hamvention spaces and communications

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-05-17 17:18:32 UTC
From: Thom
Topic: 3500 Message: 3501

That was what I was thinking too. 147.26 simplex will work for me.
Looking forward to tomorrow.

73

Thom KI8W

On 5/17/2017 10:23, Jack Amelar jamelar@... [GRARA] wrote:
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3502. Re: [GRARA] Hamvention spaces and communications

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-05-17 22:44:56 UTC
From: wd8usa@...
Topic: 3500 Message: 3502

I will be at the Red Cross building @ 715 tonight- I have 2 Hamvention tickets for sale for 20 dollars a piece- If any one needs them- DE WD8USA AR

-----Original Message-----
From: Thom ki8w@... [GRARA] <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
To: GRARA <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Wed, May 17, 2017 1:18 pm
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3503. How about this...a little warning.

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-05-18 01:15:17 UTC
From: Thom
Topic: 3500 Message: 3503

I got this email from the Elecraft mail list that I belong to.

This is about the danger if charging Lithium-Ion batteries and leaving them unattended.

This is a English translation of the original German Text.

73

Thom KI8W

Guys,

I want to give you a advice, my shack it (was) in the basement (cellar??) I do all my thing for the hobby there.
A collega of mine asked me to take a look at two Go-Pro LI-Ion accu's because they where not loading anymore.

So I put the first one on the loader for 8 till 9 hours and checked it and it was ok (with 10% loading current)
Then I dit put the second one in same place at 10 in the morning at 3 my daughter called me there is a fire.
We rusted to the cellar but I could not enter it was filled with dark smoke.

My shack is gone and 90 % off my house, I have insurance don’t now if it is enough to cover all of my Elecraft stuff

My K1, my own build K2 my K3 and my KX3 are gone, I found my K1 in 20 cm off water really down under, I clean’t it with fresh water.
After that flushed it with pure alcohol. It is completely taken apart today as far as is possible.
I Hope it will survive I will let it dry for a lot of day’s

My K2 is melted the same as my P3 and my K3 perhaps I can order the outside of both, but a am still not allowed to enter the basement so I don’t know how it looks at the inside.

So finale the message is please take care with li-ion accuse battery’s. It did cost me our house in 1 hour.

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3504. Re: [GRARA] How about this...a little warning.

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-05-18 10:35:53 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3500 Message: 3504

Thom:

Cells containing lithium must be treated with great care. Don't believe the claims from Chinese Manufacturers that their cell packs contain "balancing circuits" to eliminate overcharge. Pay a bit more for cells from reputable manufacturers.

My brother, who makes electrically powered airplane models, charges his cells a 1 C (i.e. they will fully charge in one hour. He Always puts them inside a metal can, half filled with sand to absorb any heat which might be generated by a fire. He doesn't "attend" the charging 100% of the time, but he checks them periodically during a charge, and puts the charger and bucket containing the cell pack on a metal bench in his garage. He's seen fires from setups which "fast charge" cells at 10 C or greater out in he field. Yes, these pack CAN be charged at high rates, so the user can make more flights of his airplanes, but doing so must be done very carefully, and expect an occasional fire.

So far, I've used a cell pack recommended by Hobby World, a local supplier of radio controlled model supplies, and a matching charger. I charge it at 1/4 C, i.e. it would take 4 hours to charge the pack if it were completely discharged.

But, if you've ever seen a fire caused by exposure of Lithium, Pottasium, or similar elements when exposed to air, you WILL appreciate the need to take care.

72/73 de n8xx Hg
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3505. Who is in charge of the GRARA Facebook Page?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-05-20 01:35:46 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3505 Message: 3505

I wrote a preliminary article about Field Day, and would like to get it "pinned" so it remains at the top of the GRARA Facebook page.

Right now it seems that it has been lost, I checked another Facebook Page, and when I came back I can't find my post.

Please advise.

72/73 de n8xx Hg
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3506. Re: Who is in charge of the GRARA Facebook Page?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-05-20 01:49:21 UTC
From: Marcelo W6EUH
Topic: 3505 Message: 3506

Hank, your post currently is the first one... But you have to go to the POSTS tab, then to the See Visitors Posts tab.

73,
Marcelo W6EUH

3507. Re: [GRARA] Re: Who is in charge of the GRARA Facebook Page?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-05-20 02:35:34 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3505 Message: 3507

Marcelo:

Thanks, I see it, but even there it is on the right side of the page, NOT the main part of the page. It would seem to me that an upcoming event like Field Day could be "pinned" to the top of the entry page as in other group facebook pages (NPOTA and MSPOTA as examples.) But that would take action from the sponsor of the page, which is NOT listed, so that's why I'm asking here.

I also realize that several of the leadership of GRARA is in Xenia for the Hamvention, so it may not happen immediately. That's certainly OK, becase it's more than a month until Field Day.

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3508. Hudsonville Ham Sale

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-05-20 16:57:51 UTC
From: Ty
Topic: 3505 Message: 3508

*I have several old shortwave receivers which I would like to sell. Is there a market to sell these items or should I just put them in the trash can? I know my children, after I die, will just put them in the trash anyways. I have Trans Oceanic radios (2), and a RCA look alike radio, Hallicrafters (3) and some other equipment including a linear 250 W fed by 12 volt and a couple of power supplies. If there could be a market for this stuff, let me know. Otherwise....
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*All the receivers work. They are not transceivers. *

3509. Re: [GRARA] Hudsonville Ham Sale

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-05-20 20:44:02 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3505 Message: 3509

You didn't say how old these receivers were. If they could be considered at least "near antique" I'd suggest you look at the Antique Wireless hamfest held in late Summer or early fall in or near Lansing. If they're not, there's several hamfests, including GRARA's own, in early September. Might be worth while trying to sell them at a hamfest and see how it goes.

You might get some idea of salability at one of the Open Radio Rooms, at 1050 Fuller NW, Red Cross, each Wednesday, starting 7 p.m. or earlier. Bring a couple of them down and let the assembled multitude have a look. I'm no expert on such things, but one never knows until trying.

Look up W8dc.org for details on the GRARA hamfest.

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On 5/20/2017 12:57 PM, Ty tigerfan158@... [GRARA] wrote:

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3510. Re: [GRARA] Hudsonville Ham Sale

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-05-20 20:49:08 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3505 Message: 3510

Oh I forgot about the Hudsonville fest - June 3 Check http://w8ira.org/
for details.

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3511. Re: [GRARA] Hudsonville Ham Sale

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-05-20 21:36:12 UTC
From: Kreigh Tomaszewski
Topic: 3505 Message: 3511

There is definitely a market for Trans Oceanic radios. EBay has working models going for around $500.

On Sat, May 20, 2017 at 4:44 PM, Hank Greeb n8xx@... [GRARA] <GRARA@yahoogroups.com> wrote:

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3512. Trade

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-05-23 00:38:35 UTC
From: J. k.
Topic: 3512 Message: 3512

I am wondering if anyone would like to trade I have a Yaesu 857-d for a 50 cc scooter or 50cc pedal style moped contact john N8vlj at john-WA@outlook.com<mailto:john-WA@...> thank you and have a blessed day.

Sent from Mail<https://go.microsoft.com/fwlink/?LinkId=550986> for Windows 10

3513. Re: Trade

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-05-24 13:22:36 UTC
From: ab8dt@...
Topic: 3512 Message: 3513

John, I do not have a moped so what are you looking to sell your Yaesu FT-857D for?

Ron, AB8DT

3514. Re: [GRARA] Re: Trade

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-05-24 13:48:37 UTC
From: Jared Luellen
Topic: 3512 Message: 3514

I'd be interested in know how much you'd like for it too.

Jared
KE8GBF

On May 24, 2017, at 9:22 AM, ab8dt@... [GRARA] <GRARA@yahoogroups.com> wrote:

John,

I do not have a moped so what are you looking to sell your Yaesu FT-857D for?

Ron, AB8DT

3515. Re: Trade

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-05-24 17:14:29 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 3512 Message: 3515

"John,
I do not have a moped so what are you looking to sell your Yaesu FT-857D for?"

"I'd be interested in know how much you'd like for it too."

Ah, yes. Trading is good if the parties have what the other wants.
Otherwise, cash is an excellent intermediary.

73 Jack NY8D

3516. Belt buckle in my pickup truck

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-05-24 17:28:15 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 3516 Message: 3516

Is somebody missing a belt buckle? It somehow ended up in the bed of my pick-up after unloading from the Hamvention trip. If it's yours, let me know.

73 Jack NY8D

3517. Re: [GRARA] Belt buckle in my pickup truck

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-05-24 18:43:09 UTC
From: Thom
Topic: 3516 Message: 3517

Might be a buckle off one of my bags. If so, I do not need it.

You forgot your power inverter also. Should be at the club room now.

73

Thom KI8W

On 5/24/2017 13:28, Jack Amelar jamelar@... [GRARA] wrote:
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> pick-up after unloading from the Hamvention trip. If it's yours, let me
> know.
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> 73 Jack NY8D
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3518. Re: [GRARA] Belt buckle in my pickup truck

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-05-24 18:46:24 UTC
From: Bob Robinson
Topic: 3516 Message: 3518

Jack, I am going to grara to pick up Jim jawarwiz tote. Would you like me to pick up your inverter

Bob

On May 24, 2017 1:48 PM, "Jack Amelar jamelar@... [GRARA]" <GRARA@yahoogroups.com> wrote:

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> Is somebody missing a belt buckle? It somehow ended up in the bed of my
> pick-up after unloading from the Hamvention trip. If it's yours, let me
> know.
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> 73 Jack NY8D
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3519. Happy Samuel F. B. Morse Day

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-05-24 21:04:06 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3519 Message: 3519

Yep, according to usually reliable sources....

On May 24, 1844, *Samuel* *F*.*B*. *Morse* transmitted the message “What hath God wrought” from Washington to Baltimore as he formally opened America’s first telegraph line.

There were many attempts earlier, as early as 1819, to make a practical electrical telegraph, but Morse's inventions could claim the first large scale commercial use of what turned out to be the telegraph.

Later, around 1895, Marconi made the first practical use of electromagnetic transmission of Morse Code.

And, the rest is history.

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QRP >99.44% of the time

3520. Re: [GRARA] Happy Samuel F. B. Morse Day

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-05-25 14:40:43 UTC
From: Tom Hansen
Topic: 3519 Message: 3520

Thanks Hank!

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

On Wed, May 24, 2017 at 5:04 PM, Hank Greeb n8xx@... [GRARA]<GRARA@yahoogroups.com> wrote:

Yep, according to usually reliable sources....

On May 24, 1844, Samuel F.B. Morse transmitted the message “What hath God wrought” from Washington to Baltimore as he formally opened America’s first telegraph line.

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3521. Re: [GRARA] Belt buckle in my pickup truck

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-05-25 14:47:22 UTC
From: Tom Hansen
Topic: 3516 Message: 3521

Jack, I have your power inverter and I'm planning to go to Lowell open radio room tonight so i can hand off to you then if you make it. Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

On Wed, May 24, 2017 at 2:43 PM, Thom ki8w@ki8w.com [GRARA]<GRARA@yahoogroups.com> wrote:

Might be a buckle off one of my bags. If so, I do not need it.

You forgot your power inverter also. Should be at the club room now.

73

Thom KI8W

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Is somebody missing a belt buckle? It somehow ended up in the bed of my pick-up after unloading from the Hamvention trip. If it's yours, let me know.

73 Jack NY8D

3522. For Sale

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-05-25 15:14:50 UTC
From: Ty
Topic: 3516 Message: 3522

I have a Lafayette Model KT-320

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I have a Hallicrafters Model S38-D

**

I have a Hallicrafters Model SX-110 and the speaker for it. The speaker is a rare commodity.

**

I have a Knight Star Roamer

**

I have two Zenith Trans Oceanic (One black and one tan)

**

I have an RCA Victor Shortwave radio Model 3 BX-671

**

I have a Pyramid Phase 3 13.8 Volt 20 Amp power supply powered by 110 V A.C. current.

**

I have a White Tornado 225 plus Class AB1 linear which is portable, can be used on an auto or truck, or with the above power supply.

**

*I have an EICO model 625 tube tester. I have several replacement tubes for the radios. The radios work. There is no way to test the CB radios, yet they worked when I stored them.**
*

I have a couple of CB radios and a field strength meter.

I have a Realistic 20 watt P.A. Amplifier (not radio equipment)

EVERYTHING goes for $ 400.00 cash...no checks please.

*Everything works.
*

3523. ham gear for sale

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-05-25 20:13:20 UTC
From: stprovost@...
Topic: 3523 Message: 3523

Hey, selling some ham gear to raise $$ for HF radio.
The following items are brand new:

Comet CAA-500 Mark II $400
Shark RF Open Spot $220
Dual Universal GPS Receiver with Bluetooth wireless.
Can be used with apple iOS devices (iphone and ipad) $90.00

Text me at 616-648-5983 if you are interested.
or you can email me at stprovost@provtechs.com
posting this on several sites

thanks

stephen AC8QE

3524. Re: [GRARA] Who is in charge of the GRARA Facebook Page?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-05-20 03:20:01 UTC
From: William Hayes
Topic: 3505 Message: 3524

What is the address where field day is going to be.

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

On Fri, May 19, 2017 at 9:35 PM, Hank Greeb n8xx@... [GRARA]<GRARA@yahoogroups.com> wrote:

I wrote a preliminary article about Field Day, and would like to get it "pinned" so it remains at the top of the GRARA Facebook page.

Right now it seems that it has been lost, I checked another Facebook Page, and when I came back I can't find my post.

Please advise.

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3525. Net

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-05-29 10:05:46 UTC
From: Jim Leys
Topic: 3525 Message: 3525

Just a reminder of the GRARA Tuesday FM net at 7pm. This is held on the 146.760 repeater. Pl tone of 94.8. Hosted by Rich K8JX.

3526. Address of Field Day in Cedar Springs

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-05-29 13:24:46 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3505 Message: 3526

I don't know that it has an address, because it's a park. However, I put

160 W Maple Street NE, Cedar Springs, MI

in Google Maps, and it shows very near the entrance to the parking lot
of the park. The link to this would be:
https://goo.gl/wtBqvv

That should get you very close. If you put satellite view it will show
the parking lot along the trail, just south of this address. Note the
parking lot is one way south, so this is the way to get to it.

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24, hope to be set up by 2 p.m. when Field Day begins. We also are
looking for definite crew to help with tearing down and sprucing up the
site on Sunday afternoon, June 25.

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On 5/19/2017 11:20 PM, William Hayes wbchayes@... [GRARA] wrote:
> What is the address where field day is going to be.

3527. REMINDER, IRA HAMFEST, This Saturday, June 3 ~ 8AM-Noon

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-05-29 20:25:26 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 3527 Message: 3527
Attachments: 2 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

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3528. REMINDER, IRA HAMFEST, This Saturday, June 3 ~ 8AM-Noon

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-05-29 21:08:59 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 3527 Message: 3528
Attachments: 2 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

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3529. Resend Tables at IRA Hamfest this Saturday

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-06-01 02:33:41 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 3529 Message: 3529

I meant to say fellow GRARA members, but you probably already knew that.

As has been the case for many years, I will have tables in front of my motorhome for fellow GRARA members to sell from at this Saturday's IRA Hamfest.
Make sure anything for sale has marked the price and who owns it.

And if you don't have anything to sell, this makes a great hangout.

See ya all Saturday.

73 Jack NY8D

Hamfest info
http://w8ira.org/

3530. Tables at IRA Hamfest this Saturday

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-06-01 02:18:31 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 3530 Message: 3530

As has been the case for many years, I will have tables in front of my motorhome for fellow LARC members to sell from at this Saturday's IRA Hamfest.
Make sure anything for sale has marked the price and who owns it.

And if you don't have anything to sell, this makes a great hangout.

See ya all Saturday.

73 Jack NY8D

Hamfest info
http://w8ira.org/

3531. Re: [GRARA] Address of Field Day in Cedar Springs

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-06-01 04:19:20 UTC
From: wd8usa@...
Topic: 3505 Message: 3531

Ate we having a family pot luck Sat night??

-----Original Message-----
From: Hank Greeb n8xx@... [GRARA] <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
To: GRARA <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Mon, May 29, 2017 9:24 am
Subject: [GRARA] Address of Field Day in Cedar Springs

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160 W Maple Street NE, Cedar Springs, MI

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On 5/19/2017 11:20 PM, William Hayes wbchayes@... [GRARA] wrote:

What is the address where field day is going to be.

3532. Re: [GRARA] Address of Field Day in Cedar Springs

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-06-01 04:58:17 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3505 Message: 3532

We need to talk about food situation. We haven't had communal food for several years, but this might be something to bring out more folks?

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On 6/1/2017 12:19 AM, wd8usa@... [GRARA] wrote:

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> Ate we having a family pot luck Sat night??
> -----Original Message-----
> From: Hank Greeb n8xx@... [GRARA] <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
> To: GRARA <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
> Sent: Mon, May 29, 2017 9:24 am
> Subject: [GRARA] Address of Field Day in Cedar Springs
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> On 5/19/2017 11:20 PM, William Hayes wbchayes@...
> <mailto:wbchayes@...> [GRARA] wrote:
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> What is the address where field day is going to be.
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3533. Re: [GRARA] Resend Tables at IRA Hamfest this Saturday

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-06-01 08:26:49 UTC
From: Thom
Topic: 3529 Message: 3533

Now that is something that might just get me to come to the hamfest.

I have a old HP signal Generator I need to get to a new home.

73

Thom KI8W

On 5/31/2017 22:33, Jack Amelar jamelar@... [GRARA] wrote:
>
> I meant to say fellow GRARA members, but you probably already knew that.
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> See ya all Saturday.
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> 73 Jack NY8D
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> Hamfest info
> http://w8ira.org/
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3534. I need to know what your plans for the tower is for field day. I have tryed to send you personal emails ???

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-06-01 18:17:28 UTC
From: Robert Moe
Topic: 3534 Message: 3534

73, Bob AC8ZX
Robert Moe
rmoe424242@...

3535. Re: I need to know what your plans for the tower is for field day. I have tryed to send you personal emails ???

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-06-02 12:01:47 UTC
From: stprovost@...
Topic: 3534 Message: 3535

Hank: do you have the site map completed yet for where we can use Bob's tower? thanks stephen

3536. Tonight's (Friday, June 2) GRARA Meeting

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-06-02 18:10:31 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 3536 Message: 3536

Reminder, tonight's (Friday, June 2) GRARA Meeting is at the
Hudsonville Fairgrounds following the "Ray's Roadkill Potluck Dinner"

And of course the IRA Hamfest the next morning.
http://w8ira.org/

3537. Re: W8HVG (Abes) doppler system

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-06-04 16:21:49 UTC
From: Marc
Topic: 3527 Message: 3537

This message is going out to All West Michigan hams. I have been asked by Dave, Abe's son to try and locate a Doppler system that he used to track down interference on the link system. It was loaned out to someone or a group and has not been returned. Dave needs to use it to isolate some problems. If you can help in locating the equipment (doppler and 4 antennas) please contact me and I will gladly pick it up and return it.
We all owe Abe for his generosity and help in one fashion or another. Please ask around and see if we can find this unit.
73,
Marc W0WCH
Treasurer@...

Sent from my iPhone
Marc Gergen
M.gergen@...
231-766-1033
"FAILURE IS NOT AN OPTION. It comes bundled with the software!

3538. Re: [GRARA] Address of Field Day in Cedar Springs

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-06-05 03:27:07 UTC
From: wd8usa@...
Topic: 3505 Message: 3538

What is the time of the Tuesday meeting with the Cedar Public Works Dept? JB

-----Original Message-----
From: Hank Greeb n8xx@... [GRARA] <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
To: GRARA <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Thu, Jun 1, 2017 12:58 am
Subject: Re: [GRARA] Address of Field Day in Cedar Springs

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To: GRARA <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
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3539. Re: [GRARA] Address of Field Day in Cedar Springs

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-06-05 03:56:15 UTC
From: Jim Leys
Topic: 3505 Message: 3539

10am at the site

On Sunday, June 4, 2017 11:27 PM, "wd8usa@... [GRARA]" <GRARA@yahoogroups.com> wrote:

  What is the time of the Tuesday meeting with the Cedar Public Works Dept?
JB -----Original Message-----
From: Hank Greeb n8xx@... [GRARA] <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
To: GRARA <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Thu, Jun 1, 2017 12:58 am
Subject: Re: [GRARA] Address of Field Day in Cedar Springs

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On 5/19/2017 11:20 PM, William Hayes wbchayes@... [GRARA] wrote:

  What is the address where field day is going to be.

3540. Re: [GRARA] Address of Field Day in Cedar Springs

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-06-05 08:17:48 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3505 Message: 3540

Tuesday, June 6, 10:00 a.m. at the Field day site, 160 west Maple St NE, Cedar Springs, MI

On 6/4/2017 11:27 PM, wd8usa@... [GRARA] wrote:
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>
> What is the time of the Tuesday meeting with the Cedar Public Works
> Dept? JB

3541. Grass Mowing

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-06-05 13:46:09 UTC
From: Robert Moe
Topic: 3541 Message: 3541

We will be mowing at the Pettus tower site today at 1:00.
You are welcome to help, Thanks
73, Bob AC8ZX
Robert Moe
rmoe424242@...

3542. Re: [GRARA] Grass Mowing

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-06-05 13:50:02 UTC
From: Douglas Luurs
Topic: 3541 Message: 3542

Rent a Goat ? (hehe)
Goats grazing at WMU to clear overgrown lot

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Goats grazing at WMU to clear overgrown lot
Western Michigan University recently brought in 20 goats to eat their way through 16 acres of brush, shrubbery, ... | |

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From: "Robert Moe rmoe424242@... [GRARA]" <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
To: grara@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Monday, June 5, 2017 9:46 AM
Subject: [GRARA] Grass Mowing

We will be mowing at the Pettus tower site today at 1:00. You are welcome to help,
Thanks73, Bob AC8ZXRobert Moermoe424242@...

3543. Re: [GRARA] Grass Mowing

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-06-05 14:03:09 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3541 Message: 3543

Or check with our neighbor who has a goat to see if he needs a different
set of dietary flora. :)

Goats do a great job of controlling weeds - when I was a kid we had a
nanny goat, and we kids LOVED playing with HER kids for 8 months or so,
and then eating goat burgers and other goat meat during the winter.:)

72/73 de n8xx Hg
QRP >99.44% of the time

On 6/5/2017 9:50 AM, Douglas Luurs n8zuu@... [GRARA] wrote:
>
> Rent a Goat ? (hehe)
> Goats grazing at WMU to clear overgrown lot
> <http://woodtv.com/2017/06/02/goats-grazing-at-wmu-to-clear-overgrown-lot/>
>
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> <http://woodtv.com/2017/06/02/goats-grazing-at-wmu-to-clear-overgrown-lot/>

3544. Test e-mail

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-06-05 14:26:41 UTC
From: Tom Behler
Topic: 3544 Message: 3544

Just testing to be sure I'm now in the group, and that my posts are coming through.

Tom Behler: KB8TYJ

3545. Re: [GRARA] Test e-mail

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-06-05 16:51:01 UTC
From: Tom
Topic: 3544 Message: 3545

Tom,

You are 5 by 9 in Hudsonville! Good to see you and Sue Saturday.

The other Tom, K 8 T B

On 6/5/2017 10:26 AM, 'Tom Behler' tombehler@gmail.com [GRARA] wrote:
>
> Just testing to be sure I’m now in the group, and that my posts are
> coming through.
>
> Tom Behler: KB8TYJ
>

3546. Re: [GRARA] Test e-mail

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-06-05 16:56:45 UTC
From: Bob Robinson
Topic: 3544 Message: 3546

Sorry but I didn't get an email.

Bob, kd8hnf

On Jun 5, 2017 10:29 AM, "'Tom Behler' tombehler@... [GRARA]" <
GRARA@yahoogroups.com> wrote:

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> Just testing to be sure I’m now in the group, and that my posts are coming
> through.
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> Tom Behler: KB8TYJ
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3547. Fwd: [MRRC] C6ATA in the ARRL June VHF Contest

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-06-05 19:43:48 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3547 Message: 3547

Anyone for DX during the upcoming VHF contest? If so, meteor scatter to C6 land on 2 meters should be a "reasonable" probability. Did out the sofware for JT65, etc., and see what you 2 meter DX can do!

72/73 de n8xx Hg
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-------- Forwarded Message --------
Subject: [MRRC] C6ATA in the ARRL June VHF Contest
Date: Mon, 5 Jun 2017 15:14:54 -0400
From: David Pruett <k8cc@...>
To: MRRC Reflector <mrrc@...>

The ARRL June VHF Contest is a week away (June 10-11, 2017). A small team of four operators, including one current and one former MRRC member will be part of that operation as using the callsign C6ATA from Eleuthra Island in the Bahamas as an unlimited multi-operator entry which will be active on 50, 144, 222, 432 and 1296 MHz during the contest. The team believes that this will be the first time 222 MHz has been activated from C6A, while and the first ever terrestrial activity on 1296 MHz.

There will be activity before and after the contest on both VHF and HF by the operating team under various callsigns. QSL C6ACC via K8CC, C6ALY via K6KLY, C6AMG via WB4OMG and C6ATA via NN7AZ or LOTW.

2m will run MSK144 often, and we hope to have 6m QRV on JT65/MSK144. We expect to be on the ON4KST chat pages and PingJockey as long as the island Internet service stays on line. The operation will be in grid square FL15wc, but watch out for some rover operation in rare FL14 - one or more ops may just head out for a bit.

The 2M station will focus on MSK144 for meteor scatter QSOs on or near 144.144 MHz from 10Z-14Z Sunday morning and during the last 15m minutes of each hour (eg., xx45 - xx59) during the contest. Otherwise it will be on or near 144.188 for terrestrial QSOs, unless otherwise announced on the ON4KST or Pingjockey sites. It may be possible (depending on the reliability of cellular service) to text the 2M op at 734-276-5822 to arrange skeds. The 1400 mile typical maximum range for meteor scatter QSOs with C6ATA extends all the way from Eleuthra to southeast Michigan. Keep in mind that there is a minor meteor shower (the Aquilids) which occurs during the contest.

C6ATA will be operating from an excellent QTH with clear, over water shots to all of the USA. It will have good antennas and equipment, with operators seriously operating the contest.

The C6ATA team is looking forward to working many of you during the contest.

73,

Kenny, K2KW/C6ATA
Dave, K8CC/C6ACC
Russ, K6KLY/C6ALY
Buddy, WB4OMG/C6AMG

3548. Meeting Tomorrow 6 June, 10 a.m. AT Cedar Springs City Hall

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-06-05 20:46:58 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3548 Message: 3548

Last minute change of venue.

I just talked with the Cedar Springs City Manager, and he would like us to meet with him and the Police at

Cedar Springs City Hall
66 South Main
Cedar Springs

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Sorry for the late change of plans, but this is the first I heard of it.

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3549. Re: [GRARA] Meeting Tomorrow 6 June, 10 a.m. AT Cedar Springs City Hall

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-06-05 21:21:18 UTC
From: Thom
Topic: 3548 Message: 3549

Hank,

what is the address of the actual field day site? Let me know and I
will put a map to it on the website front page.

I will not be at the meeting in Cedar Springs, I have a prior commitment.

thanks

Thom KI8W

On 6/5/2017 16:46, Hank Greeb n8xx@... [GRARA] wrote:
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3550. RE: [GRARA] Test e-mail

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-06-05 21:22:12 UTC
From: Tom Behler
Topic: 3544 Message: 3550
Attachments: 3 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Thanks, Tom.

Good to know I'm getting through to the GRARA Yahoo group.

It was good to see you as well, and was lots of fun publicizing the IRA Link System Noon-time net at the main stage on Saturday.

We did leave some leftover net flyers with Tom (KA8YSM), in case they are needed.

Thanks for all the support!

Tom Behler: KB8TYJ

From: GRARA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:GRARA@yahoogroups.com]
Sent: Monday, June 05, 2017 12:51 PM
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: Re: [GRARA] Test e-mail

Tom,

You are 5 by 9 in Hudsonville! Good to see you and Sue Saturday.

The other Tom, K 8 T B

On 6/5/2017 10:26 AM, 'Tom Behler' tombehler@...
<mailto:tombehler@...> [GRARA] wrote:

Just testing to be sure I'm now in the group, and that my posts are coming through.

Tom Behler: KB8TYJ

3551. RE: [GRARA] Test e-mail

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-06-05 21:25:38 UTC
From: Tom Behler
Topic: 3544 Message: 3551
Attachments: 3 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Not sure what you are saying here, Bob.

I’ve gotten word from several people that my e-mails to the list are coming through fine.

Please let me know if I’m missing something.

Tom behler: KB8TYJ

From: GRARA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:GRARA@yahoogroups.com]
Sent: Monday, June 05, 2017 12:57 PM
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: Re: [GRARA] Test e-mail

Sorry but I didn't get an email.

Bob, kd8hnf

On Jun 5, 2017 10:29 AM, "'Tom Behler' tombehler@... <mailto:tombehler@gmail.com> [GRARA]" <GRARA@yahoogroups.com <mailto:GRARA@yahoogroups.com> > wrote:

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Tom Behler: KB8TYJ

3552. Re: [GRARA] Meeting Tomorrow 6 June, 10 a.m. AT Cedar Springs City Hall

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-06-05 21:25:35 UTC
From: Thom
Topic: 3548 Message: 3552

never mind I found it.

73,

Thom KI8W

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3553. Net

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-06-06 08:02:28 UTC
From: Jim Leys
Topic: 3525 Message: 3553

Don't forget the GRARA net tonight at 7pm. On the 146.760 repeater.Jim K8CAN

3554. Radio operators needed for upcoming events

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-06-10 21:38:52 UTC
From: jamelar@...
Topic: 3554 Message: 3554

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We have a few events coming up.

1st: Rockford Area Kids Triathalon

The event supports Rockford Explorers and D.A.R.E. charities. We would be helping out in all aspects of the event from Registration, traffic control to runner safety. The event is Saturday July 8th 2017 at the Rockford High School. We would be there from 7AM to 1PM, but we can be flexible on the times. This is a great opportunity to get out into the community. Come out and show your support for the community and get the word out about who we are and what we do.

Please sign up at *http://tinyurl.com/rocktri17
*

Event information is available at http://www.rocktri.com/

2nd: GR Mud Run

The 2017 Eat Dirt Mud Run is Saturday August 26th 7:30 AM- 12:30 PM at the Kentwood Community Church located at 1200 60th St. We are in need of volunteers to assist in monitoring runner safety. If you are not a licensed ham radio operator and would like to help please feel free to sign up, we will still be able to put you to work. Events like this are a great opportunity to get public exposure for the group. Our primary duties will be runner safety. We will position personal along the course to monitor the runners. We may also be called to perform other functions if necessary, but only if they do not interfere with our primary task. Most positions will be stationary posts. If you wish to bring a chair to sit in while monitoring the course you may. Please remember that many of the positions will be in the sun, so remember to bring proper protection. Food will be provided.

Please sign up at http://bit.ly/mudrun2017

Event information at www.grandrapidsmudrun.com

3rd: American Diabetes Association Tour de Cure

The American Diabetes Association is hosting the second annual Tour De Cure on Sunday September 30th 2017. This event consists of a short walking course and; 10, 30 & 60 mile bike courses. The event will start at Millennium Park. The course and times are still being worked on by event organizers. We are looking for 20 to 25 radio operators to assist with this event.

More information will be posted as it becomes available.

Please sign up at http://bit.ly/ADA_TDC2017

Event information:
http://main.diabetes.org/site/TR/TourdeCure/TourAdmin?fr_id=11731&pg=entry

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3555. Info needed for field Day

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-06-15 02:44:04 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3555 Message: 3555

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Please note we'll have a "pot luck" dinner about 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, Jun 24.

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3556. Re: [GRARA] Info needed for field Day

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-06-15 02:51:54 UTC
From: wd8usa@...
Topic: 3555 Message: 3556

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From: Hank Greeb n8xx@... [GRARA] <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
To: GRARA Group <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Cc: Bob Dennis WX8BOB <dennis49544@...>
Sent: Wed, Jun 14, 2017 10:44 pm
Subject: [GRARA] Info needed for field Day

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3557. Re: [GRARA] Info needed for field Day

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-06-15 03:16:55 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3555 Message: 3557

One can never tell what will happen on 2 meters. If you're up during the wee hours of the morning, an hour or two before dawn, there is always the possibility of tropospheric ducting. And, Sporadic E sometimes gets as high as two meters (not often, but with sporadic e on 6 meters being a daily occurrence late last week and early this week, who knows what will behold on 2? You also could bring a simplex 2 meter rig for FM - NY8D worked about 10 stations in to hours on simplex with a 2 meter vertical about 30' up while we were activating the North country trail last summer from Seidman Park just north of Ada. All of the VHF conacts are "bonus" contacts. The VHF stations do NOT count as additional transmitters.

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3558. Re: [GRARA] Info needed for field Day

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-06-15 03:27:05 UTC
From: wd8usa@...
Topic: 3555 Message: 3558

Roger-

-----Original Message-----
From: Hank Greeb n8xx@... [GRARA] <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
To: GRARA <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Wed, Jun 14, 2017 11:17 pm
Subject: Re: [GRARA] Info needed for field Day

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3559. Re: Info needed for field Day

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-06-15 06:59:23 UTC
From: <stprovost@...>
Topic: 3555 Message: 3559

Hank: I have confirmed the following:
I will be picking up two honda generators Friday and Returning generators back on sunday.
I have the local ERV signed out for our field day weekend.

People are wanting to know if we are allowed to start setup friday night or not.

stephen AC8QE

3560. Re: [GRARA] Re: Info needed for field Day

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-06-16 03:59:27 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3555 Message: 3560

Stephen:

Thanks! I'm glad to know that we have ducks in a row. Have you checked to see if the SSB crew would like to use the ERV for an operating area? If not, I'm quite sure the CW crew would like to use it. Either way it should give good publicity foe Red Cross. Would you check with Red Cross to see if they have any brochures about volunteering, or other aspects of Red Cross efforts? We'd be delighted to put these on our PR table?

I didn't know we wanted to set up anything earlier than Saturday Morning. What kind of setup would you like to do on Friday? It certainly fits into the rules. We certainly wouldn't want to set up any "attractive hazards" for kids to get hurt overnight.

Let me know details, either by return e-mail or call my cell phone 616 828 9663.

I'll check with the City Manager and confirm if Friday Setup is ok. They're rather flexible, so they'll probably be cooperative.

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3561. Re: Info needed for field Day

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-06-16 04:19:30 UTC
From: greg333333@...
Topic: 3555 Message: 3561

I will also be bringing my station to be used as the GOTA station. I'll be the control operator if we have anyone from the public interested in operating.

3562. More Field Day Musings

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-06-17 17:04:56 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3562 Message: 3562

Apparently there's considerable interest "behind he scenes" for Field Day 2017 at Cedar Springs Staging Area, for the Fred Meijer White Pine Trail. Questions pop up once in a while, and I try to answer.

Some "burning" Questions so far;

Q.1. Setup?
A.1. Setup begins 9 a.m. Saturday. This is *NOT* cast in stone. There's talk about "someone" wanting to set up "something" Friday. I know no details, but will check with Cedar Springs to determine if earlier is possible. Not knowing what is planned, it's hard to say "yeah or nay." Cedar Springs is quite accommodating, but without any idea of who/what/where being proposed for setup earlier than Saturday morning.... well.... 'nuff sed.

Q.2. is there a restroom facility?
A.2. Yes, it's a unisex, handicap accessible, and has its own electricity. It WILL remain open overnight. If you want some other type of restroom facility, there are commercial businesses within a block or two, and 24 hour gas stations are at the exit of US131 and 17 Mile Rd.

Q.3. Food & Drink?
A.3. Saturday evening pot luck, about 6 p.m. Club will provide hot dogs and hamburgers. Bottled water will be available. Other food TBD.

Q.3. Info Booth?
A.3. WX8BOB and the Weather Spotters will be manning an Info Booth. Do we have GRARA brochures? Ham In a Day Brochures? GRARA Hamfest Brochures? I have an assortment of general ham radio brochures from ARRL to be delivered by no later than Thursday, but we should have info about our club and other local clubs, etc.

Q 4. Is electricity available for RV's etc.?
A 4. No this is NOT a RV park, there is NO electricity available for people parking at the site.

Q.5. Physical Address for the site?
A.5. It has no mailing address, but
160 West Maple Street NE,
Cedar Springs, MI
gets one very close. It's where Maple Street dead ends at the trail

These are the questions which I've answered privately and some have been answered publicly. Other questions - send a private or public e-mail, or call my cell phone

616 828 9663
and I'll try to respond within a few hours.

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3563. GLHamCon Ticket Discount Promotion Ending, Lastest Newsletter

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-06-19 16:50:01 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 3563 Message: 3563
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3564. Re: Re VHF/UHF Operation at FD

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-06-21 18:33:46 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3564 Message: 3564

Semi final blurb for Field Day, there may be one or two more - never can tell:

First of all, we have a "reasonable crew" for setting up. We could use a few more for tearing down at about 1300 EDT Sunday or maybe later, depending on how things are going contact wise

Second - we WILL have a pot luck dinner, with hamburgers and hot dogs supplied by the club at 6 p.m. Saturday.

Official time for setup i0900 EDT Saturday June 24. K8JH, AC8ZX, N8XX, and probably others plan to be there for sure by 0900 EDT.

IF I have an idea (ANY idea) of what we might do on Friday Evening, I'll be glad to ask the City Manager if it would be okay. We would be responsible for security of anything we have at the park. I would be hesitant to leaving anything overnight, unattended, at such a public spot, so we'd need at least one, possible two as "caretakers" to show presence overnight.

To figure out possible station locations, look at the park on Google Maps (select 160 West Maple St NE, Cedar Springs, Mi 49319 for a address) then zoom in a bit, under satellite view, and look at the park. It runs for a block south next to the trail, and for about 50 feet south of maple all the way from 2nd street to the trail

1. I suggest the ERV to be used as the SSB station, placed between the parking lot and the privacy fence to the east, next to AC8ZX's tower and antenna.

2. I believe someone said they'd like to try a GAP vertical or similar for other HF Bands for the SSB station (particularly 75 meters), which could be mounted most anywhere.

3. The K8JH van and 60' hydraulic mast will be north of Maple and east of the trail, exact location to be determined upon arrival. K8DMR says he will be bringing a 6 meter rig and computer to be used in addition to the main rig at the K8JH van.

4. K8DMR will possibly demonstrate Amateur TV if a path can be determined to the repeater.

5. WD8USA has a camping van of unknown dimensions, to be used for 2 meter and maybe other VHF bands, which could be fit either north or south of Maple Street. Exact location TBD.

6. KB8TYJ and his CW rig and all hardware to be placed inside a 10 by 10' dining canopy with sides, for use on 20 meters. It, and a 40 mast

I'm bringing, will be placed south of Maple Street and probably about 60' east of the parking lot. If SSB and CW are able to function together the SSB crew can work 20 and 80. We'll work on reducing any mutual interference, but our rigs aren't Elecraft K3 quality or similar.

7. WX8BOB and the weather spotters network folks will host an info booth inside the existing gazebo, along with a GOTA station.

8. Greg, KN4CK will be GOTA station, and share the gazebo with the info booth. (this is subject to change, there are several other spots available.)

I'll bring my laptop down to the Radio Room tonight. If K8JH, N8DGD, K8DMR and WD8USA are available, you could set up the entire network to make sure it works. KB8TYJ will be using N3FJP while he operates, I'll import his data from an ADI file he gives me at 9 p.m. or so, and put my computer on line then. We've already checked, and the ADI file from N3FJP's software imports correctly into what I think is the latest version of N1MM (installed this morning) If there's another version before Field Day, I can always download it.

If anyone has a portable camp stove, bring it along. K8JH has one, I have a small one, and WD8USA has promised to be chef for hamburgers and hot dogs for the pot luck dinner. I'm getting burgers and hot dogs - I'll confirm the quantity tonight at the open radio room.

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3565. Re: [GRARA] Re: Re VHF/UHF Operation at FD

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-06-21 18:43:40 UTC
From: Thom
Topic: 3564 Message: 3565

Hank,

Just so you don't get blindsided...The club has decided that our networked computers at FD will be running N3FJP software instead of N1MM. N3FJP is easier to use and network.

That is if the powers that be actually bought N3FJP from the provider.

see ya tonight.

73

Thom KI8W

On 6/21/2017 14:33, Hank Greeb n8xx@... [GRARA] wrote:
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> can tell:
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> Second - we WILL have a pot luck dinner, with hamburgers and hot dogs
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Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-06-21 18:54:36 UTC
From: Tom Behler
Topic: 3564 Message: 3566
Attachments: 3 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Hank:

I will be sure to bring a thumb drive for my log transfering over to you Saturday evening when we decide to curtail 20-meter operations. . I am very interested in continuing on 20 meter CW Sunday morning, once 80 meters shuts down and 20 meters opens up, and can stay until the end of the event. At that time, we can transfer my log to your computer again to be sure all contacts are included.

Let me know if this will work for you, or if there is another strategy we should be thinking about.

I'm very much looking forward to this entire Field Day operation, and am honored to be a part of it!

Thanks to everyone for helping put it all together!

Tom Behler: KB8TYJ, Grandville

From: GRARA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:GRARA@yahoogroups.com]
Sent: Wednesday, June 21, 2017 2:34 PM
Cc: GRARA Group <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Subject: [GRARA] Re: Re VHF/UHF Operation at FD

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3567. ride from field day

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-06-21 22:55:12 UTC
From: J. k.
Topic: 3567 Message: 3567

hello John n8vlj needs a ride to s.e. Grand Rapids from the G.R.A.R.A. field day on sunday after tear down if you can email me at john-WA@... thank you in advance J.K.73.

3568. Solar Forecast for Field Day

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-06-22 19:25:08 UTC
From: Thom
Topic: 3567 Message: 3568

Howdy all,

I just put the latest Solar Forecast up on the club website. Probably good news for Field Day.

http://www.w8dc.org

enjoy!

73

Thom KI8W

3569. one more Request for Field Day

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-06-23 19:31:46 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3567 Message: 3569

I've found a VERY Large cooler, but would prefer a couple smaller coolers for storage of food and bottled water at the field day site.

If anyone reading this has a cooler or two, please put your name and call letters on it some how (maybe on the bottom?) and bring it along to the Field Day site. I'll have ice for cooling medium.

I have hot dogs and ground beef patties which need to keep cool for a few hours, plus I'm sure the crew will appreciate cold water.

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3570. Re: [GRARA] one more Request for Field Day

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-06-23 20:37:12 UTC
From: Thom
Topic: 3567 Message: 3570

I have a cooler...I will bring it along.

I am also bring my coffee pot and Folgers Black Silk, Dark Roast to
Field Day.

Cups are your own problem.

73

Thom KI8W

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3571. Re: [GRARA] Solar Forecast for Field Day

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-06-23 21:00:55 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3567 Message: 3571

For 6 meters, today is pretty rotten compared to earlier in the week.
Let's hope it's better for Saturday and Sunday. But it could be that a
significant number of folks have their gear stowed away for Field day.

See http://www.dxmaps.com and select 50 MHz for results

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On 6/22/2017 3:25 PM, Thom ki8w@... [GRARA] wrote:
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3572. found ride

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-06-23 23:32:07 UTC
From: J. k.
Topic: 3572 Message: 3572

I have a ride to and from field day this weekend thank you John K.
Sent from Mail<https://go.microsoft.com/fwlink/?LinkId=550986> for Windows 10

3573. Re: [GRARA] one more Request for Field Day

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-06-23 22:25:42 UTC
From: Robert Moe
Topic: 3567 Message: 3573

Hank,
I am bring 20 lb of Potato Salad and a cooler to keep it cold.

73, Bob AC8ZX
Robert Moe
rmoe424242@...

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3574. Field Day

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-06-26 13:06:22 UTC
From: Robert Moe
Topic: 999 Message: 3574

I would like to thank everyone who helped put up the portable tower, it gets to be a lot of work.
Thanks again?
It was a great FD and I enjoyed it very much, Also want to thank Hank for putting it all together.

73, Bob AC8ZX
Robert Moe
rmoe424242@...

3575. RE: [GRARA] Field Day

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-06-26 14:52:28 UTC
From: Tom Behler
Topic: 999 Message: 3575
Attachments: 3 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

I also would like to thank Hank, and everyone else, for making my first GRARA Field Day effort a success, and a real pleasure to be part of.

My Xyl, Sue, and I enjoyed our participation very much.

I also appreciate everyone letting me use my station with my assistive technology for making my 20-meter contacts.

I wound up with a total of 262 contacts; 258 were CW contacts, and three were SSB contacts that we made when some of my Big Rapids friends paid us a visit.

Hank has my N3FJP Field Day log in ADIF format, so hopefully, it will be easily imported into the club's final Field Day report.

Am very anxious to hear of our final totals.

Thanks again, all!

Tom Behler: Kb8TYJ, Grandville

From: GRARA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:GRARA@yahoogroups.com]
Sent: Monday, June 26, 2017 9:06 AM
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [GRARA] Field Day

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rmoe424242@... <mailto:rmoe424242@...>

3576. Fwd: [GRARA] Field Day

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-06-26 14:56:29 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 999 Message: 3576

I'm sure all participants at the Cedar Springs Field Day this weekend
join me in thanking you for the use of your tower, rig, and computer for
the "primarily" SSB station. It wouldn't be the same Field Day without
you and your equipment.

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Subject: [GRARA] Field Day
Date: Mon, 26 Jun 2017 09:06:22 -0400
From: Robert Moe rmoe424242@... [GRARA] <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Reply-To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
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3577. Fwd: Re: [QRP-L] FD 1A stations

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-06-27 12:12:53 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3577 Message: 3577

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Could we become associated with a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) program at one or more schools in the Greater Grand Rapids area? Seems like an interesting idea. Maybe, just maybe, we could get some younger blood into the Amateur Radio Service with such a program.

And, we might get a few operators for our GOTA station.

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Subject: Re: [QRP-L] FD 1A stations
Date: Mon, 26 Jun 2017 23:44:29 -0600
From: Pete Spotts <nm5ps@...>
Reply-To: nm5ps@..., QRP-L Mailing List <qrp-l@...>
To: qrp-l@...

From the Field Day Division of the Department of Younger Hams:

I was up at Lake Cochiti with variously four to five adults, three of us licensed, and 11 teens from a STEM program here in ABQ in which passing the Tech exam is one requirement for passing the course they were taking. Five or six of the kids passed their Tech exam the day before, a test that was billed as a practice exam. So they were really pumped. The kids arrived about 7:30 Saturday morning and set up much of the station with our supervision. When it came time to operate (a bit late, ahem, for reasons we can go into over a cup of coffee sometime), they did the operating, with appropriate supervision.

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With best regards,

Pete

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Peter N. Spotts -- NM5PS
ARRL Public Information Coordinator, New Mexico Section
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On Mon, 2017-06-26 at 23:29 -0600, na5n@... wrote:
> Mike Duke, K5XU writes:
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> > However, what struck me as unusual was the number of 1A operations
> > I
> > worked.
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> The dominance of 1A stations struck me as well. I also found the CW
> bands
> far less congested as in past years ... that is, fewer CW stations,
> and
> code speeds in the 18-25 wpm range with very few of the typical high
> speed
> ops.
>
> Our local ham club didn't have an FD station for the first time in
> years.
> Just couldn't drum up the operators. The "main NM station," NM5FD,
> also
> had troubles drumming up their usual number of ops ... the reason I
> was
> invited to join them to work CW (I knew being the top scoring CW
> station in
> the NM QSO Party would backfire on me!). They usually run at 2A or
> 3A -
> this year 1A for the first time ever.
>
> We were fortunate to have two ARRL officials at NM5FD as ops ...
> Brian
> Mileshosky, N5ZGT, ARRL 2nd Vice President, and our Section Manager
> Ed
> James, KA8JMW. They said many of the stalwart regional FD stations
> just
> didn't activate this year due to lack of operators. From what they
> heard,
> many of the old timers have just done FD so many times, they're
> getting
> sick and weary of it, and recruiting younger hams to assist with
> antenna
> setup, etc. hasn't gone very well. Two of the larger Albuquerque
> clubs
> also didn't activate this year.
>
> Secondly, most are aware of the extreme heat wave across the
> Southwest in
> Southern CA, AZ, NM, Texas, and even into more northern states. Many
> clubs

> cancelled their FD activities this year due to the extreme temps
> for
> safety. This probably affected quite a number of usual western FD
> stations. I'm sure our ARRL officials were expressing their
> personal
> experiences from talking to local clubs and not representing an
> official
> ARRL stance.
>
> So between the extreme heat out west and a growing lack of
> operators,
> probably nation weide, FD was kind of subdued this year. Hopefully
> we'll
> see more activity next year. Though us OTs could start talking to
> the
> younger hams about FD besides the week before. Brag about the fun,
> the
> camping, the fraternity, and great food, not just the
> contacts. There were
> two younger hams at NM5FD that had NEVER seen a CW QSO. They were
> fascinated watching me make the first few contacts. They were amazed
> at
> how quickly it went ... always assumed CW was slow and
> cumbersome. So it's
> a good learning experience as well.
>
> Yes, ham radio is aging, but there are younger hams joining the
> ranks. We
> just need to work a little harder to "pass on the torch." We're the
> Elmers
> and they're looking to us for direction.
>
> 72, Paul NA5N
> --
> QRP-L mailing list
> Home: http://mailman.qth.net/mailman/listinfo/qrp-l
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3578. Re: [GRARA] Fwd: Re: [QRP-L] FD 1A stations

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-06-27 12:25:36 UTC
From: Del Rockwell
Topic: 3577 Message: 3578

You might also talk to the Boy Scout council offices in Walker.? If
you plan it far enough ahead of time, they might be willing to help
you.? STEM is a huge part of Boy Scouts now.? So if you offered
the opportunity to work with scouts at next years event, they might be
willing to advertise for you with the scouting community.?

If you want, I can contact them for us.? I could see each club that
wants to do this could get listed in an article that the council would
sent out announcing where to go in each town or area.

How does
that sound?

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Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-06-27 19:20:04 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3579 Message: 3579

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Remember, almost any antenna and which will radiate any power will often be sufficient for sporadic E work on 6.

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3580. RE: [GRARA] Fwd: Re: [QRP-L] FD 1A stations

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-06-27 19:49:58 UTC
From: Tom Behler
Topic: 3577 Message: 3580
Attachments: 3 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Hank:

Being relatively new to the area yet, I am not sure of specific groups, but this would sure seem to be possible!

Also, how about reaching out to local scout groups?

Anything we can do to get young people involved will be a “win win” for everyone.

Tom Behler: KB8TYJ

From: GRARA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:GRARA@yahoogroups.com]
Sent: Tuesday, June 27, 2017 8:13 AM
To: GRARA Group <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Subject: [GRARA] Fwd: Re: [QRP-L] FD 1A stations

An Idea for field Day.

Could we become associated with a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) program at one or more schools in the Greater Grand Rapids area? Seems like an interesting idea. Maybe, just maybe, we could get some younger blood into the Amateur Radio Service with such a program.

And, we might get a few operators for our GOTA station.

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-------- Forwarded Message --------

Subject:

Re: [QRP-L] FD 1A stations

Date:

Mon, 26 Jun 2017 23:44:29 -0600

From:

Pete Spotts <mailto:nm5ps@...> <nm5ps@...>

Reply-To:

nm5ps@arrl.net <mailto:nm5ps@...> , QRP-L Mailing List <mailto:qrp-l@....net> <qrp-l@...>

To:

qrp-l@... <mailto:qrp-l@mailman.qth.net>

From the Field Day Division of the Department of Younger Hams:

I was up at Lake Cochiti with variously four to five adults, three of us licensed, and 11 teens from a STEM program here in ABQ in which passing the Tech exam is one requirement for passing the course they were taking. Five or six of the kids passed their Tech exam the day before, a test that was billed as a practice exam. So they were really pumped. The kids arrived about 7:30 Saturday morning and set up much of the station with our supervision. When it came time to operate (a bit late, ahem, for reasons we can go into over a cup of coffee sometime), they did the operating, with appropriate supervision.

We had our bumps and thumps during set-up, but no teens, adults, or radios were injured in the making of this Field Day site.

We had a blast!

With best regards,

Pete

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Peter N. Spotts -- NM5PS
ARRL Public Information Coordinator, New Mexico Section
http://www.nm5ps.net
Email: nm5ps@... <mailto:nm5ps@...> | Skype: pspotts
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On Mon, 2017-06-26 at 23:29 -0600, na5n@zianet.com <mailto:na5n@...> wrote:
> Mike Duke, K5XU writes:
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3581. Re: [GRARA] Six meters is hopping

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-06-28 15:49:02 UTC
From: wd8usa@...
Topic: 3579 Message: 3581

Yep! 6 was hopping HOT!

I worked a station on 6 AM in North Carolina with S-9 signals that evening- Heard stations all over the east coast very strong!

I heard others report VE3's but didn't hear any- Zero's were weak however- JB

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From: Hank Greeb n8xx@... [GRARA] <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
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3582. Daytime DXing during the upcoming eclipse

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-06-30 14:11:15 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 3582 Message: 3582

Article about AM broadcast DXing during the August 21 solar eclipse.
The same propagation should also apply to 160, 80 and 40 meters.

http://www.skyandtelescope.com/2017-total-solar-eclipse/how-to-hear-the-solar-eclipse/

73 Jack NY8D

TNX to Bill Carney, Michigan Area Radio Enthusiasts
http://mare.radio.tripod.com/

3583. Friday GRARA meeting reminder

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-07-04 18:35:46 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 3583 Message: 3583

Reminder the July meeting of the Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association
is this Friday evening the 7th, Red Cross Building on Fuller Ave.
Social gathering 6:30, meeting at 7. http://www.w8dc.org

73 Jack NY8D

3584. Tower Work Party Scheduled-

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-07-07 00:22:39 UTC
From: wd8usa@...
Topic: 3584 Message: 3584

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3585. Re: [GRARA] Tower Work Party Scheduled-

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-07-07 15:39:06 UTC
From: Thom
Topic: 3584 Message: 3585

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Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-07-07 18:35:39 UTC
From: wd8usa@...
Topic: 3584 Message: 3586

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-----Original Message-----
From: Thom ki8w@... [GRARA] <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
To: GRARA <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
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3587. Re: [GRARA] Tower Work Party Scheduled-

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-07-08 01:38:54 UTC
From: Thom
Topic: 3584 Message: 3587

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I am planning right now to be at the Red Cross to help with the tower project Tuesday.

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3588. Re: [GRARA] Tower Work Party Scheduled-

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-07-08 15:22:31 UTC
From: Dave Ed
Topic: 3584 Message: 3588

Thom,Since you will be at the red cross building Tuesday,I will pick you up there at about 12:30 after my dental appointmentto go to pettis.Dave AC8ABdavided1938@...

On Friday, July 7, 2017 9:39 PM, "Thom ki8w@ki8w.com [GRARA]" <GRARA@yahoogroups.com> wrote:

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3589. Power is back at 92nd St, the 26 repeater is back on the air

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-07-08 19:56:05 UTC
From: Tom
Topic: 3589 Message: 3589

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Tom K8TB

3590. Re: [GRARA] Power is back at 92nd St, the 26 repeater is back on the air

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-07-08 20:07:51 UTC
From: J. k.
Topic: 3589 Message: 3590

thank you tom that's what i thought storm related failure say sorry to Steve AC8QE thank you tom john n8vlj.

From: GRARA@yahoogroups.com <GRARA@yahoogroups.com> on behalf of Tom k8tb@bosscher.org [GRARA] <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Saturday, July 8, 2017 3:56:05 PM
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
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3591. Re: Tower Work Party Scheduled-

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-07-09 17:13:12 UTC
From: stprovost@...
Topic: 3584 Message: 3591

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It is nice that Thom is letting the club know about his project.

thanks
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3592. Re: [GRARA] Re: Tower Work Party Scheduled-

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-07-09 17:36:43 UTC
From: wd8usa@...
Topic: 3584 Message: 3592

Thanks for confirming this!

Thom is to be commended and encouraged in his volunteer project and I salute him for it!

JB

-----Original Message-----
From: stprovost@... [GRARA] <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
To: GRARA <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Sun, Jul 9, 2017 1:13 pm
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3593. Ham items for sale by local ham

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-07-11 16:40:47 UTC
From: stprovost@...
Topic: 3593 Message: 3593

Hello, I am posting the following items for sale for my friend Chris Behm
he can be contacted at Email: ctbehm@gmail.com mailto:ctbehm@gmail.com

HD push up pole (used twice) fiberglass (mk-6-HD by max gain) $75 ($190 new)
G5RV Jr $20
G5RV $20
end fed long wire (myantennas.com http://myantennas.com part number efhw-4010) $40
Astron RS-20a $20
Astron RS-35m $50 this power supply has meters

thanks

stephen AC8QE

3594. Re: Ham items for sale by local ham

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-07-11 18:56:00 UTC
From: stprovost@...
Topic: 3593 Message: 3594

I have just received a text stating the power supplies and push up pole are sold. thanks stephen AC8QE

3595. Rescheduled Tower Work Party

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-07-12 03:08:53 UTC
From: wd8usa@...
Topic: 3595 Message: 3595

The work party to install the VHF UHF antennas on the short tower has been rescheduled.

We will meet at New Beginnings Restaurant next Monday at 8;30 AM then to the tower at around 915AM.

Monday July 17TH.

Thanks to all that showed up this morning , We will try again next Monday!

3596. Re: [GRARA] Rescheduled Tower Work Party

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-07-12 03:18:41 UTC
From: Jared Luellen
Topic: 3595 Message: 3596

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3597. Re: [GRARA] Rescheduled Tower Work Party

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-07-12 03:30:39 UTC
From: wd8usa@...
Topic: 3595 Message: 3597

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To: GRARA <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
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Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-07-12 03:56:00 UTC
From: J. k.
Topic: 3595 Message: 3598

if you would like me to help i can N8VLJ john.

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Monday July 17TH.

Thanks to all that showed up this morning , We will try again next Monday!

3599. Re: [GRARA] Rescheduled Tower Work Party

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-07-12 09:19:34 UTC
From: Thom
Topic: 3595 Message: 3599

I will be there...

73

Thom KI8W

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3600. Re: [GRARA] Rescheduled Tower Work Party

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-07-12 12:33:15 UTC
From: wd8usa@...
Topic: 3595 Message: 3600

Well John, You are welcome to come if you like- We may have enough 'ground crew" already-

Thanks all for your assistance!

-----Original Message-----
From: 'J. k.' john-wa@... [GRARA] <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
To: GRARA <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Tue, Jul 11, 2017 11:56 pm
Subject: Re: [GRARA] Rescheduled Tower Work Party

if you would like me to help i can N8VLJ john.

From: GRARA@yahoogroups.com <GRARA@yahoogroups.com> on behalf of wd8usa@... [GRARA] <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 11, 2017 11:30:39 PM
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: Re: [GRARA] Rescheduled Tower Work Party

We realize most can't help because of the work thing (Dave and I only just retired so we know!)

Since Dave and Joe are climbing, we have to make it fit our schedules-

Prayers are in order agains't any falls from the tower!

Every one can help with that!!

PS any unfinished work can be done in the evening which is not a bad idea!

If an extra session in the evening is needed we will announce it here-

-----Original Message-----
From: Jared Luellen jrluellen@... [GRARA] <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
To: GRARA <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Tue, Jul 11, 2017 11:18 pm
Subject: Re: [GRARA] Rescheduled Tower Work Party

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3601. Free, could be 2m repeater

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-07-12 20:36:17 UTC
From: Bob Hardin
Topic: 3601 Message: 3601

https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.1496597923751493.1073741867.100002
038986843
<https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.1496597923751493.1073741867.10000
2038986843&type=3> &type=3

In Grand Rapids, I am moving has to go. Free

Bob

KD8LZT

3602. Spark in the Park, Saturday, August 19 at 9:00AM

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-07-16 01:09:45 UTC
From: Tom
Topic: 3602 Message: 3602

Mark your calendar for Saturday, August 19 at 9:00 am for the 4th annual “Spark in the Park”,

a science fair for amateur radio. Come and bring along your show and tell projects.

Join hundreds of other hams who’ll be demonstrating the different facets of the

hobby at the Home School Building, 5625 Burlingame in Wyoming.

This is sponsored by ten clubs in West Michigan: Holland ARC, Lowell ARC, GRARA, Allegan County RC, Kalamazoo ARC,

Muskegon AARC, Riverside Radio Amateurs, Michigan ARA, the IRA and North Ottawa ARC.

Admission and tables are free!

If you have a device you have built, a go kit, a tube or micro-processor QRP transmitter, an antenna tuner,

or any other item, bring it along and show others what you have done.

A reminder that this is now a morning event.

More information at http://www.k8tb.org/sitp.htm

3603. RE: [GRARA] Spark in the Park, Saturday, August 19 at 9:00AM

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-07-16 13:27:26 UTC
From: Tom Behler
Topic: 3602 Message: 3603
Attachments: 3 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Very nice, Tom.

Will make sure this gets announced periodically on the IRA Noon Net.

I've also distributed this to my own local area hams list.

Tom Behler: KB8TYJ

From: GRARA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:GRARA@yahoogroups.com]
Sent: Saturday, July 15, 2017 9:10 PM
To: undisclosed-recipients:
Subject: [GRARA] Spark in the Park, Saturday, August 19 at 9:00AM

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3604. RE: Spark in the Park, Saturday, August 19 at 9:00AM

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-07-16 18:20:48 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 3602 Message: 3604

"Will make sure this gets announced periodically on the IRA Noon Net."

I will also be sending this out on the master accumulated hamfest list
when I finish updateing it with the IRA Hamfest ticket stubs I have
possession of.

73 Jack NY8D

Jack Amelar
13110 Victory Woods Dr NE
Lowell, MI 49331-8857
Home Phone #: (616)438-5412
Cell Phone #: (616)438-1464
E-mail: jamelar@...

----- Message from GRARA@yahoogroups.com ---------
Date: Sun, 16 Jul 2017 09:27:26 -0400
From: "'Tom Behler' tombehler@... [GRARA]" <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Reply-To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: RE: [GRARA] Spark in the Park, Saturday, August 19 at 9:00AM
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com

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----- End message from GRARA@yahoogroups.com -----

3605. Field Day info needed

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-07-16 19:58:05 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3605 Message: 3605

I need to know which of the contact were made with Solar Power. I was told they were marked somehow in the log, but I knoweth knot how to find that info.

We get a bunch of extra bonus points if I can specify which of the contacts were made with solar power.

Help please.

I was told that these were made by hooking up a battery which had been charged by solar power to the GOTA rig. That's fine, but I still need to know which contacts were made via this method.

Help,, help help please, pretty please. I'd like to get this filed with ARRL ASAP. Deadline approacheth in about a weak and couple daze.

72/73 de n8xx Hg
QRP >99.44% of the time

3606. Even more Field Day nfo needed

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-07-16 20:05:34 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3606 Message: 3606

It was reported that the City Manager for Cedar Springs and a Kent County Sheriff's deputy visited the site during our stint for Field Day. If I can verify this, preferably with a picture or signature, etc., we can get bonus for their attendance.

I don't see a signature on the "guest list" which I was given. Did anyone take a picture of these two people? I can recognize the City Manager, and one of the deputies, but the City Manager would suffice.

Oh, yes, if you have any info on either of my recent questions, please let me know. Don't assume that someone else will respond, because getting info from this august group is something like pulling hens' teeth.

Thanks in advance.

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3607. RE: [GRARA] Even more Field Day nfo needed

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-07-16 20:16:02 UTC
From: Tom Behler
Topic: 3606 Message: 3607
Attachments: 3 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Hank:

I believe Thom (KI8W) took a picture of the City Manager when he/she was there.

The visit was at around noon on Saturday, if that helps.

Tom Behler: KB8TYJ

From: GRARA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:GRARA@yahoogroups.com]
Sent: Sunday, July 16, 2017 4:06 PM
To: GRARA Group <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>; W8dc <w8dc@...>
Subject: [GRARA] Even more Field Day nfo needed

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3608. Reminder of Tower Work Party this Monday

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-07-17 02:28:23 UTC
From: wd8usa@...
Topic: 3608 Message: 3608

We will be meeting at New Beginnings Restaurant this Monday @ 830AM for breakfast then to the chapter to install the antennas on the short tower.

WX should be fantastic so hope to get this wrapped up!

3609. Re: [GRARA] Even more Field Day nfo needed

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-07-17 11:50:01 UTC
From: Thom
Topic: 3606 Message: 3609

I have no pictures from Field Day.

I was not aware the City Manager had visited. The nice lady I spoke with said she was from the City Council. I do not know if she signed the sheet.

The only Sheriff Deputy I was aware of was the one that stopped by in her patrol car and asked what we were doing there at 3am. She definitely did not sign the sheet.

73

Thom KI8W

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3610. RE: [GRARA] Even more Field Day nfo needed

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-07-17 13:14:07 UTC
From: Tom Behler
Topic: 3606 Message: 3610
Attachments: 3 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Perhaps Thom is right; the person we talked to was from the City Council, and I thought she signed the guest sheet.

If not, that’s too bad, because I remember talking to her.

Tom Behler: kB8TYJ

From: GRARA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:GRARA@yahoogroups.com]
Sent: Monday, July 17, 2017 7:50 AM
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: Re: [GRARA] Even more Field Day nfo needed

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3611. Re: [GRARA] Even more Field Day nfo needed

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-07-17 18:20:26 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3606 Message: 3611

Tom: Thanks!

I have the signature of the lady from the City Council. IF the city manager attended that would be a few more points for the club.

Anyone confirm that Mr. Womack, City Manager, was present? Or was the City Council person the only rep from the City?

I also need a picture of one of our generators and the solar panel used for the solar contacts.

And, if you have your whole roll of picture on the air someplace, please tell me where they are. I think you announced this before, but I can't find the message>

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On 7/17/2017 7:50 AM, Thom ki8w@... [GRARA] wrote:

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3612. Re: [GRARA] Even more Field Day nfo needed

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-07-17 22:01:01 UTC
From: Thom
Topic: 3606 Message: 3612

The only generator we used was the one in the Red Cross unit that was there. The unit that was in the field across the road had its own generator but I bet no one got a picture of it.

I am also not aware that we used the solar panel at all either. It just sat up against the fence all weekend and I never saw any wires coming from it.

As for the City Manager, if he was there, I did not know it.

Sure seems like we dropped the ball on a lot of things. It will be better next year.

On the other hand, it is not many points. This is not a competition, its a emergency simulation.

73

Thom KI8W

3613. Re: Even more Field Day nfo needed

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-07-18 03:28:00 UTC
From: <stprovost@...>
Topic: 3606 Message: 3613

We did NOT use a solar panel.
We used a battery to run the time we used a station for non generator use.

stephen

3614. Re: Field Day info needed

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-07-19 21:30:59 UTC
From: greg333333@...
Topic: 3605 Message: 3614

I sent you an email with the contacts I made using a battery.

3615. [LARC Officers] Special Event Announcement

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-07-14 20:43:19 UTC
From: jamelar@...
Topic: 3615 Message: 3615
Attachments: 2 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

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3616. Pictures?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-07-24 01:20:05 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3616 Message: 3616

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I can hardly believe that this got so screwed up, but it did.

help, please, help.

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3617. Pettis Site

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-07-24 01:44:13 UTC
From: Robert Moe
Topic: 3617 Message: 3617

I plan on mowing the grass at the Pettis Tower Site, Monday 7/24 at 2:00 PM.
Any help will be greatly appreciated.

73, Bob AC8ZX
Robert Moe
rmoe424242@...

3618. Re: [GRARA] Pictures?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-07-24 02:11:47 UTC
From: Thom
Topic: 3616 Message: 3618

Hank,

I have a lot of the Field Day photos taken by Phillip W8IPN.

There are all multi-megabyte in size and my email server will not allow
those to be sent via email.

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3619. Re: [GRARA] Pictures?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-07-24 05:00:23 UTC
From: w6euh@...
Topic: 3616 Message: 3619

Hi Thom,

If you are not able to make reduced-size copies of those photos (and if you try and do it, please backup the original files first), I suggest dropbox, google drive, google photos, facebook or other alternatives to email. Even the semi-old fashion way: burn a CD/DVD and then drive a couple of miles. Maybe somebody can spare an hour of their time and help with that. (Unfortunately I can't, otherwise I'd gladly do).

There's always a way.

https://zipso.net/how-to-send-a-lot-of-photos-over-email-a-step-by-step-guide/
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73,
Marcelo W6EUH

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3620. Re: [GRARA] Pettis Site

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-07-24 12:44:37 UTC
From: Dave Ed
Topic: 3617 Message: 3620

Bob,
I am in Wisconsin be back home August 4th. See you at the meeting
Dave
AC8AB

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 23, 2017, at 8:44 PM, Robert Moe rmoe424242@gmail.com<mailto:rmoe424242@gmail.com> [GRARA] <GRARA@yahoogroups.com<mailto:GRARA@yahoogroups.com>> wrote:

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3621. Selling my ameritron SCREW DRIVER ANTENNA, 1.2 KW, 3.5-30MHZ kit SDA 112

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-07-25 02:52:08 UTC
From: stprovost@...
Topic: 3621 Message: 3621

I am selling my Ameritron SDA 112 Kit ($629.95 new)

Unit has not been installed, I am the second owner.
Decided to go with another solution.

Asking $570.00 or best offer (cash only please)
contact me @ stprovost at provtechs.com

I have all parts for an install.
Note all parts were stored in the garage.

Thanks Stephen AC8QE

Kit consists of

SDA 100 Screwdriver Antenna 1.2 KW 3.5 -30Mhz ($489.95 new)

SDC-102 Programmable Screwdriver Controller ($139.95 new)

SWP-100 Stainless Steel Whip. ($24.95 new)

The following link provide details from Ameritron
http://www.ameritron.com/Product.php?productid=SDA-112
http://www.ameritron.com/Product.php?productid=SDA-112

Note: Posting this on other sites.

3622. FW: Call to Action....

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-07-26 17:39:06 UTC
From: Tom Behler
Topic: 3622 Message: 3622

FYI from Tom Behler: KB8TYJ

Please take a few minutes to do this, even if you are not a ham who faces residential antenna restrictions.

Tom Behler: KB8TYJ, Grandville

-----Original Message-----
From: ARRL Members Only Web site [mailto:memberlist@...]
Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 9:22 AM
To: tombehler@...
Subject: Call to Action....

ARRL President Issues Call for Members to Reach Out to their Senators to Support S. 1534

07/25/2017

ARRL President Rick Roderick, K5UR, is calling on League members to urge their US Senators to support the Amateur Radio Parity Act of 2017, S.
1534. ARRL has opened a RallyCongress page to simplify the task.

“[W]e are at a crossroad in our efforts to obtain passage of The Amateur Radio Parity Act,” Roderick said. He said the campaign to secure passage of the bill scored a major victory earlier this year when H.R. 555 passed unanimously in the US House of Representatives. Obtaining passage of the companion Senate bill, S. 1534, is the final legislative hurdle.

“Now is the time for all hams to get involved in the process!”
Roderick said. “Many of you already live in deed-restricted communities, and that number grows daily.”

He urged radio amateurs now restricted by a Homeowners Association from installing effective outdoor antennas to visit the RallyCongress site and e-mail their two US Senators. He also encouraged those not now affected by deed covenants, conditions, and restrictions (CC&Rs) to support their fellow radio amateurs by doing the same.

“If you want to help create an opportunity — not available before now — for Amateurs who live in deed restricted communities to install effective outdoor antennas on property that they own or lease, send these e-mails today!” Roderick said. “We need you to reach out to your Senators today. Right away.”

S. 1534 was introduced in the US Senate on July 12, marking another step forward for this landmark legislation. Senators Roger Wicker (R-MS) and Richard Blumenthal (D-CT) are the Senate sponsors. The measure will, for the first time, guarantee all radio amateurs living in deed-restricted communities governed by a Homeowners Association (HOA) or subject to any private land-use regulations, the right to erect and maintain effective outdoor antennas at their homes, while protecting the aesthetic concerns of HOAs.

The link below will take you to the web page on the ARRL Website where you can send your letters to Senator Peters and Senator Stabenow.

Copy the link below and paste into your browser and you will be taken to the appropriate place on the ARRL website. From there, simply enter your zip code and follow the directions to send your letters via email.

https://arrl.rallycongress.net/ctas/urge-us-senate-to-support-amateur-radio-parity-act

Once your letters are on their way, please send me an email stating that you letters have been sent and your callsign and email to wb8r@....

Please share this with all your friends and members of your radio club.
Take the initiative to ensure that every ham you know (non-ARRL members too!) sends their letters and sends an email to me letting me know that their letters have been sent.

This is IMPORTANT, folks!

Don’t delay, Do it today!

Thanks and 73,

Larry, WB8R

ARRL Michigan Section
Section Manager: Larry Camp, WB8R
wb8r@...

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http://p1k.arrl.org/oo/11307803779d37db82bb3cca7de6e822

3623. Fwd: UHF Contest This Weekend

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-08-01 02:11:58 UTC
From: wd8usa@...
Topic: 3623 Message: 3623

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From: wd8usa <wd8usa@...>
To: john.n8jpr <john.n8jpr@...>
Sent: Mon, Jul 31, 2017 10:06 pm
Subject: UHF Contest This Weekend

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3624. RE: [GRARA] Fwd: UHF Contest This Weekend

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-08-01 02:23:55 UTC
From: Tom Behler
Topic: 3623 Message: 3624
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3625. Re: [GRARA] Fwd: UHF Contest This Weekend

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-08-01 02:56:18 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3623 Message: 3625

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Berlin (stupidly renamed Marne during WW-I) which is the intersection of
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3626. Re: [GRARA] Fwd: UHF Contest This Weekend

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-08-01 03:08:18 UTC
From: wd8usa@...
Topic: 3623 Message: 3626

No, Dave will be working the contest from home.

Stop on up and see the operation if you like! JB

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3627. FW: [GRARA] Fwd: UHF Contest This Weekend

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-08-01 10:45:32 UTC
From: Tom Behler
Topic: 3623 Message: 3627
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From: Tom Behler [mailto:tombehler@...]
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3628. Re: [GRARA] Fwd: UHF Contest This Weekend

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-08-01 12:10:24 UTC
From: Wendell Broome
Topic: 3623 Message: 3628

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3629. RE: wrong date on the PDF file?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-08-01 14:59:44 UTC
From: Richard Ranta
Topic: 3629 Message: 3629

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Rich k8jx

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Rich k8jx and scooter the cat

3630. Re: [GRARA] RE: wrong date on the PDF file?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-08-01 15:56:15 UTC
From: Douglas Luurs
Topic: 3629 Message: 3630

7th is a Thursday, 17th is a Sunday ... Can we do the 9th like the website says ?
GRINS
Doug/W8ZUU

From: "'Richard Ranta' scooter1cat@... [GRARA]" <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Tuesday, August 1, 2017 11:50 AM
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3631. Re: [GRARA] Fwd: UHF Contest This Weekend

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-08-01 16:38:27 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 3623 Message: 3631

----- Message from GRARA@yahoogroups.com ---------
Date: Tue, 1 Aug 2017 08:10:24 -0400
From: "Wendell Broome wendellbro@... [GRARA]" <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>

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----- End message from GRARA@yahoogroups.com -----

There was a lot of activities in the 80s and 90s during VHF/UHF contests. There could be a number of motorhomes, including my own. One fella, I can't remember his name, would sometimes bring his solar array/batteries to use instead of a generator. A good number of folks would show up a various times. Racked up a lot of points. Had a grill for burgers and chicken. Fabulous sunsets. A great time by all.

The Knob is a great place for VHF/UHF. For the heck of it, I would crank up the TV antenna on the motorhome and receive TV stations all over Michigan and Wisconsin.

Not sure why operating the VHF/UHF contests from Fisk Knob died out, but IMO would be great to make a return.

73 Jack NY8D

3632. Re: [GRARA] Fwd: UHF Contest This Weekend

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-08-01 21:49:29 UTC
From: paulnf8j
Topic: 3623 Message: 3632

Might have been my first Field Day, remember the "big goon", Don Ferguson, K8XR, met you Paul Geerdes, etc. That was fun, in fact I have a picture of you and Don operating, some where. Hope is all well with you.

Sent from my Galaxy Tab® S2
-------- Original message --------From: "Wendell Broome wendellbro@yahoo.com [GRARA]" <GRARA@yahoogroups.com> Date: 8/1/17 8:10 AM (GMT-05:00) To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com Subject: Re: [GRARA] Fwd: UHF Contest This Weekend

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Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-08-02 01:33:02 UTC
From: John Streyle
Topic: 3629 Message: 3633

Good catch, Rich. The date should be the 9th.
Steven - can you send a corrected PDF to the webmaster?
(I thought this was already edited and updated - what happened?)
John W8QZ

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Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-08-02 01:49:50 UTC
From: Wendell
Topic: 3623 Message: 3634

Hi Paul,
Good to hear from you. Did not realize that maybe that field day was the start of your very successful DX/contest career. Don, K8XR was my best friend. I now live about a mile south of where we had our contest station.
I will be at The Spark in the Park. I might take a trip to the knob Saturday.
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Date: 2017-08-02 02:24:01 UTC
From: wd8usa@...
Topic: 3623 Message: 3635

AHHHA! Jack you bring it all back Sir!

I remember when you used to bring your motor home up and support us in these contests in the 80's-

One of the first I remember is the June VHF contest where my Kenwood TS-680 was in a tent and 6 opened up early and stayed open for most of that weekend! Contacts left and right on that band!

Also one night in your motor home, I was sleeping when Mt. Graylock (W2SZ) came in on 220 SSB with 20 over S-9 signal strength!

Not a soul on the band could I hear except that station and of course we did make an easy contact that early morning!

He kept on calling but no one answered him after our QSO-

Moral of the story- Got to be on when the band opens!

Thanks Jack for the many years you supported us!

JB

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From: Jack Amelar jamelar@localnet.com [GRARA] <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
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> Have fun on the Knob!
> Perhaps the last time there was activity from the knob was when GRARA
> ran field day from there. That was in the 70s-....
----- End message from GRARA@yahoogroups.com -----

There was a lot of activities in the 80s and 90s during VHF/UHF contests. There could be a number of motorhomes, including my own. One fella, I can't remember his name, would sometimes bring his solar array/batteries to use instead of a generator. A good number of folks would show up a various times. Racked up a lot of points. Had a grill for burgers and chicken. Fabulous sunsets. A great time by all.

The Knob is a great place for VHF/UHF. For the heck of it, I would crank up the TV antenna on the motorhome and receive TV stations all over Michigan and Wisconsin.

Not sure why operating the VHF/UHF contests from Fisk Knob died out,
but IMO would be great to make a return.

73 Jack NY8D

3636. August GRARA meeting this Friday

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-08-03 01:11:23 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 3636 Message: 3636

Reminder this Friday, August 4, is the monthly meeting of the Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association. 6:30PM social, 7PM meeting, at the Red Cross Building on Fuller ave between I-196 and Leonard St.

Looks like we'll have a group participation placing stamps on post cards for the September 9 GRAHamfest. Hope you can make it.

3637. GLHamCon Forum List as of August 3 ,2017

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-08-03 18:49:22 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 3637 Message: 3637
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3638. Spark in the Park. A Science Fair for Amateur Radio. Saturday, August 19

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-08-09 21:16:00 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 3638 Message: 3638
Attachments: 3 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

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3639. Solar Eclips QSO Party

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-08-10 16:50:47 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3639 Message: 3639

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visible from the United States.

So if you're available during the period of the solar eclips, please
participate. Time/date is 1400 – 2200 UTC on August 21, 2017 Note, it
is NOT a contest in the usual sense, so folks who generally "chew the
rag" of operate traffic nets, or whatever..... are encouraged to
participate. The more reports the organizers receive, their scientific
data will be concerning what, if any, anomalies in propagation exist
during a solar eclipse.

And, you do NOT have to be in the path of the solar eclipse. folks even
a hundred miles or more, such as we are in SW Michgian, can provide
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3640. RE: [GRARA] Solar Eclips QSO Party

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-08-10 18:52:50 UTC
From: Tom Behler
Topic: 3639 Message: 3640
Attachments: 3 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Hank:

I have the IRA Link System Noontime Roundup Net to run at noon on that day, but I am going to try to participate in the SEQP from here as much as I can.

I have to figure out whether or how I’m going to log contacts.

I suppose I could use the N3FJP A C Log program, but I also hear that Scott’s VHF contest logging program can be adapted specifically to the SEQP.

Will have to see what I can come up with between now and then.

Tom Behler: KB8TYJ

From: GRARA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:GRARA@yahoogroups.com]
Sent: Thursday, August 10, 2017 12:51 PM
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [GRARA] Solar Eclips QSO Party

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3641. Re: [GRARA] Solar Eclips QSO Party

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-08-11 11:28:46 UTC
From: Douglas Luurs
Topic: 3639 Message: 3641

Howling at the moon Hank ? hehe

From: "Hank Greeb n8xx@arrl.org [GRARA]" <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Thursday, August 10, 2017 12:50 PM
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3642. GRARA Hamfest Request

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-08-12 01:08:19 UTC
From: Thom
Topic: 3642 Message: 3642

Howdy all,

We are in need for all who can to step up and give us a hand.

We will be conducting our regularly scheduled examination schedule the night before the hamfest on September 9.

Those of us who are on the VE team will not be available to help set up tables that Friday for the Hamfest.

We will need a few of you to go to the Home School building Friday night to help set up tables.

Let us know if you can help out setting up tables.

Thanks,

73

Thom KI8W

3643. For GRAHamfest, who makes sub-sandwiches?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-08-14 23:20:02 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 3643 Message: 3643

OK everyone. For the concession stand at the September 9 GRAHamfest,
I'm thinking sub-sandwiches instead of hot dogs.

I have found one supplier in Saranac that can supply subs at $2.70 ea,
I figure we sell at $4.50 including a bag of chips.

So two things, anyone with opinion on this?

The most important, does anyone know of any other suppliers of
sub-sandwiches in the GR area I can check with.
I have already checked with Frandale Fundraising in Grandville. There
primary business is with school groups, as such, they don't ramp up
production until October, too late for us.

The quantity I'm looking at is 50. If we have leftovers toward the end,
I bag them up in 5 lots and sell for near cost. Heck, I'll buy some
myself if this happens.

So if you know something, say something.

73 Jack NY8D

3644. RE: [GRARA] For GRAHamfest, who makes sub-sandwiches?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-08-15 00:20:08 UTC
From: tomkd8deg
Topic: 3643 Message: 3644

Hi Jack!!!

A few to check out in the G.R. area; Jimmy Johns, Quiznos, Subway, Firehouse Subs.

Take Care

Tom KD8DEG

From: GRARA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:GRARA@yahoogroups.com]
Sent: Monday, August 14, 2017 7:20 PM
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com; grara@...
Subject: [GRARA] For GRAHamfest, who makes sub-sandwiches?

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3645. Re: [GRARA] For GRAHamfest, who makes sub-sandwiches?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-08-15 00:38:27 UTC
From: Ron Karger
Topic: 3643 Message: 3645

My sister works at Sobie Meats on Rememberence Road. I am having her get me a quote and she will give me her employee discount. I will let you know.
http://sobiemeats.com/

Ron AB8DT

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

On Mon, Aug 14, 2017 at 7:20 PM, Jack Amelar jamelar@... [GRARA]<GRARA@yahoogroups.com> wrote:
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3646. Re: [GRARA] For GRAHamfest, who makes sub-sandwiches?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-08-15 00:59:06 UTC
From: Dave Ed
Topic: 3643 Message: 3646

I checked prices at Sams club for the following, to compare cost and profits

Hot Dogs 30 cents

Buns 15 cents

small chips 25 cents

large bottle of mustard and ketchup about $4.50 each

Cost of the dog and chips is about 70 cents and sell it for $2.25. profit about $1.55

plus the cost of the mustard and the ketchup..

Some folks will probably buy two of these.

Sub price $2.70

chip price .25 cents

Total cost $2.95

sell $4.50

Profit $1.55

I comes down to what will sell the best and how will the subs keep until being sold

Dave

AC8AB

Sent from Outlook<http://aka.ms/weboutlook>

From: GRARA@yahoogroups.com <GRARA@yahoogroups.com> on behalf of Jack Amelar jamelar@localnet.com [GRARA] <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
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3647. Congrats to the VE Team

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-08-15 17:52:27 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 3647 Message: 3647
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3648. Moving East

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-08-15 18:06:31 UTC
From: W7WMB
Topic: 3648 Message: 3648

Hello from Western Washington '7 land,
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Do you folks have suggestions for areas that are generally free of HOA and anti-ham covenants?
Many thanks!
73's
Bill W7WMB

3649. RE: [GRARA] Moving East

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-08-15 18:26:12 UTC
From: Tom Behler
Topic: 3648 Message: 3649
Attachments: 3 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Bill:

I recently relocated to Grandville Michigan, just west of Grand Rapids.

Grandville has an exception for amateur radio in its housing ordinance, so I don’t think you’ll have a problem here.

I verified this with the help of the City Manager’s office, and they were very cooperative.

Should you decide to relocate to Grandville, I’d give the city office a call.

They may want your address in case anyone has any questions, but that’s all done in the spirit of open communication, as far as I can tell.

I have wire antennas here, and two support masts, and noone has ever raised any questions.

Tom Behler: KB8TYJ

From: GRARA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:GRARA@yahoogroups.com]
Sent: Tuesday, August 15, 2017 2:07 PM
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
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3650. Re: [GRARA] Moving East

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-08-15 18:35:09 UTC
From: Del Rockwell
Topic: 3648 Message: 3650

Hi Bill,

I live in the Lowell area.? I am just over the
county line into Ionia county, Keene township.? The county wanted me
to get a building permit for my tower.? But the inspection was as
simple as coming out and looking it over to verify it looked like the
drawing said it would look.? It is a 60' tower and they said with my
distance from all airports, I could have gone much higher.?

Hope that helps.

Del
W8WDW

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3651. Re: [GRARA] Moving East

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-08-15 18:40:06 UTC
From: wd8usa@...
Topic: 3648 Message: 3651

This is a smart Ham!! Avoiding the places where we are not welcome is far easier than fighting a loosing battle!

Kuddos!

-----Original Message-----
From: 'Tom Behler' tombehler@... [GRARA] <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
To: GRARA <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Tue, Aug 15, 2017 2:26 pm
Subject: RE: [GRARA] Moving East

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3652. Tower Work Today

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-08-15 19:50:41 UTC
From: wd8usa@...
Topic: 3652 Message: 3652

I got the H frame up at mid level on the short tower today. Only thing remaining is to pull the antennas up and slip em on!

They are tested and ready to go and I hope to schedule a work party real soon Perhaps on Friday this week- I only need 2 ground crew to assist-

There are 3 feed lines at mid level - one is marked with 3 green electrical tape bands.

I also repaired a crack in the balun of the low NVIS antenna and cleared the branches away-

Will make a decision by tomorrow after looking at the WX forecast-

Good progress I see in the radio room- Very good! Please consider sound dividers (partitions) for the operating area-

The last exercise we had indicated a need for this-

I am thinking four of them- JB

3653. Re: Moving East

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-08-15 20:50:18 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 3648 Message: 3653

Bill,

First let me say you will be most welcome to the area.
You didn't specify if you want to be in, near, or in the region of
Grand Rapids, or how high you're thinking of a tower, or dipole, or ?

As Dell W8WDW pointed out, Ionia County, just east of Kent County where
Grand Rapids is located, is probably the least restrictive. Newaygo
County just north and Allegan county just south are good also. If you
want to go west into Ottawa County toward Lake Michigan, it gets worse.
About every city and township in Kent County has an ordnance of some
sort for amateur radio antennas. I live in Kent, Vergennes Township.
Years ago I had to deal with a 35 foot limit. The hams here did get
together with the township and eventually it was changed. I live on 10
acres zoned agriculture. 35 foot limit made no sense and we got the
township to agree with that. Some areas in Kent County limit to 50 ft,
70 ft, or you have to go through a special use permit hearing. Just
about anywhere you do need a building permit if erecting a tower above
35 ft.

Having said all that, HOAs are another story. Fortunately, there are
plenty of places without an HOA.

When you narrow down where you're thinking of buying, chime in again
and we can find more information.

73 and welcome, Jack NY8D

----- Message from GRARA@yahoogroups.com ---------
Date: Tue, 15 Aug 2017 11:06:31 -0700
From: "W7WMB w7wmb@... [GRARA]" <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Reply-To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
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----- End message from GRARA@yahoogroups.com -----

3654. Ohio QSO PARTY August 26 noon to midnight EDST

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-08-16 00:41:18 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3654 Message: 3654

Shameless plug for the OHQP happening in about 10 days on Saturday Aug 26 from noon to midnight EDST. Current activations show 66 of 88 counties with planned activity with more to come. Will have mobile, roving, EOC and home stations on hopefully in all 88 counties.

Many Ohio stations support the Michigan QSO party in April. So, fire up your rig and make a few (or many) contacts with Ohio Stations on August 26.

Best bands for the contacts with Ohio should be 40 during daylight, and 80/75 meters during late afternoon/evening hours.

Both Phone and CW contacts are permissible. AND, contacts by mode result in 2 multipliers,

Rules and other details of this contest are at
http://www.ohqp.org/

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3655. Re: [GRARA] Moving East

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-08-16 01:09:48 UTC
From: John Streyle
Topic: 3648 Message: 3655

I live in Walker, where hams are allowed 70' tower+antenna+mast (i.e. total), no building permit required. I am not in one of the new developments, however; rather in an older house built in the 60s.
John W8QZ

Sent from my iPad

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3656. Re: [GRARA] Moving East

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-08-16 01:42:52 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3648 Message: 3656

One must be very careful in selection of a location. AND, avoid at all costs the numerous "site Condominiums" which are so prevalent in this area. These almost universally have restrictions on antennas. My wife and I took over 6 months of looking, looking, and looking to find a suitable place. Of course, we had dreams of having a site where we could build another dream home.

It "probably" is possible to find a suitable prebuilt home in many places. But, we aware that real estate is a sellers market these daze, and you must make an offer quickly with reputable realtor.

good luck!

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3657. Spark in the Park, Second Hand Shop 2nd Anniversary, GRAHamfest 2Ø17

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-08-16 15:56:47 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 3657 Message: 3657
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3658. FW: New 605 Form takes effect August 21, 2017

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-08-16 19:06:28 UTC
From: Tom Behler
Topic: 3658 Message: 3658
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

FYI from Tom Behler: KB8TYJ

From: ARRL Web site [mailto:memberlist@www.arrl.org]
Sent: Wednesday, August 16, 2017 1:54 PM
To: tombehler@gmail.com
Subject: New 605 Form takes effect August 21, 2017

IMPORTANT UPDATE: NEW NCVEC 605 FORM
A NEW NCVEC 605 FORM MUST BE USED AT EXAM SESSIONS BEGINNING MONDAY AUGUST 21, 2017.

VE NEWS SECTIONS:

New NCVEC 605 Forms and Applicant Information.
Field Stocked VE Teams -- Packages Mailed.
FCC and NCVEC 605 Change -- Information and News Stories.

New NCVEC 605 Forms and Applicant Information

New NCVEC 605 Forms
<http://www.arrl.org/files/file/VEs/NCVEC%20605%20Form%202017%20Sept.pdf> and an Applicant information sheet <http://www.arrl.org/files/file/VEs/Applicant%20Info%20Qualification%20Question%202017.pdf> for use at your ARRL VEC exam sessions beginning August 21, 2017 have been published. Please discard all existing versions of the NCVEC 605 Forms on or after midnight, August 20, 2017, as they will no longer be valid and cannot be used. All VECs and VE Teams must use this new form. For information regarding the 605 Form change, please see the “FCC and NCVEC 605 Form to Change” section below and refer to the news stories on ARRL’s website.

Instructions for the New NCVEC Quick Form 605 Application (September 2017 series).
Throw away all previous versions on or after August 20, 2017.
605 Forms can be copied when necessary.

The FCC is revising the basic qualifications section of 605 Application forms to include a question regarding whether an applicant has been convicted of a felony in any state or federal court. Applicants’ responses and explanations to the basic qualification question (felony question), will be used to determine eligibility to be a Commission licensee.

Instructions for the New Applicant Information Sheet – FCC Basic Qualification Question.
These instructions are for applicants that answer “YES” to FCC’s basic qualification question.
There are 2 sets of instructions on one form, therefore please cut the form in half before using it at
an exam session. The Applicant Information sheet can be copied when necessary.

After the application data is submitted to FCC and an FCC file number is created, the applicant is required
to provide an explanation directly to the FCC within 14 days. Candidates that do not want to answer the basic qualification question at the test session will be handled the same way the candidate's that are uncomfortable with giving their social security number (SSN) at the session are handled.

The candidate is allowed to take the exam(s). However, it must be made clear that FCC will reject their
license application form 605 if the question is not answered. As with the candidates that decline to supply
their SSN, these candidates should also be referred to the VEC department directly for further instructions
and guidance.

Officially Field Stocked VE Teams

For ARRL VE teams who are Formally Field Stocked by the ARRL VEC, 25 new NCVEC 605 Forms were shipped out on Monday August 14, 2017. Field Stocked VE Team leaders should look for the package containing the new forms to arrive this week. Throw away all previous versions on or after August 20, 2017; do not return them to ARRL VEC.

The materials supply should be sufficient for up to four or five exam sessions for the majority of ARRL VEC teams. With one thousand Field Stocked teams, what we send to you all in a mass mailing must be done with prudence in mind. Generally, this mailing is not intended to provide a year's worth of supplies for teams that test monthly and typically have more than 3 to 5 examinees per session.

Field Stocked teams should be especially vigilant about keeping us informed of who has possession of the exam supplies. Notify us immediately when your address changes or the teams Field Stock changes hands to ensure that any exam updates will be mailed to and received by the proper person. Periodically check your supplies to make sure they are current and that the quantities are sufficient.

Field Stocked VE Teams can order test materials on the ARRL website via our easy to use online Re-Stock Form <http://www.arrl.org/field-stocked-ve-teams>
(www.arrl.org/field-stocked-ve-teams <http://www.arrl.org/field-stocked-ve-teams>) or call us (800-927-7583) to obtain supplies.

Current exam session forms and documents (print, download or fill interactively) can be found on ARRL VEC's VE Resources <http://www.arrl.org/resources-for-ves> webpage
(www.arrl.org/resources-for-ves <http://www.arrl.org/resources-for-ves>).

FCC and NCVEC 605 Form to Change: Information and News Stories

The Communications Act (federal laws overseeing communications) requires the Commission to evaluate whether an applicant is qualified to be issued any FCC license (both commercial and amateur). This enables the FCC to determine whether an applicant is eligible under sections 310(d) and 308(b) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, to hold or have ownership interest in a station license.

The FCC 605 Form Application is not just used for the Amateur Radio Service. It's used for authorization in the Ship, Aircraft, Amateur, Restricted and Commercial Operator, and General Mobile Radio Services. The Commission is revising the basic qualifications section of this form to include a question regarding whether an applicant has been convicted of a felony in any state or federal court. Applicants' responses and explanations to the basic qualification question (felony question), will be used to determine eligibility to be a Commission licensee. There is not a Report and Order and there is not a public comments period on this form update as it is already in the rules.

The NCVEC 605 Form (used at exam sessions) must also be updated to include the basic qualifications question. For potential amateur license holders, this means not just that they passed the examination but also that they meet the character requirements. If the answer to the basic qualification question (felony question) is 'YES', they will submit to FCC as an exhibit a statement explaining the circumstances. The application will be off-lined (held) for a basic qualification review which FCC already does for other radio license services. The Wireless Telecommunications Bureau's Mobility Division stated that the fact that an applicant answers 'YES' doesn't mean they will be denied a license.

Furthermore, applicants are required to answer the question only if they are filing NCVEC Form 605 or FCC Form 605 for one of the following purposes indicated: New, Amendment, Modification (Upgrade or call sign change), or Renewal/Modification (changes at renewal time). The question does not have to be answered if the applicant is filling a renewal only or an administrative update to their license (change of address, name, email, etc.).

A new NCVEC 605 Form with the basic qualification question was released and is available in the ARRL VEC forms section of the VE Resources page www.arrl.org/resources-for-ves <http://www.arrl.org/resources-for-ves> . The new form takes effect for all VECs and VE Teams on August 21, 2017 and must be used at exam sessions going forward. Older form versions will be obsolete and should be discarded.

FCC has indicated that all VEC's must begin transmitting this additional data to FCC starting on September 7, 2017. Amateurs will see the new information displayed in the FCC license database and in their license manager record when logged in to their license account. The FCC WTB Public Notice about the 605 form change was released on 08/07/2017 and is available here: https://apps.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/DA-17-741A1.pdf

The last major change to the NCVEC 605 Form occurred 17 years ago (April 2000) when the FCC restructured the license classes!

ARRL News Stories

Revised FCC Form 605 Will Ask Applicants "the Felony Question" – published 07/19/2017
www.arrl.org/news/revised-fcc-form-605-will-ask-applicants-the-felony-question
<http://www.arrl.org/news/revised-fcc-form-605-will-ask-applicants-the-felony-question>

Applicants Must Use FCC Form 605 with "Felony Question," Starting on September 7 – published 08/07/2017
www.arrl.org/news/applicants-must-use-fcc-form-605-with-felony-question-starting-on-september-7 <http://www.arrl.org/news/applicants-must-use-fcc-form-605-with-felony-question-starting-on-september-7>

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3659. FW: Circular Polarization

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-08-16 21:44:36 UTC
From: Tom Behler
Topic: 3659 Message: 3659

For your information, for anyone who might be interested.

Tom Behler: Kb8TYJ, Grandville

From: vw54 [mailto:vw54@...]
Sent: Wednesday, August 16, 2017 5:27 PM
To: Tom Behler KB8TYJ <tombehler@...>
Subject: Circular Polarization

Good after noon Tom.

If you know of any hams that would like to try something different on 2 meters

and may be interested in ground station to ground station circular polarization

have them get in touch with me. I have been successfully using circular polarization

for a long time now and conducting several experiments using it. The upsides to

using circular polarity signals are:

1) Enhanced distance of both transmit and receive signals.

2) Improved ability to receive mobile stations who's signals go up and down due

to changes in mobile antenna polarity as they go up and down hills.

3) Unlike Vertical antennas who’s signal can be absorbed by foliage on trees or

buildings, the circular signal has a tendency to bounce or refract delivering more

signal to the receiving station no mater if the station is a repeater or simplex

operation.

My contact information is:

email: vw54@... <mailto:vw54@...>

Phone: 231-689-5258

73 and Happy DXing

Verne KC8FUV

3660. Gun Show 8/26 and 27

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-08-17 02:51:11 UTC
From: wd8usa@...
Topic: 3660 Message: 3660

I will have on display my WWII Jap pistol and rifle collection at the upcoming gun show - It is really quite nice and you are all invited to drop by.

The Gun Show will be at 1025 Four Mile Rd in GR. It is a new venue for the Gun Show and it used to be a grocery store.

Yall stop by- Ya hear! JB

3661. Re: Gun Show 8/26 and 27

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-08-17 12:44:58 UTC
From: w8nsi@...
Topic: 3660 Message: 3661

Hi neighbor. You didnt list date/time info. This gun show venue is all new to me. I've been going to the 28th st show place and have not heard of this new location. 73 de w8nsi jim

3662. Observing Monday's Solar Eclipse With Your A M Radio

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-08-17 15:10:18 UTC
From: Tom Behler
Topic: 3662 Message: 3662

Hi, all.

Below is a link to an article in this week's Handiham e-letter outlining how you can observe the effects of Monday's solar eclipse using you're A M radio.

http://www.skyandtelescope.com/2017-total-solar-eclipse/how-to-hear-the-solar-eclipse/

Here's one exirpt from this article, listing specific A M stations to look for as the eclipse traverses the country.

"Listed below, are 13 clear channel AM radio stations that lie either within the August's eclipse path (bold type) or close enough to have at least 95%

of the Sun's disk obscured by the passing Moon. Four of these are Class B stations, which direct their signal diametrically away from another station at

night which occupies the same frequency, so that it will not interfere. Case in point: KPNW does this to protect KMOX.

table with 5 columns and 15 rows

50-kw "Clear Channel" AM Radio Stations In/Near Path of August 2017's Total Solar Eclipse

Frequency (kHz)

Call Sign

Location

Mid-Eclipse (UT)

Mid-Eclipse (local)

650

WSM

Nashville, TN

18:28

1:28 p.m. CDT

670

KBOI (B)

Boise, ID

17:27

11:27 a.m. MDT

750

WSB

Atlanta, GA

18:36

2:36 p.m. EDT

840

WHAS

Louisville, KY

18:27

2:27 p.m. EDT

880

KRVN (B)

Lexington, NE

17:57

12:57 p.m. CDT

1030

KTWO (B)

Casper, WY

17:43

11:43 a.m. MDT

1040

WHO

Des Moines, IA

18:08

1:08 p.m. CDT

1110

KFAB

Omaha, NE

18:04

1:04 p.m. CDT

1110

WBT

Charlotte, NC

18:41

2:41 p.m. EDT

1120

KPNW (B)

Eugene, OR

17:17

10:17 a.m. PDT

1120

KMOX

St. Louis, MO

18:18

1:18 p.m. CDT

1190

KEX

Portland, OR

17:19

10:19 a.m. PDT

1510

WLAC

Nashville, TN

18:28

1:28 p.m. CDT

table end

Generally speaking, if you are listening for a particular station that is within 800 miles (1,300 km) away, you might be able to hear it near the time

that maximum eclipse is occurring over that station's transmitter."

Personally, I still can't help but wonder what will happen to the signals of smaller day-time only stations that may be closer to me than the clear channel stations. For example, we have a station in Jackson, Michigan on 1510 KHZ; Mason, Michigan on 1110 KHZ, and a station in a Chicago Suburb on 750 A M.

I'm going to be checking those frequencies in particular to see what if any kind of interaction occurs between the conflicting signals.

Of course, on the ham radio side of things, I'm going to participate at least somewhat in the Solar Eclipse QSO Party.

Tom Behler: KB8TYJ, Grandville

3663. Re: [GRARA] Re: Gun Show 8/26 and 27

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-08-17 18:42:34 UTC
From: wd8usa@...
Topic: 3660 Message: 3663

The place where the gun show will, be held is a brand new venue- It used to be an old grocery store a Family Faire or some other-
The show is open starting at 9AM til 5PM Saturday and at 10AM Sunday til 5-

Again the address is 1025 Four mile rd nw 49544

-----Original Message-----
From: w8nsi@... [GRARA] <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
To: GRARA <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Thu, Aug 17, 2017 8:45 am
Subject: [GRARA] Re: Gun Show 8/26 and 27

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3664. Re: Gun Show 8/26 and 27

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-08-17 18:56:04 UTC
From: Mitch Briggs
Topic: 3660 Message: 3664

Using the term Jap might be offensive to some of the snowflakes out there.
They might have to run to there safe spaces. Lol

3665. Re: [GRARA] Re: Gun Show 8/26 and 27

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-08-17 22:04:49 UTC
From: wd8usa@...
Topic: 3660 Message: 3665

Well They might NOT want to attend the show then- Snowflakes will be given a HOT reception!
JB

-----Original Message-----
From: Mitch Briggs trbbuilder@... [GRARA] <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
To: GRARA <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Thu, Aug 17, 2017 4:01 pm
Subject: [GRARA] Re: Gun Show 8/26 and 27

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3666. KB8TYJ And NAQP SSB Contest This week-end

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-08-18 21:30:40 UTC
From: Tom Behler
Topic: 3666 Message: 3666

Hello, all.

If you will be near an HF rig this week-end, and want to do some SSB operating, come join us in the North American QSO Party SSB contest!

The contest runs from 1800 Z tomorrow afternoon through 0600 Z Sunday morning. The maximum operating time for a single-op station is 10 hours, and everyone is limited to 100 watts or less.

I will be part of a team of blind ham operators across the country. Our team is named the Braille team. Many of us, including myself, will be using the name Kevin, so don't bbe confused if you hear me using that name.

We are using the name Kevin, in honor of a very dear friend (Kevin Nathan, K7RX), who became a silent key several years ago.

I do have some other commitments tomorrow afternoon and evening, but will try to play in the contest as much as I can. I will be doing a combination of S and P, and C Q ing. The best bands for anyone to work me from around here will obviously be 40 and 75 meters.

Hope to work some of you in the contest.

Tom Behler: KB8TYJ, Grandville

3667. VHF/UHF Antenna Instal Now Complete

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-08-19 14:22:49 UTC
From: wd8usa@...
Topic: 3667 Message: 3667

The install work of the 2 GP-15 antennas at mid level is complete. As I see it, Just the replacement of the dipole will finish outside work on the short tower!

Thanks to all that assisted to get this done! JB

3668. General Class class starting September 6

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-08-20 00:08:44 UTC
From: Tom
Topic: 3668 Message: 3668

If you are a technician or know a technician and would like to upgrade to the general class, you might consider this general class this fall, presented as a cooperative effort by the Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association and the Holland Amateur Radio Club.

The class will meet on Wednesday night in the basement of the Grand Rapids Red Cross at 7:00 PM, starting on Wednesday, September 6, and will go for 10 weeks, ending on November 8. There will be 9 classes over the ten week period, with one of the classes will be a study hall.

The cost is $ 20 and more information and online registration is at:

http://tinyurl.com/general-k8tb

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3669. Re: VHF/UHF Antenna Instal Now Complete

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-08-20 13:38:07 UTC
From: <stprovost@...>
Topic: 3667 Message: 3669

Joe: thanks for your efforts on the short tower!
Do you have the new antennas documented on a drawing that shows what cable is connected to which antenna?
thanks
stephen

3670. Special tomorrow, at 2:00 PM, "Don't look into the sun" net

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-08-20 14:08:26 UTC
From: Tom
Topic: 3670 Message: 3670

If you are not doing anything special, tune in tomorrow, Monday, August 21 on the Linked repeater System for a special edition of the noon-time round up net.

Starting at 2:00 PM, our host will be the congenial Tom Behler, KB8TYJ and he will host a special "Don't look at the sun!" net.

Keep in mind that other people in the US are paying $ 400 for hotel room to see the day go night. For a few minutes. Then it becomes day again.

Here in Michigan we have fun on nets.

3671. RE: [GRARA] Special tomorrow, at 2:00 PM, "Don't look into the sun" net

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-08-20 14:30:34 UTC
From: Tom Behler
Topic: 3670 Message: 3671
Attachments: 3 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

I will look forward to your descriptions of what you see out there as the partial eclipse progresses.

Hopefully, the skies won't be too cloudy, due to the approaching low pressure and frontal system.

Tom Behler: KB8TYJ, Grandville

From: GRARA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:GRARA@yahoogroups.com]
Sent: Sunday, August 20, 2017 10:08 AM
To: k8daa@yahoogroups.com; westMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com; W8CSO@yahoogroups.com; W8ZHO@yahoogroups.com; GRARA@yahoogroups.com
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3672. check out this website from KC9ON, nifty soldering kits and other items for the ham

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-08-20 16:35:05 UTC
From: stprovost@...
Topic: 3672 Message: 3672

Yesterday at the Spark in the Spark, I saw John Clements and his table with the neat robot tracing the dark line on the paper.
His website shows the robot as a kit you can order and assemble your self.

http://kc9on.com http://kc9on.com

He also has other electronic kits and parts with great pricing.

Always want to share websites like this, since Radio Shack is not around anymore.

Stephen AC8QE

3673. Eclipse Coverage

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-08-21 01:28:52 UTC
From: Thom
Topic: 3670 Message: 3673

The absolutely best way to see the total eclipse is to watch the Science and/or Discovery channels on TV. They both will be covering it from start to finish starting at Noon EDT tomorrow. I already have my DVR set for it in case my plans come together to sleep thru it.

73

Thom KI8W

3674. Re: [GRARA] Re: VHF/UHF Antenna Instal Now Complete

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-08-21 02:17:27 UTC
From: wd8usa@...
Topic: 3667 Message: 3674

Funny you should ask that question!

The feedline with 3 green stripes is the GP-15 on the North side of the tower at mid level.

The feedline with 2 green stripes is the GP-15 on the South side at mid level.

The 3 White banded feedline is from the CX333 on the West side of the tower at the top and the 2 White banded feedline goes to the CX333 on the East side of the tower at the top.

On the H frame at mid level there is room for 2 more antennas hanging up side down for later if needed.

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To: GRARA <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
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3675. RE: [GRARA] Eclipse Coverage

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-08-21 12:54:31 UTC
From: Bob Hardin
Topic: 3670 Message: 3675

The absolute best will be NASA's coverage on their channel.
No ads, and from the international space station and many observatories.
No clouds in space!
Funny thing NASA does better job with space stuff.

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From: GRARA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:GRARA@yahoogroups.com]
Sent: Sunday, August 20, 2017 9:29 PM
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
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Thom KI8W

Posted by: Thom <ki8w@...m>

Yahoo Groups Links

3676. Re: [GRARA] Re: VHF/UHF Antenna Instal Now Complete

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-08-22 10:57:36 UTC
From: John Streyle
Topic: 3667 Message: 3676

What sort of dipole will that be? Coverage of 75M would be useful.
W8QZ

Sent from my iPad

> On Aug 20, 2017, at 10:17 PM, wd8usa@... [GRARA] <GRARA@yahoogroups.com> wrote:
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3677. Re: [GRARA] Re: VHF/UHF Antenna Instal Now Complete

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-08-22 16:09:38 UTC
From: Thom
Topic: 3667 Message: 3677

All,

The dipole I am planning on putting up will be a rebuild of some old dipoles I found in the Red Cross garage last week.

160 80 and 40 meters will be the focus of this antenna. I will cut these antennas to resonate in the bottom 1/3 of each band and that should allow our antenna tuner to tune the antennas to the entire band on each antenna.

When we remove the offset fed dipole to make room for the new antenna I will need to have whoever is climbing to replace the rope on the 50 foot pulley to handle the weight of this antenna.

Any questions...please let me know.

73

Thom KI8W

On 8/22/2017 06:57, John Streyle streyle.j@... [GRARA] wrote:
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3678. Re: [GRARA] Re: VHF/UHF Antenna Instal Now Complete

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-08-22 19:01:26 UTC
From: wd8usa@...
Topic: 3667 Message: 3678

.Today, I hooked up the Pod radios to their feedlines, ran power to the Red Cross radio and amp and hooked up the Red Cross Icom MKIIG to it's tuner and feedline.

I left a paper taped to the wall by the feedlines identifying which feedline is for which antenna.

Tomorrow, I will finish running power to the ID-800 and the 220 and 6 mtr FM radios and test the SWR on the Pod radio system.

Thom, You will have to "dress" the power cords as you would like them to be that I ran today.

Great work! It is coming along nicely!

-----Original Message-----
From: Thom ki8w@... [GRARA] <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
To: GRARA <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Tue, Aug 22, 2017 12:26 pm
Subject: Re: [GRARA] Re: VHF/UHF Antenna Instal Now Complete

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Funny you should ask that question!

The feedline with 3 green stripes is the GP-15 on the North side of the tower at mid level.

The feedline with 2 green stripes is the GP-15 on the South side at mid level.

The 3 White banded feedline is from the CX333 on the West side of the tower at the top and the 2 White banded feedline goes to the CX333 on the East side of the tower at the top.

On the H frame at mid level there is room for 2 more antennas hanging up side down for later if needed.

I will make up a formal drawing for the radio room and get it there next week.

I also have Crouch communications coming to reinstall the static brush soon which has been cleared by the staff at red Cross-

As far as I know, This completes work on the VHF/UHF antennas finally on the short tower.

The only other thing I know of that needs to get done is take down the dipole and put up another one that Thom is got in mind and to connect the "pod" radios to the CX333 and the Red cross radio to the pod.

I will try to get that done this week and test the Pod transmitters - JB

-----Original Message-----
From: stprovost@... [GRARA] <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
To: GRARA <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Sun, Aug 20, 2017 9:38 am
Subject: [GRARA] Re: VHF/UHF Antenna Instal Now Complete

Joe: thanks for your efforts on the short tower!

Do you have the new antennas documented on a drawing that shows what cable is connected to which antenna?

thanks

stephen

3679. Tower Beam Antenna

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-08-23 16:03:45 UTC
From: wd8usa@...
Topic: 3679 Message: 3679

Until further notice, DO NOT attempt to rotate the tri-Band beam antenna! I was informed by Crouch communications that the static brush is not in position correctly and could damage the beam or rotor!

They will fix it as soon as a different mounting method can be brewed up-

Thanks to all helping to get the radio room back in order!

3680. Re: [GRARA] Tower Beam Antenna

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-08-24 01:51:18 UTC
From: Thom
Topic: 3679 Message: 3680

Joe,

Yep we noticed that little obstruction tonight as we were leaving. The rotator control box is wired to the rotor but not yet wired to a power supply.

Thanks for the heads up on that and I did dress some cables on the Red Cross station tonight.

Thanks Joe,

73

Thom KI8W

On 8/23/2017 12:03, wd8usa@... [GRARA] wrote:
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3681. Re: [GRARA] Eclipse Coverage

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-08-24 02:44:15 UTC
From: Kreigh Tomaszewski
Topic: 3670 Message: 3681

Just got back from viewing the eclipse in person. Pictures and video don't begin to cover it. There is no better way to view the eclipse than in person at totality. Pictures don't convey the cooling, the darkening of ambient light, the quieting of animals. Pictures usually miss the 360 degree sunset.

BTW, I took my radio with me and was not able to raise a single ham on any of the 2 or 6 meter simplex frequencies during the week we spend in Kentucky.

Viewing a total eclipse in person is so much better than anything NASA can offer.

Kreigh

On Sun, Aug 20, 2017 at 9:28 PM, Thom ki8w@... [GRARA] <GRARA@yahoogroups.com> wrote:

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> The absolutely best way to see the total eclipse is to watch the Science
> and/or Discovery channels on TV. They both will be covering it from
> start to finish starting at Noon EDT tomorrow. I already have my DVR
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3682. Re: [GRARA] Tower Beam Antenna

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-08-24 02:53:28 UTC
From: John Streyle
Topic: 3679 Message: 3682

How much are we paying these clueless people for this work? I would think an HF beam would be pretty hard to overlook, when you're at the top of the tower. Sounds like something we could have put up ourselves.
Don't forget about the broken ground wire at the base of the tower, either. That needs to be fixed also.

I doubt you'd hurt the rotator, but something else would be damaged with rotation.

W8QZ

Sent from my iPad

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3683. Re: [GRARA] Tower Beam Antenna

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-08-24 05:06:05 UTC
From: Thom
Topic: 3679 Message: 3683

John,

I agree with you...that was one botched install. We probably could have done a better job ourselves.

We need bigger wire for the tower ground. I recommend #4 stranded and that should be connected to a ground rod with thermal welding. We need 1 for each leg. Thermal welding items can be had for around $9 each.

73

Thom KI8W

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3684. Re: [GRARA] Eclipse Coverage

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-08-24 05:09:24 UTC
From: Thom
Topic: 3670 Message: 3684

I agree that seeing it in person is probably the best way but some of us have a tough time, in our ever advancing age to travel long distances.

Besides the partial we had here in Michigan was more then enough to give us a sense of how the environment reacted. We had 82% coverage here.

Besides I recorded the whole thing.

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Thom KI8W

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3685. Re: [GRARA] Eclipse Coverage

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-08-24 09:41:59 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3670 Message: 3685

Lettuce knot knock the efforts of NASA on their efforts to share the eclipse experience with those of us who could not be at a site of total eclipse. With the internet, and wide TV overage, people from around the world could view things "live" if they so desired.

I heard from a few friends who did travel to places like Carbondale, IL, and the experience was overwhelming to them and those around them.

And, we should NOT forget that this was the first time the Amateur Radio community was able to truly participate in the scientific experiment to help determine the effect of an eclipse on High Frequency propagation. The Reverse Beacon Network was used to track signal strength of HF stations throughout the country. Analysis of these data will take some time, so we must have patience.

I was "fortunate" to be in Fort Collins, Colorado, where the covereage was something like 97% of the sun. It was still "light" at that point, but the Denver Weather Bureau reports that it cooled by about 8 degrees celcius, from a bit over 20 degrees to around 12 °C.

There were very few clouds at our site, which was great for viewing the eclipse.

To note, thee will be another eclipse in the year 2024, totality which will be visible from fairly near us, so make your plans to be in total darkness if that be your wish. Info will be on the NASA site in the near future, if it isn't there already. On Monday, all links seemed to converge to the 2017 eclipse.

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QRP >99.44% of the time

On 8/24/2017 1:09 AM, Thom ki8w@... [GRARA] wrote:

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3686. Re: Eclipse Coverage

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-08-24 17:41:52 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 3670 Message: 3686

We got back last night (Wednesday) from Tennessee to watch the total eclise, and do other things. As Kreigh says, nothing on TV, You Tube, etc. can compare to seeing such an event in person. I first became aware of this eclipse about 6 or 7 years ago and decided then I was going. There were a few clouds where we were, Cookeville, TN, but they cleared before the main event.

The the April 8, 2024 eclipse will pass by Toledo, Lima area. I plan on that one as well although the weather in April can be very iffy. Glad I made this one.

Hank. From Denver, why didn't you make the relatively short trip to Casper, WY?

73 Jack NY8D

----- Message from GRARA@yahoogroups.com ---------
Date: Wed, 23 Aug 2017 22:44:15 -0400
From: "Kreigh Tomaszewski kreigh@... [GRARA]" <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Reply-To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: Re: [GRARA] Eclipse Coverage
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com

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----- End message from GRARA@yahoogroups.com -----

3687. 2nd Ham Shop 2nd Anniversary Saturday

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-08-24 17:51:54 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 3687 Message: 3687

Reminder Tom KD8DEG's 2nd Ham Shop 2nd Anniversary is this Saturday, August 26, celebrating with with a grill out of burgers and dogs. Store opens 8AM, festivities begin at 11:30 AM. Bring a chair and something to pass. 7830 80th St, Zeeland. kd8deg@...
(616)292-3335
https://www.facebook.com/2nd-Hand-Ham-Shop-1007064166010266/

AND OF COURSE GRAHamfest 2Ø17, Saturday September 9, at the Home School Building in Wyoming. http://www.w8dc.org/2017GRAHamFestFlyer.pdf

73 Jack NY8D

3688. Re: [GRARA] Re: Eclipse Coverage

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-08-24 22:07:31 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3670 Message: 3688

Jack:

Traffic, Traffic, Traffic. Especially the traffic FROM the site on Monday evening. There was a 30 mile (or more) parking lot south of Casper, which didn't dissipate until the wee hours of Monday morning.

Besides, 97+ % was good enough for me. but I've 2024 on my list, presuming I live that long. (Actuarial tables say I have a resonable probability of being on the "living" side of the bell curve.)

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On 0824/2017 1:41 PM, Jack Amelar jamelar@... [GRARA] wrote:

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3689. Radio Room Update

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-08-25 21:14:53 UTC
From: Thom
Topic: 3687 Message: 3689

Howdy all,

Spent several hours in the Radio Room today.

A shelf has been installed above the FT-920 station and the computer monitor and the power supply for the Amplifier has been placed on the shelf.

a shelf has also been built above the TS-2000 station and the dual computer monitors have been installed on the shelf. This station is not yet operational.

Edge trim has been installed on the desk top on 3 sides and also trim has begun on the shelf units.

The FT-920 station is operational on 20-10 meters only using the yagi.? The yagi cannot be turned at the present time due to a obstruction.? It is currently pointed south.

Work will begin on the 160 thru 40 dipole this weekend.

There is a antenna lead in the station that is marked 40 meter dipole.? Anyone know if that coax is connected to any outside antennas?? I asked Joe WD8USA if he knew and he said he did not think it is connected to anything. If you know, please let me know.

Joe also has the Red Cross radios all installed and finished and we have a 220Mhz radio installed for our use.

I still have to finish installing trim and I am planning on staining that trim.? The computer on the 920 station has to be connected up and made operational.? The headphone system on the 920 station also has to be re-installed and tested.

Things are coming together nicely.

73

Thom KI8W

3690. Re: [GRARA] Radio Room Update

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-08-26 02:26:28 UTC
From: wd8usa@...
Topic: 3687 Message: 3690

Well said Thom!

In addition, the SWR has been checked on the new antennas and found to be less than 1.5 to one in most cases

All VHF UHF radios are now operational- the last thing there is the installation of the packet station- JB

-----Original Message-----
From: Thom ki8w@... [GRARA] <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
To: GRARA <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Fri, Aug 25, 2017 5:14 pm
Subject: [GRARA] Radio Room Update

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Thom KI8W

Yahoo Groups Links

3691. Re: [GRARA] Tower Beam Antenna

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-08-26 02:43:17 UTC
From: wd8usa@...
Topic: 3679 Message: 3691

Good- In no case, wire it up to power until Crouch communications comes by and fixes the static brush! JB

-----Original Message-----
From: Thom ki8w@... [GRARA] <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
To: GRARA <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Wed, Aug 23, 2017 9:51 pm
Subject: Re: [GRARA] Tower Beam Antenna

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Thom KI8W

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3692. Re: [GRARA] Tower Beam Antenna

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-08-26 04:43:23 UTC
From: Thom
Topic: 3679 Message: 3692

Joe,

I removed the entire rotor control box from the desk and put it away
before I left the Radio Room on Friday.

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Thom KI8W

On 8/25/2017 22:43, wd8usa@... [GRARA] wrote:
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> From: Thom ki8w@... [GRARA] <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
> To: GRARA <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
> Sent: Wed, Aug 23, 2017 9:51 pm
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3693. Re: [GRARA] Tower Beam Antenna

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-08-26 11:01:01 UTC
From: wd8usa@...
Topic: 3679 Message: 3693

OK- great! Hopefully this will be fixed this week- Will follow up with them next week-

Thanks to you and Bob for the work yesterday- Light at the end of the tunnel for sure!

-----Original Message-----
From: Thom ki8w@... [GRARA] <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
To: GRARA <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Sat, Aug 26, 2017 12:43 am
Subject: Re: [GRARA] Tower Beam Antenna

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3694. GRARA meeting Friday, donations to RC for Texas flood victims?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-08-30 02:21:43 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 3694 Message: 3694

I'm going to stick my neck out here as what I am encouraging has no official GRARA officer sanction.

This Friday the 1st is the September meeting of the Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association, 6:30PM social, 7PM meeting, at the Red Cross Building on Fuller Ave.
Of course, GRAHamfest 2Ø17 setup is the following Friday 8th evening, Hamfest on Saturday 9th.

Anyway, I am encouraging anyone willing to give to the American Red Cross for relief in the Texas floods to do so at Friday's meeting, cash or check. This can be presented by our leason, or someone of the officers choosing, to present to the Red Cross on behalf of GRARA members. You know, the Red Cross, who provides our meeting place and ham shack. 'Nuf said.

Final prep for the Hamfest at this meeting. Our biggest fund raiser. All hands on deck.

73 Jack NY8D

3695. Two Items For Sale Needing Space On A Table

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-09-04 13:57:42 UTC
From: Tom Behler
Topic: 3695 Message: 3695

Hello, everyone.

This is Tom Behler: KB8TYJ.

I don't know what is appropriate for the upcoming swap, so please bare with this question if it is a bit out of the ordinary.

I have two items that I would like to sell. I placed them on a table at theIRA Swap in June, but got no takers. So I want to try again if someone has a bit of extra table space.

The items are:

1. A Kenwood TMV7A dual-band mobile rig that is in working condition. The rig has the VS3 voice chip in it, which enabled me as a blind ham to perform rig functions and to do all needed programming. I will include some additional rig accessories, such as the remote mounting kit, and a programming cable with a serial port connection. I'm selling the rig because I no longer have any use for it. The only problems with the rig are that the blue display screen is apparently a bit fuzzy (which was typical of those rigs back in the day), and the mic buttons are a bit sticky.

2. A Cobra Ultralite Senior HF antenna. The antenna was up at my original Big Rapids home QTH for about 3 years, but still seems to be in fairly good shape. I'm selling the antenna because I simply don't have room on my small Grandville lot for a 140 foot wire antenna.

If I can borrow some space on someone's table, I'm willing to give the table owner a bit of the sales proceeds if these items do move.

Once again, if something like this is not appropriate, please be honest, and I'll figure out another way to sell the items.

Thanks much, and I'll see everyone at the swap on Saturday.

Tom Behler: KB8TYJ

3696. Re: Needing Space On A Table

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-09-04 19:28:32 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 3695 Message: 3696

Tom, and everyone else,

GRARA usually has tables that members with a couple items can display.
I don't know for certain if this is still the case for Saturday's
Hamfest.

Anyone with lots of stuff should get their own inside tables or trunk
it outside.

73 Jack NY8D

----- Message from GRARA@yahoogroups.com ---------
Date: Mon, 4 Sep 2017 09:57:42 -0400
From: "'Tom Behler' tombehler@... [GRARA]" <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>

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----- End message from GRARA@yahoogroups.com -----

3697. RE: [GRARA] Re: Needing Space On A Table

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-09-04 23:10:34 UTC
From: Tom Behler
Topic: 3695 Message: 3697
Attachments: 3 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Ok, Jack.

I'll probably just bring my two items to the swap, and see what happens from there.

Once again, I don't want to compromise any procedures that are already in place, so will just play it by ear.

Thanks for the response.

Tom Behler: KB8TYJ

From: GRARA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:GRARA@yahoogroups.com]
Sent: Monday, September 04, 2017 3:29 PM
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [GRARA] Re: Needing Space On A Table

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73 Jack NY8D

----- Message from GRARA@yahoogroups.com ---------
Date: Mon, 4 Sep 2017 09:57:42 -0400
From: "'Tom Behler' tombehler@... [GRARA]" <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>

> Hello, everyone.
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> This is Tom Behler: KB8TYJ.
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> I don't know what is appropriate for the upcoming swap, so please bare with
> this question if it is a bit out of the ordinary.
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> I have two items that I would like to sell. I placed them on a table at

> theIRA Swap in June, but got no takers. So I want to try again if someone
> has a bit of extra table space.
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> The items are:
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> 1. A Kenwood TMV7A dual-band mobile rig that is in working condition. The
> rig has the VS3 voice chip in it, which enabled me as a blind ham to
perform
> rig functions and to do all needed programming. I will include some
> additional rig accessories, such as the remote mounting kit, and a
> programming cable with a serial port connection. I'm selling the rig
> because I no longer have any use for it. The only problems with the rig
are
> that the blue display screen is apparently a bit fuzzy (which was typical
> of those rigs back in the day), and the mic buttons are a bit sticky.
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> 2. A Cobra Ultralite Senior HF antenna. The antenna was up at my original
> Big Rapids home QTH for about 3 years, but still seems to be in fairly
good
> shape. I'm selling the antenna because I simply don't have room on my
small
> Grandville lot for a 140 foot wire antenna.
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> If I can borrow some space on someone's table, I'm willing to give the
table
> owner a bit of the sales proceeds if these items do move.
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> Once again, if something like this is not appropriate, please be honest,
and
> I'll figure out another way to sell the items.
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> Thanks much, and I'll see everyone at the swap on Saturday.
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> Tom Behler: KB8TYJ
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----- End message from GRARA@yahoogroups.com -----

3698. Re: Needing Space On A Table

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-09-05 02:46:46 UTC
From: Tom Hansen
Topic: 3695 Message: 3698

Should be able to accommodate this on the GRARA table.

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

3699. RE: [GRARA] Re: Needing Space On A Table

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-09-05 10:36:01 UTC
From: Tom Behler
Topic: 3695 Message: 3699
Attachments: 3 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Thanks Tom, de KB8TYJ

From: GRARA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:GRARA@yahoogroups.com]
Sent: Monday, September 04, 2017 10:47 PM
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [GRARA] Re: Needing Space On A Table

Should be able to accommodate this on the GRARA table.

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android <https://overview.mail.yahoo.com/mobile/?.src=Android>

3700. GRAHamfest 2Ø17 this Saturday, September 9

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-09-06 00:34:24 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 3700 Message: 3700
Attachments: 2 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

[Attachment content not displayed]

3701. 6 and 2 meter aurora

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-09-08 03:26:40 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3701 Message: 3701

Folks are telling me that there's some aurora propagation due to the recent CME which hit the earth earlier today.

So, crank up that 6 or 2 meter rig, point the beam toward the north, and see what you can work. No guarantees, but, may be worth a tryl

72/73 de n8xx Hg
QRP >99.44% of the time

This email has been checked for viruses by AVG.
http://www.avg.com

3702. Re: [GRARA] Moving East

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-09-14 00:54:32 UTC
From: W7WMB
Topic: 3648 Message: 3702

A big thanks to y'all who replied to my request awhile ago.
Even though life is happening here a QTH move to GR is still on the books.
73's
Bill
W7WMB

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LT5521

3703. Alinco VHF Radios

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-09-15 00:47:29 UTC
From: wd8usa@...
Topic: 3703 Message: 3703

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I was able to bring it back to life!

So a word of warning! The head phone jack is in the rear of these radios, Not in the front!

Use caution with any jack!

Respectfully Submitted: WD8USA AR

Denny of Crouch Communications was again contacted about the static brush and the improper installation-

3704. Re: [GRARA] Alinco VHF Radios

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-09-15 01:53:02 UTC
From: Kreigh Tomaszewski
Topic: 3703 Message: 3704

Would it help to label the jack on the front 'DATA' to prevent a
reoccurrance?

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3705. Re: [GRARA] Alinco VHF Radios

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-09-15 03:00:30 UTC
From: Thom
Topic: 3703 Message: 3705

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3706. Re: [GRARA] Alinco VHF Radios

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-09-16 14:21:51 UTC
From: wd8usa@...
Topic: 3703 Message: 3706

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3707. Re: [GRARA] Alinco VHF Radios

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-09-16 21:43:36 UTC
From: Dave Ed
Topic: 3703 Message: 3707

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BOLTING THEM DOWN WILL NOT SOLVE THE PROVBLEM I DO NOT THINK,

THERE MUST BE ANOTHER WAY TO SOLVE THIS ISSUE THAT WE NEED TO

DISCUSS,

DAVE

AC8AB

Sent from Outlook<http://aka.ms/weboutlook>

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Sent: Saturday, September 16, 2017 10:21 AM
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
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3708. Re: [GRARA] Alinco VHF Radios

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-09-17 00:23:05 UTC
From: Thom
Topic: 3703 Message: 3708

All,

I am not sure which radios you are referring to that need to be bolted down. I know that most of the "mobile" radios in the station especially in the Red Cross section need to be bolted down but I noticed that most of the screws for mounting the brackets to the radios are missing. We can bolt down those radios with screws with not so common heads.

Until we decide to put a proper ceiling (lower) in that room, installing partitions will not dampen the sound all that much. We need to cover the walls first and get rid of the hard surfaces that reflect the sound. Headphones and not allowing any conversation in that room will contribute a great deal to making that room fun to operate.

My focus now...

1. Getting the offset dipole off the tower to make room for the new dipole for the FT-920 station. We can re-purpose the offset dipole.

2. Getting 3 new ground rods with proper size wire and thermal welding to re-ground the tower.

3. Replacing the feedline on the GAP vertical antenna. I want to use this antenna on the Ft-2000 station.

4. Install the 160/80/40 dipole for the FT-920 station.

My main concern is that with all the changes and additions I have made to the radio room, I am thinking very few members will even bother to use any of it.

I also think the security of the room is not as severe as some people think it is.

Finally a personal note to Dave, AC8AB. Typing a email in caps is interpreted as being yelled at someone.

I do not like being yelled at.

73

Thom KI8W

3709. Re: [GRARA] Alinco VHF Radios

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-09-17 12:40:26 UTC
From: wd8usa@...
Topic: 3703 Message: 3709

At a minimum, the mobile radios clustered where the Red Cross radio is need to be bolted down as you suggested with uncommon threads as we have lost mobile radios like these before.

I am thinking that the Red Cross HF Icom MKIIG needs to be moved from where it is to a separate location isolating it from the VHF radios and allowing for the Pactor modem to be hooked up and allowing for a computer to be used for digital applications

No rush on this as I can do this later.

As for deadening the room , what ever measures that e can take would be good- Previous exercises indicated way too much noise pollution from multi operators talking at the same time.

Perhaps the first exercise we can do from there is the ARRL SET on Sept. 30 I think it is- That would give a first good test of the range of the new VHF antenna systems on the short tower and test the digital stuff too-

-----Original Message-----
From: Thom ki8w@... [GRARA] <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
To: GRARA <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Sat, Sep 16, 2017 10:31 pm
Subject: Re: [GRARA] Alinco VHF Radios

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3710. Re: [GRARA] Alinco VHF Radios

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-09-17 12:59:37 UTC
From: wd8usa@...
Topic: 3703 Message: 3710

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-----Original Message-----
From: Dave Ed davided1938@... [GRARA] <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
To: GRARA <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Sat, Sep 16, 2017 5:43 pm
Subject: Re: [GRARA] Alinco VHF Radios

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Sent from Outlook

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3711. Re: [GRARA] Alinco VHF Radios

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-09-17 16:38:43 UTC
From: Mmail
Topic: 3703 Message: 3711

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We installed little angle brackets with a hole in them and passed an aircraft steel cable through them with a lock. Nothing is theft proof, but it would delay an attempt.
Most radio cabinets are metal and brackets are easy to weld on with wire welders now.
Just a thought.
73,
W0WCH Marc

Sent from my iPhone
Marc Gergen
M.gergen@...
231-766-1033
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3712. Re: [GRARA] Alinco VHF Radios

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-09-17 16:20:16 UTC
From: Thom
Topic: 3703 Message: 3712

Joe,

One of the features of the new desk is that it can be configured any way we see fit. I have no problem changing it to make our efforts easier.

I have no experience in that radio room of any multi operator operations just the loud din of casual conversation which I found rather annoying (not the topics just the loudness of it all).

I can already see that we can move some things off the desk and that should free up some space.

We need soft surfaces in there to deaden the sound. Wall hangings, furniture etc.

Let me know when you are going there and I will meet you.

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Thom KI8W

3713. Fwd: American Diabetes Association Tour de Cure - Radio operators needed

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-09-18 01:53:23 UTC
From: John Streyle
Topic: 3713 Message: 3713
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

For those who may be interested -
W8QZ
Begin forwarded message:

> From: list_ower@...
> Date: August 27, 2017 at 3:12:56 PM EDT
> To: streyle.j@...
> Subject: American Diabetes Association Tour de Cure - Radio operators needed
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> All
>
> The Mud Run is complete and now it is time to get ready for the last event of the year. The Tour de Cure is September 30. This is the second year for the event. This year the Start/Finish line will be in Millennium park. There are 4 courses this year 3 are street courses and the last is an off road course. There are 4 aid stations. We are looking for people to work the aid stations, SAG vans, and bikers patrol the courses. The first race starts and 6:30 AM and the last race is estimated to be done at 2 PM. Volunteer start and end times would be determined by where they are stationed. Below are links to sign up for the event, event information, and the course maps. This event supports the Diabetes Association. This is a great cause, we all know someone who has been affected by Diabetes. This is an opportunity to support the organization while enjoying your hobby of ham radio. Please consider signing up to help. Also, please pass this request on to other radio operators/clubs.
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> Thank you.
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> Please sign up at http://bit.ly/ADA_TDC2017
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> Event information:
http://main.diabetes.org/site/TR/TourdeCure/TourAdmin?fr_id=11731&pg=entry
>
> Course Maps: https://ridewithgps.com/events/40256-2017-tour-de-cure-west-michigan
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3714. Re: [GRARA] Alinco VHF Radios

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-09-18 17:59:04 UTC
From: wd8usa@...
Topic: 3703 Message: 3714

Good ideas all of them!

Well you haven't lived until you experience a live exercise in there with several operators on different bands passing traffic !

I am thinking we might operate the ARRL SET from there on Sept30th. Might be a good idea to attend if you can-

We can do some work in the room this Sat if you are available to get ready for SET??

JB

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3715. Re: [GRARA] Alinco VHF Radios

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-09-18 18:08:58 UTC
From: wd8usa@...
Topic: 3703 Message: 3715

Thanks Mark, Great input!! JB

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From: Mmail m.gergen@... [GRARA] <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
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From: Dave Ed davided1938@hotmail..com [GRARA] <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
To: GRARA <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Sat, Sep 16, 2017 5:43 pm
Subject: Re: [GRARA] Alinco VHF Radios

IF THESE RADIOS NEEED TO BE BOLTED DOWN, WE NEED TO LOOK AT THE PROBLEN FOR A FIX,
BOLTING THEM DOWN WILL NOT SOLVE THE PROVBLEM I DO NOT THINK,
THERE MUST BE ANOTHER WAY TO SOLVE THIS ISSUE THAT WE NEED TO
DISCUSS,
DAVE
AC8AB

Sent from Outlook

From: GRARA@yahoogroups.com <GRARA@yahoogroups.com> on behalf of wd8usa@... [GRARA] <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>

Sent: Saturday, September 16, 2017 10:21 AM
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: Re: [GRARA] Alinco VHF Radios

If the rope I will climb to replace it- We should think about bolting down the radios to the table so they don't sprout legs and walk away as has happened in the past-

Tom N8DGD, perhaps Steven and myself will look at the set up to see if it flows well then we can secure them.

Still think we need removable partitions for the operating positions for sound deadening-

Overall, I am pleased with all the work to get the radio room back into shape! JB

-----Original Message-----
From: Thom ki8w@ki8w.com [GRARA] <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
To: GRARA <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Thu, Sep 14, 2017 11:00 pm
Subject: Re: [GRARA] Alinco VHF Radios

I will be in the radio room tomorrow. I will put a label on that jack. I am also planning on hoisting that monster of a dipole with the feedline attached to see if the rope I have up there will hold that darn thing. Just a test and not an actual deployment. If the rope breaks so be it.

73
Thom KI8W

On 9/14/2017 21:53, Kreigh Tomaszewski kreigh@... [GRARA] wrote:

Would it help to label the jack on the front 'DATA' to prevent a reoccurrance?

On Thu, Sep 14, 2017 at 8:47 PM, wd8usa@... [GRARA] <GRARA@yahoogroups.com> wrote:

The Alinco 220 radio has been reprogrammed (that is in the radio room) and returned to the shack. I stuck a headphone jack into the front Data jack and damn near destroyed the CPU!

I was able to bring it back to life!

So a word of warning! The head phone jack is in the rear of these radios, Not in the front!

Use caution with any jack!

Respectfully Submitted: WD8USA AR

Denny of Crouch Communications was again contacted about the static brush and the improper installation-

3716. Re: [GRARA] Alinco VHF Radios

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-09-18 19:16:29 UTC
From: wd8usa@...
Topic: 3703 Message: 3716

It is marked as such in very small red letters. Really small! I just put a warning sticker over the jack on the 220 radio to prevent this from happening in the future. . JB

-----Original Message-----
From: Kreigh Tomaszewski kreigh@... [GRARA] <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
To: GRARA <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Thu, Sep 14, 2017 10:18 pm
Subject: Re: [GRARA] Alinco VHF Radios

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3717. Ham Radio & Scooterists

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-09-25 07:33:16 UTC
From: Marcelo W6EUH
Topic: 3717 Message: 3717

Hi,
I hope it´s ok to post this here. If not, I apologize and [Mr. moderator] please remove it.

Any scooter/moped owners here interested in enjoying ham radio combined with scooterism?

I'm hoping it's not only me.

This is NOT [necessarily] about operating while in motion. Everyone knows better. But I'm sure there are many safe and fun ways to combine both hobbies.

Scooter season is almost over here in Michigan, but I'm confident that it's still possible to do something fun before the snow arrives.

If interested, please visit and join
https://www.facebook.com/groups/West.Michigan.Ham.Radio.Scooterists/

Thanks!

73,

Marcelo, W6EUH

3718. Re: [GRARA] Ham Radio & Scooterists

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-09-25 20:40:25 UTC
From: Jerry
Topic: 3717 Message: 3718

Wait; we're not supposed to operate while in motion?

Jerry, AC8QC

On 9/25/2017 3:33 AM, Marcelo W6EUH w6euh@... [GRARA] wrote:
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> combined with scooterism?
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> knows better. But I'm sure there are many safe and fun ways to combine
> both hobbies.
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> it's still possible to do something fun before the snow arrives.
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> If interested, please visit and join
> https://www.facebook.com/groups/West.Michigan.Ham.Radio.Scooterists/
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> Thanks!
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> 73,
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> Marcelo, W6EUH
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3719. Re: [GRARA] Ham Radio & Scooterists

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-09-25 21:19:26 UTC
From: J. k.
Topic: 3717 Message: 3719

good point i usually listen plus the radios i have receive commercial FM broadcasts i also need a helmet headset with a ptt on the handle bars n8vlj. j.k

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From: GRARA@yahoogroups.com <GRARA@yahoogroups.com> on behalf of Jerry UncleFester@... [GRARA] <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Monday, September 25, 2017 4:40:25 PM
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com; WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Subject: Re: [GRARA] Ham Radio & Scooterists

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Thanks!

73,

Marcelo, W6EUH

3720. Re: [GRARA] Ham Radio & Scooterists

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-09-25 21:36:56 UTC
From: Marcelo W6EUH
Topic: 3717 Message: 3720

Interesting point!
I guess it'll be one of the things that we could discuss, and those that actually transmit (or want to) while driving/riding, can offer and take suggestions, share their experiences, etc.

73,

Marcelo W6EUH

3721. FalconSAT-3 Now Open for Amateur Radio Use

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-09-28 23:06:14 UTC
From: Kreigh Tomaszewski
Topic: 3721 Message: 3721

The U.S. Air Force has transferred control of a 10-year-old orbiting satellite to AMSAT, a ham radio organization, which has enabled it for any licensed ham to use on the air, as the satellite's Air Force missions have ended.

http://www.arrl.org/news/falconsat-3-now-open-for-amateur-radio-use

3722. SDR explained

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-10-01 16:18:54 UTC
From: Tom
Topic: 3722 Message: 3722

There is a very good PDF on the web that explains the Software Defined
Radios rather well:

http://www.sdrplay.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/07/SDRforHamsSlideshow170719.pdf

3723. Re: [GRARA] SDR explained

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-10-02 19:17:02 UTC
From: JOHN STREYLE
Topic: 3722 Message: 3723

The thing I'd like to understand, is how, out of a chunk of digitized apparently random data (representing some section of spectrum), that frequency and phase information can be extracted, without previously knowing anything about the frequency or phase; then turn that into "I" and "Q" data. And somehow, this all happens within a cheap mass-produced IC. [From there on, it's just more or less fancy mathematics.] I've yet to hear or find a good explanation of this.

On transmit, the frequency and phase info is known 'a priori', so those factors are not an issue.

I really like my Flex 5000A, but would like to better understand how it all works. And, I've played with the $15 USB dongle SDR as well (mixed results there - very suceptible to strong out-of-band or in-band signals).

W8QZ

> On October 1, 2017 at 12:18 PM "Tom k8tb@... [GRARA]" <GRARA@yahoogroups.com> wrote:
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3724. Re: [GRARA] SDR explained

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-10-02 19:53:21 UTC
From: Kreigh Tomaszewski
Topic: 3722 Message: 3724

Fast Fourier transform does the magic.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zKKGA30bHG0

On Mon, Oct 2, 2017 at 3:17 PM, JOHN STREYLE streyle.j@comcast.net [GRARA] <
GRARA@yahoogroups.com> wrote:

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> The thing I'd like to understand, is how, out of a chunk of digitized
> apparently random data (representing some section of spectrum), that
> frequency and phase information can be extracted, without previously
> knowing anything about the frequency or phase; then turn that into "I" and
> "Q" data. And somehow, this all happens within a cheap mass-produced
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3725. It's TEN-FOUR day!

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-10-04 19:40:47 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 3725 Message: 3725

It's TEN-FOUR day!

https://www.checkiday.com/203601caeea80077e351cea442ed5d95/ten-four-day

73 Jack NY8D

3726. Gun Show in GR This Weekend

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-10-13 14:05:25 UTC
From: wd8usa@...
Topic: 3726 Message: 3726

If you get time this weekend, I will be exhibiting my Jap WWII rifles ad pistols at the Gun Show - The address is 1025 Four Mile Rd in Walker. The place used to be an old grocery store from what I hear-

Come on down and see some rare stiff in my collection! JB

3727. Pettis Mowing

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-10-18 16:02:27 UTC
From: Robert Moe
Topic: 2683 Message: 3727

I am going to mow at Pettis Tower site today at 1;00. Join us if you can.
Last time this year, I hope.
73, Bob AC8ZX
Robert Moe
rmoe424242@...

3728. Re: Pettis Mowing

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-10-20 02:55:26 UTC
From: stprovost@...
Topic: 2683 Message: 3728

Bob wanted to thank you and the guys who keep the grass short this year at the Petis site!
stephen

3729. Muskegon Hamfest this Saturday

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-10-20 02:55:58 UTC
From: stprovost@...
Topic: 3729 Message: 3729

got my table reserved and will have the following for sale:

Yaesu FT-991 Low hours in original box with owners manual
Phantom DJ2 with case and extra batteries
Ameritron SDA-112 SCREW DRIVER ANT. COMBO,SDA100/SDC102/SWP100
SCREW DRIVER ANTENNA, 1.2 KW, 3.5-30MHZ with antenna controller.
Lenovo Laptops with I7 chips
Other goodies I can come up with.
Please email me if interested
Stephen AC8QE

Hope to see you at Muskegon!

3730. Red Cross Closure Notice for Nov 4th and Nov 5th 2017

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-10-23 23:09:21 UTC
From: stprovost@...
Topic: 3730 Message: 3730

Hello, today I received the following email from the building custodian:
Just to let you know and if you would pass it along to the rest of the radio people please, NO One will be able to enter the building AT ALL next weekend…starting Sat. Nov 4th EARLY A.M. There will be no access to building. We will be striping and waxing the floors and one of the floors is the back entry and no one can walk on it til Monday after Nov 5th…so will you pass the word? I will post it on the building as well.
Any questions? Give me a shout.
THANKS.

Nancy Long
Maintenance Coordinator

3731. Fwd: ARLB019 Communications Interoperability Training with Amateur Radio Community Set

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-10-25 16:27:51 UTC
From: Wendell Broome
Topic: 3731 Message: 3731

FYI in case you have not seen this “simulated” grid down exercise. It is also the weekend that Antifa declares it will riot. Interesting..
Wendell, K8OO

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

> From: "ARRL Web site" <memberlist@...>
> Date: October 24, 2017 at 3:11:05 PM EDT
> To: Wendellbro@...
> Subject: ARLB019 Communications Interoperability Training with Amateur Radio Community Set
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> SB QST @ ARL $ARLB019
> ARLB019 Communications Interoperability Training with Amateur Radio
> Community Set
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> ZCZC AG19
> QST de W1AW
> ARRL Bulletin 19 ARLB019
> From ARRL Headquarters
> Newington CT October 24, 2017
> To all radio amateurs
>
> SB QST ARL ARLB019
> ARLB019 Communications Interoperability Training with Amateur Radio
> Community Set
>
> Elements of the US Department of Defense (DOD) will conduct a
> "communications interoperability" training exercise November 4-6,
> once again simulating a "very bad day" scenario. Amateur Radio and
> MARS organizations will take part.
>
> "This exercise will begin with a national massive coronal mass
> ejection event which will impact the national power grid as well as
> all forms of traditional communication, including landline
> telephone, cellphone, satellite, and Internet connectivity," Army
> MARS Program Manager Paul English, WD8DBY, explained in an
> announcement.
>
> During the exercise, a designated DOD Headquarters entity will
> request county-by-county status reports for the 3,143 US counties
> and county equivalents, in order to gain situational awareness and

> to determine the extent of impact of the scenario. Army and Air
> Force MARS organizations will work in conjunction with the Amateur
> Radio community, primarily on the 60-meter interoperability channels
> as well as on HF NVIS frequencies and local VHF and UHF,
> non-Internet linked Amateur Radio repeaters.
>
> Again this year, a military station on the east coast and the Fort
> Huachuca, Arizona, HF station will conduct a high-power broadcast on
> 60-meter channel 1 (5330.5 kHz) on Saturday from 0300 to 0315 UTC.
> New this year will be an informational broadcast on Sunday, on
> 13483.5 kHz USB from 1600 to 1615 UTC. Amateur Radio operators
> should monitor these broadcasts for more information about the
> exercise and how they can participate in this communications
> exercise, English said.
>
> "We want to continue building on the outstanding cooperative working
> relationship with the ARRL and the Amateur Radio community," English
> said. "We want to expand the use of the 60-meter interop channels
> between the military and amateur community for emergency
> communications, and we hope the Amateur Radio community will give us
> some good feedback on the use of both the 5-MHz interop and the new
> 13-MHz broadcast channels as a means of information dissemination
> during a very bad day scenario."
>
> Contact Paul English for more information or questions about this
> exercise via email at, mars.exercises@... .
> NNNN
> /EX

3732. Weekend Operations at W8DC

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-10-25 18:23:20 UTC
From: Thom
Topic: 3732 Message: 3732

Howdy all,

We will be operating the W8DC club station this weekend (October 28-29 UTC) in the CQ World Wide DX SSB contest.

Operations will be in the Multi-One, unassisted, high power category.

The door to the radio room will be open at 5pm Friday, October 27 for the 7pm local start of the contest.

This contest is open to all club members should you choose to operate all or even an hour of the contest. The back door will be open and I will be in attendance for the entire event. Stop on by if you want to learn about contesting and want to have some fun.

I have 7up, Coke and Dr. Pepper in stock as well as crackers, cookies and microwaveable stuff to snack on all weekend.

Sleeping quarters in the room next door. Bring your sleeping bag.

This is with the full blessings of the Red Cross which has approved our operations.

Remember this club station is YOUR club station and is provided for your enjoyment.

Hope to see you there.

73

Thom KI8W

3733. Fwd: Michigan VHF Traffic Net

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-10-30 18:15:55 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 3733 Message: 3733
Attachments: 3 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

[Attachment content not displayed]

3734. Re: [GRARA] Weekend Operations at W8DC

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-11-01 02:44:14 UTC
From: wd8usa@...
Topic: 3732 Message: 3734

Make sure security is maintained in the radio room at all times- That is critical!

Hope the event went well-

Thom, Did you fix the SWR problem on the fan dipole?

-----Original Message-----
From: Thom ki8w@... [GRARA] <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
To: GRARA <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Wed, Oct 25, 2017 2:23 pm
Subject: [GRARA] Weekend Operations at W8DC

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Thom KI8W

3735. November GRARA meeting this Friday

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-11-01 17:06:05 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 3735 Message: 3735

Just in case anyone needs needs a reminder. This Friday the 3rd is the monthly GRARA meeting at the American Red Cross building on Fuller between I-96 Ford Expressway and Leonard St. Social 6:30PM, meeting 7PM.

http://w8dc.org/pages/Red%20Cross.html

73 Jack NY8D

3736. Re: [Grara] November GRARA meeting this Friday

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-11-03 15:50:17 UTC
From: Thom
Topic: 3735 Message: 3736

Just a little reminder to all.

The Red Cross building will be closed November 4, 5 for building
maintenance. There will be no access to the club room on those days.
The building will re-open on Monday, November 6 at 6am.

Thanks

73

Thom KI8W

On 11/1/2017 13:06, Jack Amelar wrote:
> Just in case anyone needs needs a reminder. This Friday the 3rd is the
> monthly GRARA meeting at the American Red Cross building on Fuller
> between I-96 Ford Expressway and Leonard St. Social 6:30PM, meeting 7PM.
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> http://w8dc.org/pages/Red%20Cross.html
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> 73 Jack NY8D
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> _____
> Grara mailing list
> Grara@...
> http://mail.w8dc.org/mailman/listinfo/grara_w8dc.org

3737. Re: [MITN-MACS] Will the Department of Defense EMP drill shut down power grid?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-11-04 02:24:01 UTC
From: wd8usa@...
Topic: 3737 Message: 3737

That is why in any exercise traffic you send make sure to use the word "Exercise" in the text at the beginning and end of the text.

Saying this is a drill or exercise frequently will help while in communication.

Limit your exchanges to the bare minimum to get your message through- remember others might be waiting to submit their own reports!

Tune in to the broadcasts on 60 mtrs CH1 at 0300Z Sat night and again Sunday morning at 1600Z on 13.483.5 USB and follow the instructions given by the broadcast stations.

Log the time and readability of the received broadcast and submit to usarmymars.org the reception report and they will QSL to you after the exercise- JB

PS Look for Comex 17-4 Reception Report in the left hand column of the navigation page to file your report-

As the old WWII phrase says "Loose Lips Sink Ships"!

-----Original Message-----
From: n5mky@arrl.net [MITN-MACS] <MITN-MACS@yahoogroups.com>
To: MITN-MACS <MITN-MACS@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Fri, Nov 3, 2017 9:56 pm
Subject: [MITN-MACS] Will the Department of Defense EMP drill shut down power grid?

☐ All it takes is one poorly phrased statement taken out of context and the Russian trolls start coming out. ☐

And the gullible believe them.

http://fox17online.com/2017/11/03/will-the-department-of-defense-emp-drill-shut-down-power-grid-no/

N5MKY

3738. Re: [GRARA] Re: [MITN-MACS] Will the Department of Defense EMP drill shut down power grid?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-11-04 12:16:04 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3737 Message: 3738

Was this 0300Z Saturday, or will it be 0300Z Sunday (Saturday evening local)? I can't find the original message which i received via a different source.

0300Z Saturday has gone, 1600Z Sunday (11 am Sunday EST) I'll not be home.

I CAN receive 60 meters, haven't tried transmitting there, but my KX2 is capable.

72/73 de n8xx Hg
QRP >99.44% of the time

On 11/3/2017 10:24 PM, wd8usa@... [GRARA] wrote:

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> Sunday morning at 1600Z on 13.483.5 USB and follow the instructions
> given by the broadcast stations.

This email has been checked for viruses by AVG.
http://www.avg.com

3739. Amateur Radio Interoperability test update

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-11-04 15:20:12 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3737 Message: 3739

There was a bit of corn fuse ION about the original message, both concerning the time(s) of the broadcasts, and the fact that this was a test, and would NOT shut down the Power Grid and a whole bunche of other stuff. The ARRL put out gnu information on their web site about this at <http://www.arrl.org/news/communications-interoperability-training-with-amateur-radio-community-set>

Which reads, in part:

Communications Interoperability Training with Amateur Radio Community Set

10/24/2017

[UPDATED 3 November 2017 @ 2320 UTC]

From the U.S. Army's Network Enterprise Technology Command (NETCOM): The exercise will simulate a power-outage scenario; it will */not/* impact any public or private communications. There will be no power outages or communication systems outages.

This exercise is designed to improve readiness, build cooperation and public awareness, and better prepare to defend the nation.

To clarify time of broadcast on 60 meters: A military station on the east coast and the Fort Huachuca, Arizona, HF station will conduct a high-power broadcast on 60-meter channel 1 (5330.5 kHz) on *November 5 from 0300 to 0315 UTC (Saturday, November 4, in US time zones)*.

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There's an apology someplace from the DOD (really? they make mistooks? I'd NEVER thought that would happen) and/or ARRL (witch is on very, very, very, very few occasions wrong) :-) 8-)

So, if we can figure out when 0300Z is and compare it to our local time, witch may be a stretch for us "mere hamachewer radio ops" and IF we have receivers which will receive Upper Sideband mode on 5330.5 KHz, we MAY be able to hear an Oh Fishy ALL broadcast concerning this event.

The 13 MHz frequency noted in the bulletin will "probably" have wide skip zones if propagation is typical for that time of day. I could be wrong, because I heard and worked Indianapolis last Wednesday on 14 MHz CW with my 5 watt peanut whistle.. This is quite unusual, however....

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Please note there's a slight bit of cheek in tongue in the above two paragraphs. This is a REAL drill, designed to see if the Military can work with us Hams during a crisis situation. That the wording of the original announcement stirred up folks at the "legitimate news agencies" like Fox News and a whole bunch of others is regrettable.

So, if at all possible, tune your rigs to 5330.5 KHz Upper Sideband this evening (11:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time) and give a report to the officials.

Note, I've been unable to find info on who and how to report participation in this event, so I suspect it will be provided in the broadcast. There is an e-mail address for questions about the event in the above URL, but I'll leave that to the reader if more info is desired.

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3740. Re: [GRARA] Re: [MITN-MACS] Will the Department of Defense EMP drill shut down power grid?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-11-04 15:43:30 UTC
From: wd8usa@...
Topic: 3737 Message: 3740

Tonight at 0300Z JB

-----Original Message-----
From: Hank Greeb n8xx@arrl.org [GRARA] <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
To: GRARA <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Sat, Nov 4, 2017 8:16 am
Subject: Re: [GRARA] Re: [MITN-MACS] Will the Department of Defense EMP drill shut down power grid?

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Tune in to the broadcasts on 60 mtrs CH1 at 0300Z Sat night and again Sunday morning at 1600Z on 13.483.5 USB and follow the instructions given by the broadcast stations.

Virus-free. www.avg.com

3741. Re: [GRARA] Amateur Radio Interoperability test update

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-11-04 15:48:50 UTC
From: wd8usa@...
Topic: 3737 Message: 3741

Listen for Army stations on 60- Ch one primarily but they will be spread out over the five channels.

Listen for stations with the call AAR5VH or AFA5UF etc- These stations are army or Air force and can take reports- No need to format them- The military station will format it in correct form

WD8USA AR

-----Original Message-----
From: Hank Greeb n8xx@... [GRARA] <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
To: GRARA <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Sat, Nov 4, 2017 11:20 am
Subject: [GRARA] Amateur Radio Interoperability test update

There was a bit of corn fuse ION about the original message, both concerning the time(s) of the broadcasts, and the fact that this was a test, and would NOT shut down the Power Grid and a whole bunche of other stuff. The ARRL put out gnu information on their web site about this at
<http://www.arrl.org/news/communications-interoperability-training-with-amateur-radio-community-set>

Which reads, in part:

Communications Interoperability Training with Amateur Radio Community Set
10/24/2017
[UPDATED 3 November 2017 @ 2320 UTC]

From the U.S. Army's Network Enterprise Technology Command (NETCOM): The exercise will simulate a power-outage scenario; it will not impact any public or private communications. There will be no power outages or communication systems outages.

This exercise is designed to improve readiness, build cooperation and public awareness, and better prepare to defend the nation.

To clarify time of broadcast on 60 meters: A military station on the east coast and the Fort Huachuca, Arizona, HF station will conduct a high-power broadcast on 60-meter channel 1 (5330.5 kHz) on November 5 from 0300 to 0315 UTC (Saturday, November 4, in US time zones).

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There's an apology someplace from the DOD (really? they make mistooks? I'd NEVER thought that would happen) and/or ARRL (witch is on very, very, very, very few occasions wrong) :-) 8-)

So, if we can figure out when 0300Z is and compare it to our local time, witch may be a stretch for us "mere hamachewer radio ops" and IF we have receivers which will receive

Upper Sideband mode on 5330.5 KHz, we MAY be able to hear an Oh Fishy ALL broadcast concerning this event.

The 13 MHz frequency noted in the bulletin will "probably" have wide skip zones if propagation is typical for that time of day. I could be wrong, because I heard and worked Indianapolis last Wednesday on 14 MHz CW with my 5 watt peanut whistle.. This is quite unusual, however....

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Please note there's a slight bit of cheek in tongue in the above two paragraphs. This is a REAL drill, designed to see if the Military can work with us Hams during a crisis situation. That the wording of the original announcement stirred up folks at the "legitimate news agencies" like Fox News and a whole bunch of others is regrettable.

So, if at all possible, tune your rigs to 5330.5 KHz Upper Sideband this evening (11:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time) and give a report to the officials.

Note, I've been unable to find info on who and how to report participation in this event, so I suspect it will be provided in the broadcast. There is an e-mail address for questions about the event in the above URL, but I'll leave that to the reader if more info is desired.

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3742. Re: [GRARA] Re: [MITN-MACS] Will the Department of Defense EMP drill shut down power grid?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-11-04 17:07:32 UTC
From: Kreigh Tomaszewski
Topic: 3737 Message: 3742

Communications Interoperability Training with Amateur Radio Community Set

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"This exercise will begin with a notional massive coronal mass ejection event which will impact the national power grid as well as all forms of traditional communication, including landline telephone, cellphone, satellite, and internet connectivity," Army MARS Program Manager Paul English, WD8DBY, explained in an announcement.

During the exercise, a designated DOD Headquarters entity will request county-by-county status reports for the 3,143 US counties and county equivalents, in order to gain situational awareness and to determine the extent of impact of the scenario. Army and Air Force MARS organizations will work in conjunction with the Amateur Radio community, primarily on the 60-meter interoperability channels as well as on HF NVIS frequencies and local VHF and UHF, non-internet linked Amateur Radio repeaters.

Again this year, a military station on the east coast and the Fort Huachuca, Arizona, HF station will conduct a high-power broadcast on 60-meter channel 1 (5,330.5 kHz) on Saturday from 0300 to 0315 UTC. New this year will be an informational broadcast on Sunday, on 13,483.5 kHz USB from 1600 to 1615 UTC. Amateur Radio operators should monitor these broadcasts for more information about the exercise and how they can participate in this communications exercise, English said.

"We want to continue building on the outstanding cooperative working relationship with ARRL and the Amateur Radio community," English said. "We want to expand the use of the 60-meter interop channels between the military and amateur community for emergency communications, and we hope the Amateur Radio community will give us some good feedback on the use of both the 5-MHz interop and the new 13-MHz broadcast channels as a means of information dissemination during a "very bad day" scenario.

On Sat, Nov 4, 2017 at 11:43 AM, wd8usa@... [GRARA] <
GRARA@yahoogroups.com> wrote:

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> Tonight at 0300Z JB
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> -----Original Message-----
> From: Hank Greeb n8xx@... [GRARA] <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
> To: GRARA <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
> Sent: Sat, Nov 4, 2017 8:16 am
> Subject: Re: [GRARA] Re: [MITN-MACS] Will the Department of Defense EMP
> drill shut down power grid?
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3743. Re: [GRARA] Re: [MITN-MACS] Will the Department of Defense EMP drill shut down power grid?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-11-04 22:59:47 UTC
From: wd8usa@...
Topic: 3737 Message: 3743

Amateur stations may now make county situational reports on 60 mtrs.

Listen to any 60 mtr freq for any military station call sign AAR or AFA prefix to make your report- WD8USA

PS this article is an excellent recap-

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From: Kreigh Tomaszewski kreigh@... [GRARA] <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
To: GRARA <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Sat, Nov 4, 2017 1:07 pm
Subject: Re: [GRARA] Re: [MITN-MACS] Will the Department of Defense EMP drill shut down power grid?

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3744. Re: [GRARA] Amateur Radio Interoperability test update

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-11-05 04:09:59 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3737 Message: 3744

Interesting exercise. The military wanted to know of the condition of the infrastructure in all the counties in the United States. We had a local power outage, but the net control never asked for localities with problems. And my 10 watt KX2 running on battery power could NOT be heard on either the 5330.5 KHz frequency for for NE US or the 5403.5 KHz frequency for Central US. I stayed mainly on the NE channel, because the NCS was most easily copied.

If they really want info from all counties, I'd say we should use ham radio nets to collect data from all locations, and prioritize those with problems such as power outage we had in Rockford for about 2 hours.

And, if the MARS folks need a similar exercise, let them duplicate our ham radio effort. Redundancy does not hurt in such an exercise.

It was an interesting exercise, for sure. Remember, there's another broadcast today November 5, at 1600Z on 13483.5 KHz USB. We hams can't use that frequency, don't know if MARS stations can use it.

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p.s. I'm fairly certain that with CW and 10 watts on a 5 MHz channel I could have been readable in most parts of NE US. Typically W2LJ from New Jersey checks into the Michigan QRP Club net on thursdays at 0100Z when Daylight time is in effect and 0200Z the standard time is in effect. It's on 3535 KHz 80 meters, so coverage should be similar on 5303.5 KHz.

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3745. Re: [GRARA] Amateur Radio Interoperability test update

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-11-05 13:23:39 UTC
From: wd8usa@...
Topic: 3737 Message: 3745

What the Military wants is reports from stations that just pop up out of the blue as this is the most thing likely to happen in a major incident- The MARS station knows what to ask for and will format the correct messages for sending on military circuits for long haul delivery to the appropriate receiver of this traffic.

The vast majority of reporting Ham stations it is assumed will have no knowledge of NTS or ARES and have no knowledge of the proper formatting of messages. They just know something bad has happened and want more info and can be valuable sources of first indications of the nature of the disaster and what services are interrupted.

For the purposes of the exercise, it is assumed all is normal as this is just a drill only.

Hank, If your power problem effected your county, that situation is different and would be reported as an actual incident- You would indicate that when in contact with the military station- Volunteer the information up front!

The Fort plans more of these , At least four a year-

The broadcasts last night were a great success- reception was good from both ends of the country here at this station- JB

-----Original Message-----
From: Hank Greeb n8xx@... [GRARA] <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
To: GRARA <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Sun, Nov 5, 2017 12:14 am
Subject: Re: [GRARA] Amateur Radio Interoperability test update

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3746. Extra Extra, study all about it!

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-11-05 15:05:10 UTC
From: Tom
Topic: 3746 Message: 3746

*Extra Class class
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Starting January 3, 2018

Extra Class Upgrade Class

If you are a general and would like to upgrade to the extra class, you might consider this extra license class this winter, presented as a cooperative effort by the Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association and the Holland Amateur Radio Club.

The classes will meet at 7:00 PM on Wednesday nights in the basement of the Red Cross building, 1030 Fuller, Grand Rapids, starting on January 3, 2018, and will run for 10 weeks. The cost is $20.

More information and online registration is available at:
http://tinyurl.com/extra-k8tb

For further questions, contact the instructor, Tom Bosscher, K8TB at 616-662-1080 or by email to k8tb@....

3747. ARRL Phone Sweepstakes, November 18/20

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-11-07 04:41:20 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3747 Message: 3747

As announced at the 3 November meeting:*
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ARRL SWEEPSTAKES PHONE
*2100Z November 18 to 0300Z November 20
4 pm EST Nov 18 to 10 pm EST Nov 19

W8DC will open about 3 p.m. Nov 18 to get set up for operation
1 transmitter, multi operator low power

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!
You do NOT need to be a contest operator
You only need to have a desire to learn and help with the effort!

We have the following operators signed up so far
*
Name
Call
Dustin Olsen
KD8PUZ
Greg Stoike
KN4CK
Thom Durfee
KI8W
Tom Hansen
N8DGD
Rob Schroeder
KD8VHV

*
PLEASE ADVISE Greg, KN4CK, on air director,
mailto:onair.director@... of your availability
Join the fun! Enjoy the Camaraderie!

*
Author: Hank Greeb, N8XX
retiring on air Director, Thanks Greg for volunteering!
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3748. Re: [GRARA] ARRL Phone Sweepstakes, November 18/20

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-11-10 20:16:05 UTC
From: Thom
Topic: 3747 Message: 3748

I will bring the logging computer as well as my 24" monitor.

I will open the radio room at 3pm.

come in thru North basement door please.

I would suggest a high power op. we have a amp, lets use it.

73

Thom KI8W

On 11/6/2017 23:41, Hank Greeb n8xx@... [GRARA] wrote:
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>
> *
> PLEASE ADVISE Greg, KN4CK, on air director,
> mailto:onair.director@... of your availability

> Join the fun! Enjoy the Camaraderie!
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> *Author: Hank Greeb, N8XX*
> *retiring on air Director, Thanks Greg for volunteering!*
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3749. Field day results

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-11-11 14:22:59 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3749 Message: 3749

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QST is about to be released!

Yup, W8DC did fine! We managed almost 5000 points, and placed 4th in
Category 3A in Michigan Section, and 8th in the Great Lakes Division!
The following table is from:
<http://www.arrl.org/results-database?fd_category=3A&fd_power=2&fd_sect=MI&ss_call=&sort0=
fd_score+desc&sort1=&sort2=&event_id=91339>

From the above web site it's possible to select various ways to present
these data.

Call *Score* *Category* *GOTA Call* *Section* *Participants*
Club
1 W8UM 7,658 3A W8RP MI 75 ARROW/UMarc
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3750. Re: [GRARA] Field day results

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-11-11 14:36:00 UTC
From: Michael Wolthuis
Topic: 3749 Message: 3750

Congrats to all,
I see KD8DAA placed really well also.
Mike
Kb8zgl

From: "GRARA@yahoogroups.com" <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Reply-To: "GRARA@yahoogroups.com" <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Date: Saturday, November 11, 2017 at 9:23 AM
To: "GRARA@yahoogroups.com" <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Subject: [GRARA] Field day results

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3751. Re: [GRARA] Field day results

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-11-11 14:45:59 UTC
From: Thom
Topic: 3749 Message: 3751

Hank,

Glad you found that info. It can be a real pain scanning all that fine
print in QST trying to find a clubs effort.

No, it's not actually a contest but it can be a great training item for
new people who want to start contesting.

I thought we actually used Greg's call KN4CK as the GOTA callsign.
Maybe not.

73

Thom KI8W

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3752. RE: [GRARA] Field day results

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-11-11 15:27:55 UTC
From: Tom Behler
Topic: 3749 Message: 3752
Attachments: 4 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Congratulations to all for a job well done! And, thanks to Hank for heading up the effort!

It was a true pleasure to be involved with the 2017 GRARA FD effort, and I am already very much looking forward to next year!

Tom Behler: KB8TYJ

From: GRARA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:GRARA@yahoogroups.com]
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Grand Rapids ARA

Congratulation to all who helped with this effort. It's better than many of our former efforts!

But, please note, Field Day is NOT a contest in the usual manner. It is primarily an exercise in setting up and operating a station in a remote site, typically after a communications disaster, such as a flood, tornado, or other Natural Disasters. So, please consider joining this effort next year, even if you've never participated in a 'contest'.

In an emergency all hands are needed!

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3753. GRARA November 10 VE session, 3 for 3

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-11-11 19:50:44 UTC
From: Tom
Topic: 3753 Message: 3753

Last night was a good night for three West Michigan amateur radio operators.

First up is congratulations to Fred Long, KE8HPH, from Caledonia. Fred was just licensed as a tech in August, then passed his general in September, and went on to pass his extra last night.

Then we have Richard Ed, KD8UZZ, from Grand Rapids, who just passed his general last month, and came back and took and passed his extra last night.

And we need to congratulate Ken Kaminski, KD8GJN, from Wyoming, Michigan who passed his general.

If you hear or see any of these three gentlemen, congratulate them on their achievements.

And a special thank you to the GRARA VE team, headed up by Stephen, AC8QE

Reminder, there will be an Extra class class started at the Grand Rapids Red Cross on January 3, 2018. More information at: *http://tinyurl.com/extra-k8tb*

3754. FT WAYNE car ride sharing request

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-11-16 16:34:10 UTC
From: stprovost@...
Topic: 3754 Message: 3754

Hello, I was wondering if someone who has space for two more hams to come along to the FT Wayne Hamfest this Saturday.
If you have spaces, please call/text me at 616-648-5983
thanks
Stephen

3755. Just wondering if we are participating in SKYWARN Recognition Day

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-11-17 04:55:58 UTC
From: Kreigh Tomaszewski
Topic: 3755 Message: 3755

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3756. CQ KF8QL

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-11-17 14:41:05 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3756 Message: 3756

*Message for KF8QL at the yahoo address listed on QRZ.com bounced.

I have a question about the 4 corner Grid Square between EN72, EN73, EN62, EN63

If Dave, or anyone else who is knowledgeable of this corner receives this, please respond via a private e-mail.

From Levine Central it appears to be within Bass River State Recreation Area, and "probably" less than 1/4 mile off a road. However, I've never been to that part of Bass River SRA, so I'm not sure of the topography.

Thanks es

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3757. RE: [GRARA] Just wondering if we are participating in SKYWARN Recognition Day

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-11-17 15:31:20 UTC
From: Tom Behler
Topic: 3755 Message: 3757
Attachments: 5 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

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Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-11-17 16:08:04 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3755 Message: 3758

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Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-11-17 16:16:44 UTC
From: Tom Behler
Topic: 3755 Message: 3759
Attachments: 3 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

As an update, I just got word from the Warning Coordination Meteorologist at the Grand Rapids NWS office that Allegan County is heading up the Skywarn Recognition Day effort this year for that office.

I've asked for the contact info for who is heading things up, and will send more details as I get them.

Tom Behler: KB8TYJ

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3760. Re: [GRARA] Just wondering if we are participating in SKYWARN Recognition Day

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-11-17 16:33:07 UTC
From: Mike
Topic: 3755 Message: 3760
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

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Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-11-17 21:46:06 UTC
From: Tom Behler
Topic: 3755 Message: 3761
Attachments: 6 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Thanks for Jim’s contact info, Mike.

I’ll pass this info along.

I have been given an eventbgrite signup link, but from what my XYL and I can tell, there is no way to know which time slots have already been taken.

Eventbrite also creates issues for my Jaws speech screen reading software, so may have to try an alternate way.

Thanks again for the info.

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Sent: Friday, November 17, 2017 11:33 AM
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com; .Y AlleganARC <AlleganARC@...>; Jim Gillis AC8AG <vjgillis@...>
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Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-11-20 01:47:27 UTC
From: Tom Hansen
Topic: 3755 Message: 3762
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Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-11-20 02:37:33 UTC
From: Tom Behler
Topic: 3755 Message: 3763
Attachments: 6 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Tom and all:

Sue and I have signed up for the 7 – 10 a.m. and the 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. shifts on Saturday: December 2.

So, if all goes according to plan, GRARA will be represented at least to some degree.

I'll work with Jim Gillis on logistics.

Tom Behler: KB8TYJ

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Date: 2017-11-20 14:50:10 UTC
From: wd8usa@...
Topic: 3755 Message: 3764
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For those that are around Thursday morning, we are having an extra 6M AM net on 50.400 @ 8AM.

We normally meet on Sundays @ 8AM but Thurs being a Holiday we decided to have an extra net! JB

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[Attachment(s) from Mike included below]
Hey guys, just for your info... The Allegan ARC has manned the Kent County Weather Service office for many years on Skywarn Recognition Day. I am sure they would like your help filling some air time and enjoying the Potluck. Allegan President is Jim Gillis, AC8AG, vjgillis@...

.... Mike, W8DER

On 11/17/2017 10:31 AM, 'Tom Behler' tombehler@... [GRARA] wrote:

Kreigh:

It’s funny you should ask.

I currently am in contact with Jeff Nawrot (Kent County’s EC/RO) about trying to put something together for Skywarn Recognition Day.

I don’t know if we’ll be able to pull anything off at this late stage of the game, but I’m willing to see what we can do, with the idea that some sort of snmall operation is better than nothing at all.

I’ll keep you and everyone posted.

I coordinated Mecosta County’s Skywarn Recognition Day effort for a number of years when I lived up in Big Rapids, and was Mecosta County EC/RO. I was quite surprised when I moved

down to Kent County that nothing seemes to have been happening with regard to the vent.

On a final note, it looks like you and I need to talk at some point, since I’m an incurable weather enthusiast myself.

Tom Behler: KB8TYJ, Grandville

From: GRARA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:GRARA@yahoogroups.com]
Sent: Thursday, November 16, 2017 11:56 PM
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [GRARA] Just wondering if we are participating in SKYWARN Recognition Day

SKYWARN Recognition Day is Saturday, December 2

A heads up: SKYWARN™ Recognition Day (SRD) will take place this year on Saturday, December 2 from 0000 until 2400 UTC (starts on the evening of Friday, December 1, in US time zones).

During the SKYWARN special event, ham radio operators will set up stations at National Weather Service (NWS) offices and contact other radio amateurs around the world. Participating Amateur Radio stations will exchange a brief description of their current weather with as many NWS-based stations as possible on 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 6, and 2 meters plus 70 centimeters. Contacts via repeaters are permitted.

SRD was developed jointly in 1999 by the NWS and ARRL to celebrate the contributions SKYWARN volunteers make to the NWS mission -- the protection of life and property. Amateur Radio operators, which comprise a large percentage of SKYWARN volunteers, also provide vital communication between the NWS and emergency managers, if normal communications become inoperative.

I do SkyWarn. But unfortunately I have personal conflicts around this event this year and won't be able to participate; SkyWarn brought me into Ham Radio (I am a weather nut). Just hoping some of the club will be interested in participating.

Kreigh

3765. Re: In appreciation.....

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-11-20 21:05:12 UTC
From: Richard Ranta
Topic: 3765 Message: 3765

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Thom is still in his office while Phil has moved on. Speed to both of you.

On this Thanksgiving week, your efforts has made GRARA feel a lot more like a family.

Thank you!

Rich Ranta K8JX and of course, Scooter the cat.

"Leadership is not about being in charge. Leadership is about taking care of those in your charge. -- Simon Sinek

Rich k8jx and scooter the cat

3766. Re: [GRARA] Re: In appreciation.....

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-11-20 21:28:19 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3765 Message: 3766

I'll second the message below.

72/73 de n8xx Hg
QRP >99.44% of the time
Treasurer, GRARA 2017/18

On 11/20/2017 4:05 PM, 'Richard Ranta' scooter1cat@... [GRARA]
wrote:

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3767. Re: [GRARA] Re: In appreciation.....

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-11-21 00:40:58 UTC
From: wd8usa@...
Topic: 3765 Message: 3767

I second this nomination of these fine folks! Couldn't agree more! JB

-----Original Message-----
From: Hank Greeb n8xx@... [GRARA] <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
To: GRARA <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Cc: secretary <secretary@w8dc.org>
Sent: Mon, Nov 20, 2017 4:28 pm
Subject: Re: [GRARA] Re: In appreciation.....

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Rich Ranta K8JX and of course, Scooter the cat.

3768. RE: [GRARA] Re: In appreciation.....

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-11-21 00:56:52 UTC
From: Tom Behler
Topic: 3765 Message: 3768
Attachments: 3 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

I second it as well.

My XYL and I have seen some really positive developments with GRARA since we joined last January.

And, it's work done by people like Phil and Thom that makes all of that happen.

Tom Behler: KB8TYJ

From: GRARA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:GRARA@yahoogroups.com]
Sent: Monday, November 20, 2017 4:28 PM
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Cc: secretary@...
Subject: Re: [GRARA] Re: In appreciation.....

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3769. Supernatural Activity article

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-11-21 21:56:04 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 3769 Message: 3769
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

[Attachment content not displayed]

3770. QRM Volume 2

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-11-28 20:43:00 UTC
From: Thom
Topic: 3765 Message: 3770

Howdy all,

The latest edition of QRM,? our club newsletter,? has been posted to our club website. The link is in Breaking News on the Home page.? Enjoy.

w8dc.org

73

Thom KI8W

web administrator GRARA

3771. Fwd:

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-11-29 23:14:17 UTC
From: wd8usa@...
Topic: 3771 Message: 3771
Attachments: 2 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

This fella wants t\he tower and tri band beam taken down and since this is too much for me I am throwing it to the club for action- All at no charge except to take it down- JB

-----Original Message-----
From: Dave Couvreur <dave.couvreur@...>
To: wd8usa <wd8usa@...>
Sent: Tue, Nov 28, 2017 10:07 am

Here are a few better pics. Address is 2649 union Ave se. Near eastern and 28th if you want to stop by and look.

3772. December GRARA meeting tomorrow (Friday)

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-11-30 15:21:34 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 3772 Message: 3772

Tomorrow, Friday, is December 1, and the monthly GRARA meeting at the Red Cross Building on Fuller Ave. Gathering Time: 6:30 PM, meeting Time: 7:00 PM.
http://www.w8dc.org/pages/meetings.html
Directions: http://www.w8dc.org/pages/Red%20Cross.html

Note, the annual Christmas/holiday potluck will be with the January 5 meeting, NOT December.

All are welcome.

Keep the date:
Announcing the 23rd ANNUAL West Michigan Hams GET OUTTA THE CABIN DINNER
Formerly called ☐The New Hams Dinner☐
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2018, 2:00 PM
At PIZZA RANCH 3858 28th St SE (Hwy M-11), Kentwood, MI
View flier at http://w8dc.org/file/club/GetOuttaTheCabinDinner2018.pdf

73 Jack NY8D

3773. Re: Tower and Tri-Band Bean

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-11-30 17:47:07 UTC
From: jimduffy7@...
Topic: 3771 Message: 3773

Joe,

Good afternoon.

I have strong interest in this. I plan on stopping by the address to see it before our monthly meeting tomorrow night.

I have a 1 1/2 acre place off exit 101 of the 131 in what we affectionately refer to as Cedar Rock. I can easily accommodate this tower and antenna.

If you have any more detail about this, please let me know.

Would it be OK to contact Dave Couvreur directly. If not, who should I contact?

Please let me know.

Thank you,
Jim Duffy
KE8HVI
(cell) 616-490-0896

3774. Re: [GRARA] Re: Tower and Tri-Band Bean

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-11-30 21:20:19 UTC
From: wd8usa@...
Topic: 3771 Message: 3774

Well all I know is this fella is connected with the Kazoo Red Cross who in turn contacted me to see what I could do to get it taken down.

I know from conversations with the gentleman there is a control box and rotor as well in the deal. Looks also like a small 2 mtr antenna as well.
He doesn't want any of this stuff and from what I understand, there is a box (or boxes) of small parts and equipment in the deal.

The owners first name is Dave- His contact number- (616) 481-2525.

-----Original Message-----
From: jimduffy7@... [GRARA] <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
To: GRARA <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Thu, Nov 30, 2017 12:47 pm
Subject: [GRARA] Re: Tower and Tri-Band Bean

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3775. Re: Tower and Tri-Band Bean

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-12-01 14:02:28 UTC
From: <stprovost@...>
Topic: 3771 Message: 3775

Jim: If you decide not to pursue getting the tower and antenna, can you let me know?
thanks
stephen AC8QE

3776. Fwd: Skywarn appreciation day is TODAY

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-12-02 12:24:50 UTC
From: Mike
Topic: 3776 Message: 3776

-------- Forwarded Message --------
Subject: Skywarn appreciation day is TODAY
Date: Sat, 2 Dec 2017 07:15:26 -0500
From: Michel <Michel@...>
To: .Y GRARA <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>

Guys, there has been some discussion about the Skywarn Appreciation Day at the Grand Rapids National Weather Service. _This is the day!

_This is an annual event put on by the GRR NWS and hosted by the Allegan Amateur Radio Club. Come on out and get a tour of the NWS and help with the on-air activities.

From Patterson and 44th Street, instead of entering the (GRR) Gerald Ford Airport, go north on Patterson to the next light. Turn right into the road where the NWS and Kent County Road Commission have there facilities. (You cannot miss the weather radar ball.) Go in the front door and go to the conference room on the left to help operate.

W8DER

3777. Re: [GRARA] Re: Tower and Tri-Band Bean

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-12-02 12:56:24 UTC
From: Robert Schroeder
Topic: 3771 Message: 3777

Jim & Steve,

If in the end nobody is interested I am interested.

Rob (KD8VHV)

Sent from my iPhone

> On Dec 1, 2017, at 9:02 AM, stprovost@provtechs.com [GRARA] <GRARA@yahoogroups.com> wrote:
>
> Jim: If you decide not to pursue getting the tower and antenna, can you let me know?
> thanks
> stephen AC8QE
>

3778. Re: [GRARA] Re: Tower and Tri-Band Bean

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-12-02 13:49:35 UTC
From: Robert Schroeder
Topic: 3771 Message: 3778

Test reply

Sent from my iPhone

> On Dec 2, 2017, at 7:56 AM, Robert Schroeder roberts358@... [GRARA] <GRARA@yahoogroups.com> wrote:
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> Jim & Steve,
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3779. RE: [GRARA] Fwd: Skywarn appreciation day is TODAY

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-12-02 18:37:38 UTC
From: Tom Behler
Topic: 3776 Message: 3779
Attachments: 3 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Hello, everyone.

Please take W8DER up on his suggestion if you have the time yet today.

My XYL and I just got back from the event, and we were well received.

I did some operating on 20 and 40-meter phone.

40 meters was fairly good earlier this morning, and is likely to pick up again as the afternoon goes on the band lengthens out.

Thanks to the Allegan ARC for taking the initiative in terms of heading up this year's operation.

Tom Behler: KB8TYJ

From: GRARA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:GRARA@yahoogroups.com]
Sent: Saturday, December 02, 2017 7:25 AM
To: .Y GRARA <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Subject: [GRARA] Fwd: Skywarn appreciation day is TODAY

-------- Forwarded Message --------

Subject:

Skywarn appreciation day is TODAY

Date:

Sat, 2 Dec 2017 07:15:26 -0500

From:

Michel <mailto:Michel@...> <Michel@...>

To:

.Y GRARA <mailto:GRARA@yahoogroups.com> <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>

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3780. December Meeting Minutes

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-12-04 06:17:15 UTC
From: Thom
Topic: 3776 Message: 3780

The Minutes of December 2017 have been posted to the club website.

You can find it on our site in Breaking News on the home page, on the Meeting Page and in Whatsnew.

No, I do not generally use links in emails.

73

Thom KI8W

Web Administrator GRARA

3781. Cortland, KA5S in Butterworth Hospital

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-12-10 00:02:03 UTC
From: 'Hank Greeb'
Topic: 3781 Message: 3781

I just received a call from Cortland Richmond, KA5S, who informed me he
is in Butterworth Hospital, in preparation for open heart surgery on Monday.

72/73 de n8xx Hg
QRP >99.44% of the time

3782. Re: [GRARA] Cortland, KA5S in Butterworth Hospital

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-12-10 04:51:19 UTC
From: Thom
Topic: 3781 Message: 3782

Hank,

Sorry to hear that, Hank.

I hope he does well...please keep me informed if you hear anything.

73

Thom KI8W

On 12/9/2017 19:02, 'Hank Greeb' n8xx@... [GRARA] wrote:
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3783. Re: [GRARA] Cortland, KA5S in Butterworth Hospital

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-12-10 04:57:27 UTC
From: Al Pineiro
Topic: 3781 Message: 3783

Hank,
My thoughts and prayers are with Cortland. Please pass it on to him.
AlKC8OPU
Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

On Sat, Dec 9, 2017 at 11:51 PM, Thom ki8w@... [GRARA]<GRARA@yahoogroups.com> wrote:

Hank,

Sorry to hear that, Hank.

I hope he does well...please keep me informed if you hear anything.

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Thom KI8W

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3784. Re: Cortland, KA5S in Butterworth Hospital

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-12-10 14:18:57 UTC
From: David DeVos
Topic: 3781 Message: 3784

He is in our prayers.

David J DeVos - KF8QL
616-278-8068

3785. RE: [GRARA] Cortland, KA5S in Butterworth Hospital

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-12-10 20:39:29 UTC
From: Richard Ranta
Topic: 3781 Message: 3785

I will keep him in my prayers.

“Leadership is not about being in charge. Leadership is about taking care of those in your charge. -- Simon Sinek

Rich k8jx and scooter the cat

From: GRARA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:GRARA@yahoogroups.com]
Sent: Saturday, December 09, 2017 7:02 PM
To: grara@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [GRARA] Cortland, KA5S in Butterworth Hospital

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is in Butterworth Hospital, in preparation for open heart surgery on Monday.

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3786. Coming events

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-12-11 17:58:27 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 3786 Message: 3786

Coming events:
Communications help for F.R.O.M.
LARC monthly meeting
Extra class upgrade instruction class
GRARA Annual holiday party
MARA monthly meeting
WM Hams Get Outta the Cabin Dinner
HIAD (Ham in a Day)

Christmas distribution at Flat River Outreach Ministry, this Saturday, December 16. Same location as the Lowell ARC meetings and shack. Your help is solicited for parking cars as a LOT come in and out for this event. We will be using FRS radio as some involved are not licensed hams. We will use FRS channel 4 462.6375 MHz no tone. Gather about 8AM. F.R.O.M. provides coffee/beverages, snacks, lunch. We have radios, or use your own. Contact Jack NY8D ny8d@... (616)438-5412. It would be nice to know in advance who is coming, but just showing up is welcome too.
11535 Fulton St E (Hwy M-21) Lowell, just West of the Lowell Meijer.
Directions: https://goo.gl/maps/9e7G2FVkriJ2

Lowell Amateur Radio Club monthly meeting, Thursday, December 21, 6:30 PM social, 7PM meeting. All are welcome. Pizza provided. Talk-in W8LRC 145.27-(94.8Hz) http://www.w8lrc.org
Directions: https://goo.gl/maps/9e7G2FVkriJ2

Extra Class class starting Wednesday nights, January 3, 7:00 PM, for ten weeks. The last class will be Wednesday, March 7 and will be followed by a testing session on Friday, March 9. Please note that this is not an electronic theory class. The sole purpose of this class is for you to pass the FCC extra class license exam. Instructor Tom Boscher K8TB, held at the American Red Cross building on Fuller Ave, GR. Cost will be $20 More info, contact information, and registration at http://tinyurl.com/extra-k8tb

Annual GRARA Holiday Party Potluck and monthly meeting, Friday, January 5, 7PM. Door opens at 6:30PM. Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association provides meat and beverages. Bring a dish to pass. All are welcome. Contact Tom Hansen N8DGD n8dgd@.... Talk-in 147.26+(94.8Hz).
Location: American Red Cross building, 1050 Fuller Ave NE, GR between the I-196 Ford Fwy and Leonard St. Same location as the GRARA shack.
Directions: http://w8dc.org/pages/Red%20Cross.html

Michigan Amateur Radio Alliance monthly meeting, Wednesday, January 10, 7:30 PM, at Plainfield Township Fire Department Training Center, SW corner of 5 Mile Rd and Plainfield Ave. All are welcome. Talk-in W8USA

145.23-(94.8Hz) https://w8usa.org/interact/meetings/

23rd Annual WM Hams Get Outta the Cabin Dinner (formerly called New Hams Dinner), Saturday, February 3, 2PM, Pizza Ranch, 3858 28th St SE (Hwy M-11), Kentwood. Sponsored by MARA, GRARA, LARC, and HARC. Lots more information / flier:
http://w8dc.org/file/club/GetOuttaTheCabinDinner2018.pdf
http://w8lrc.org/wp-content/uploads/GetOuttaTheCabinDinner2018.pdf

HIAD (Ham in a Day) classes, Saturday, February 10 in Lowell, Saturday, April 14 in Holland.
http://w8lrc.org/hiad-registration/

73 Jack NY8D

3787. SantaNET on Echolink, Allstar and IRLP for those who may be interested

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-12-11 18:39:09 UTC
From: Michael Wolthuis
Topic: 3787 Message: 3787
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

I was sent this by one of the conference managers for the Great Lakes Reflector system. I know several local repeaters will be tied in, but wanted to share it with each of you as a fun opportunity to share ham radio with your kids, grand kids, etc. Merry Christmas to all and to all a Happy New Year! Mike kb8zgl

EVENING WITH SANTA DEC 24TH 6PM EST
COME JOIN THE MERRIMENT
[logo]
On Sunday evening the 24th starting at 6 PM EST SCARS along with many of the major VOIP conference servers will be gathering together for a combined Christmas program. DODROPIN will be acting as the host server and connecting hub. SCARS will be connected for the entire program and further will be supplying entrance for all stations on EchoLink, Allstar, and IRLP wishing to use our system for entrance.
ECHOLINK 96140 - ALLSTAR 27404 - IRLP 9614

3788. Saturday Christmas distribution using channel 5

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-12-15 17:04:14 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 3788 Message: 3788

At open radio room last night I discovered the radios we have to loan out for Christmas distribution are in fact on FRS channel 5 no tone 462.6625 MHz.
If you are using your own radio, note we will be on Ch. 5 no tone.
Gather about 8AM or whenever you can make it.

Flat River Outreach Ministry is this Saturday (16th).
We coordinate parking / communications for this event. F.R.O.M. provides coffee / beverages, snacks and lunch.
Your help is much appreciated.

73 Jack NY8D

3789. Coutrtland Ritchmond KA5S Update-

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-12-16 01:49:24 UTC
From: wd8usa@...
Topic: 3789 Message: 3789

Called the hospital today to check on Courtland's status-

It appears he has been released yesterday (Thursday) which is good news!

I have a call into him to get further details- JB

3790. Re: [GRARA] Coutrtland Ritchmond KA5S Update-

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-12-16 02:57:52 UTC
From: 'Hank Greeb'
Topic: 3789 Message: 3790

Cortland is out of the hospital temporarily. He had a setback in the schedule for open heart surgery because of another procedure which involved an aneurysm in a major artery. He will need three or four weeks to recover from that surgery before the doctors will schedule an operation to repair his heart.

In the meantime, I'm sure he'd appreciate a call on his cell phone.

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On 12/15/2017 8:49 PM, wd8usa@... [GRARA] wrote:

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3791. Re: [GRARA] Coutrtland Ritchmond KA5S Update-

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-12-16 05:16:56 UTC
From: Al Pineiro
Topic: 3789 Message: 3791

I don't have Cortand's number, but please pass my best wishes to him.
Alkc8opu

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

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3792. Re: [GRARA] Coutrtland Ritchmond KA5S Update-

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-12-16 15:09:22 UTC
From: Tom Hansen
Topic: 3789 Message: 3792

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3793. Re: [GRARA] Coutrtland Ritchmond KA5S Update-

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-12-18 01:41:46 UTC
From: wd8usa@...
Topic: 3789 Message: 3793

I have a call into him but so far, no response-

Will keep trying-

-----Original Message-----
From: Tom Hansen n8dgd@... [GRARA] <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
To: GRARA <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>; GRARA <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Sat, Dec 16, 2017 10:09 am
Subject: Re: [GRARA] Coutrtland Ritchmond KA5S Update-

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3794. Fwd: Changes Coming to the Amateur Radio Emergency Service

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-12-19 01:05:52 UTC
From: wd8usa@...
Topic: 3794 Message: 3794

Finally the changes to the ARES program have partially been released-

More to follow- AR

-----Original Message-----
From: John J. McDonough <wb8rcr@...>
To: glhanson1783 <glhanson1783@...>; mrgage1 <mrgage1@...>; wf5x <wf5x@...>; Jeff Morey <wd8dx@...>; jnawrot <jnawrot@...>; Carl Flickinger <radiowarrior123@...>; Charlie Pfister <crp.wd8axb@...>; brewbay58 <brewbay58@...>; ka8spw <ka8spw@...>; James Duram K8COP <jimk8cop@...>; Michael Dell <mgdell@...>; Tim Crane <timwm8a@...>
Cc: Dennis Klipa <klipad@...>; Bob Berger <ganderfolk@...>; James Duram <jimk8cop@afo.net>; Max Schneider <max.schneider@...>; Joe Bell <wd8usa@...>; k8ed <k8ed@...>; Jeff Miller <seismadude2@...>
Sent: Mon, Dec 18, 2017 4:58 pm
Subject: [Fwd: Changes Coming to the Amateur Radio Emergency Service]

Attached Message

From

Ewald, Steve, WV1X <wv1x@...>

To

wb8rcr@...

Subject

Changes Coming to the Amateur Radio Emergency Service

Date

Mon, 18 Dec 2017 15:05:15 -0500 (EST)

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ARRL Public Service Enhancement Working Group
Dale Williams, WA8EFK
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3795. RE: [GRARA] Fwd: Changes Coming to the Amateur Radio Emergency Service

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-12-19 01:21:04 UTC
From: Tom Behler
Topic: 3794 Message: 3795
Attachments: 3 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Joe:

Thanks for sending this along.

Hopefully, the new organizational system will streamline things, and make them more manageable then they have been previously.

I'll be interested in more details when they become available.

Tom Behler: KB8TYJ

From: GRARA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:GRARA@yahoogroups.com]
Sent: Monday, December 18, 2017 8:06 PM
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
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3796. Fwd: Updated RRI Publications Page

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-12-19 01:34:35 UTC
From: wd8usa@...
Topic: 3796 Message: 3796

More useful Public Service stuff- JB

-----Original Message-----
From: James Wades <jameswades@...>
To: Wades, James <james.wades@...>
Sent: Mon, Dec 18, 2017 8:21 pm
Subject: Updated RRI Publications Page

Hello Everyone:

The Radio Relay International on-line publications page has been updated to provide permanent, direct links for downloading the RRI Training Manual (TR-001) and companion Introductory Training Slides (TR-002):

http://radio-relay.org/about/publications/

One can also find other useful publications under this heading including the RRI Traffic Operations Field Manual FM-001, a variety of fillable radiogram ICS213 message forms and other useful documents.

Please feel free to share this link with your fellow club members, local EMCOMM group volunteers and others who might find these documents useful.

Our best wishes to everyone for a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

73,

James Wades (WB8SIW)
Radio Relay International,
Editor/Publisher,
QNI Newsletter

3797. Merry Christmas All!

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-12-25 02:51:16 UTC
From: wd8usa@...
Topic: 3797 Message: 3797

A Savior was born this night!

Let all be reminded of his birth and death for us all- DE WD8USA AR

3798. Re: [GRARA] Merry Christmas All!

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-12-25 16:49:53 UTC
From: Theodore Gergen
Topic: 3797 Message: 3798

Merry Christmas Joe Marc Gergen m.gergen@...

On Sunday, December 24, 2017 7:51 PM, "wd8usa@... [GRARA]" <GRARA@yahoogroups.com> wrote:

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3799. Re: [GRARA] Merry Christmas All!

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-12-26 00:54:26 UTC
From: Franklin Alexander
Topic: 3797 Message: 3799

Amen.
Frank Merry Christmas 73's KC8PQG

On Sunday, December 24, 2017, 9:51:41 PM EST, wd8usa@... [GRARA] <GRARA@yahoogroups.com> wrote:

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3800. Re: [GRARA] Merry Christmas All!

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-12-26 01:16:22 UTC
From: wd8usa@...
Topic: 3797 Message: 3800

Same to you and all! JB

-----Original Message-----
From: Theodore Gergen m.gergen@... [GRARA] <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
To: GRARA <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Mon, Dec 25, 2017 11:53 am
Subject: Re: [GRARA] Merry Christmas All!

Merry Christmas Joe
Marc Gergen m.gergen@...

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3801. Extra Class, reminder

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-12-27 01:49:31 UTC
From: Tom
Topic: 3801 Message: 3801

The 2018 Extra class is starting on January 3, 2018. There are only 9 seats left. If you have thought about getting your extra, this would be a good time to join others to study for it.

*Extra Class class
*

Starting January 3, 2018

Extra Class Upgrade Class

If you are a general and would like to upgrade to the extra class, you might consider this extra license class this winter, presented as a cooperative effort by the Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association and the Holland Amateur Radio Club.

The classes will meet at 7:00 PM on Wednesday nights in the basement of the Red Cross building, 1030 Fuller, Grand Rapids, starting on January 3, 2018, and will run for 10 weeks. The cost is $20.

More information and online registration is available at:
http://tinyurl.com/extra-k8tb

For further questions, contact the instructor, Tom Bosscher, K8TB at 616-662-1080 or by email to k8tb@....

3802. If ya want to find me

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-12-28 18:56:40 UTC
From: Thom
Topic: 3801 Message: 3802

On the radio, I am now hanging out on the IRA Link system, 147.16 + pl 94.8.

Our repeater system at GRARA has so much noise now, it is almost unusable, and a real pain to listen to.

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3803. Contests this weekend

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-12-29 01:39:01 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1260 Message: 3803

There are two "major" contests this weekend which may be of interest:

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http://wp.rac.ca/rac-canada-winter-contest-rules/

Stew Perry Top Band Challenge
http://www.kkn.net/stew/

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These overlap to a degree, and since one doesn't get very far on 160
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3804. RE: [GRARA] If ya want to find me

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-12-29 01:45:05 UTC
From: Tom Behler
Topic: 3801 Message: 3804
Attachments: 3 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

So, Thom, if you will be hanging out on the IRA Link System frequency, feel free to check into the IRA Link System Michigan Noon-time Roundup Net.

You may remember that, with the help of Tom Bosscher (K8TB) and others, I started that net back in April, and it has been a major success.

The net operates Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at noon.

Recently, we have been averaging between 15 and 20 check-ins, with a record of 28 check-ins last Wednesday: December 20th, when I was net control.

I tend to be net control on Wednesdays, with others doing the honors on Mondays and Fridays.

The net is a social net, and we try to have an interesting topic or two, as well as a trivia question for each net session.

Everyone is welcome!!

Tom Behler: KB8TYJ, Grandville

From: GRARA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:GRARA@yahoogroups.com]
Sent: Thursday, December 28, 2017 1:57 PM
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [GRARA] If ya want to find me

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3805. Re: [GRARA] If ya want to find me

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-12-29 01:45:21 UTC
From: wd8usa@...
Topic: 3801 Message: 3805

I too have noticed repeated interference and Tom is right! It is keyed up almost constantly!

What gives??

-----Original Message-----
From: Thom ki8w@... [GRARA] <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
To: GRARA <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Thu, Dec 28, 2017 2:47 pm
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3806. RE: [GRARA] Contests this weekend

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-12-29 02:38:57 UTC
From: Tom Behler
Topic: 1260 Message: 3806
Attachments: 3 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Hank:

We will have our three grand-kids here this week-end, so my contesting ability may be limited.

May at least try a little of the Winter RAC contest if I get the chance here.

Tom Behler: Kb8TYJ

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3807. RE: lease we forget.....

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-12-30 00:54:36 UTC
From: Richard Ranta
Topic: 3807 Message: 3807

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Richard never asked for any hat's off for all he'd accomplished, over the year. He just does it to help others.

And he has been successful.

73's Richard, may you have many more years with your friends.

Richard Ranta K8JX and of course, Scooter the cat.

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Rich k8jx and scooter the cat

3808. Re: [GRARA] RE: lease we forget.....

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-12-30 02:38:24 UTC
From: wd8usa@...
Topic: 3807 Message: 3808

Roger! A loud second Sir!

-----Original Message-----
From: 'Richard Ranta' scooter1cat@... [GRARA] <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
To: GRARA <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Cc: Rich <douric@...>; secretary <secretary@w8dc.org>
Sent: Fri, Dec 29, 2017 8:16 pm
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3809. Re: [GRARA] RE: lease we forget.....

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-12-30 06:33:59 UTC
From: Thom
Topic: 3807 Message: 3809

I have to admit...

He is a funny guy.

kudos kid.

73

Thom KI8W

On 12/29/2017 21:38, wd8usa@... [GRARA] wrote:
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3810. INTERNATIONAL GRID SQUARE CHASE 2018

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-12-30 18:32:49 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3810 Message: 3810
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SEE: http://www.arrl.org/international-grid-chase-2018 for more details

This is a "non-contest Contest" somewhat akin to the National Parks on the Air (NPOTA) of 2016, but by default, everyone is in one grid square. If you don't know your grid square, see the details in the above link. Most of us in this area are in either EN72 or EN73 gtid squae, whilst the folks over in Holland and parts of Michigan along the West coast of the state are in EN63 or EN62.

They say there are thousands of Grid Squares. And, there's a "competition" for each month, and overall for the year. In actuality, if I read the rules correctly, ALL the contacts one makes qualify for "points" but only 1 multiplier per grid square per mode.

I'll be on at midnight (0000Z) Monday for the straight key night, and presume any and all contact I make will count for Grid Squares also.

Should we have a "Spouth Western Michigan Grid Square Challenge" as well, like we sometimes have for Field Day?

I'll leave counting ballots on that question up to someone else. Lettuce discuss this possibiity at local club meetings. We have a year to decide.

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p.s. Happy Gnu Yaer to one and awl! May 2018 be fruitful and exciting. Good DX to awl

3811. Fwd: Radio Relay International First Quarter 2018 Exercise

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-12-30 21:00:37 UTC
From: wd8usa@...
Topic: 3811 Message: 3811
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Announcement of RRI Exercise next Year Put it on your calendars! JB

-----Original Message-----
From: James Wades <jameswades@...>
To: Wades, James <james.wades@...>
Sent: Wed, Dec 27, 2017 4:44 pm
Subject: Radio Relay International First Quarter 2018 Exercise

27 December 2017

To: All QNI Newsletter Subscribers and RRI Registered Radio Operators

Fm: Radio Relay International

Re: First Quarter 2018 Emergency Exercise

Distribution: Unlimited

Attached is a PDF document describing the scope and requirements of the First Quarter RRI EMCOMM Exercise scheduled for April 21, 2018. Please note that RSVP is requested for this exercise. If you plan to participate, please send an e-mail to: info@...

This exercise may be of interest to QRP enthusiasts, portable enthusiasts and others not necessarily affiliated with an EMCOMM organization. Feel free to share this announcement with other radio amateurs.

73!

3812. Re: [GRARA] Fwd: Radio Relay International First Quarter 2018 Exercise [1 Attachment]

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-12-30 22:13:39 UTC
From: Thom
Topic: 3811 Message: 3812

Not gonna do it.

On 12/30/2017 16:00, wd8usa@... [GRARA] wrote:
> [Attachment(s) <#TopText> from wd8usa@... included below]
>
> Announcement of RRI Exercise next Year Put it on your calendars! JB
> -----Original Message-----
> From: James Wades <jameswades@...>
> To: Wades, James <james.wades@...>
> Sent: Wed, Dec 27, 2017 4:44 pm
> Subject: Radio Relay International First Quarter 2018 Exercise
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> 27 December 2017
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> To: All QNI Newsletter Subscribers and RRI Registered Radio Operators
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> Fm: Radio Relay International
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> Re: First Quarter 2018 Emergency Exercise
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3813. Re: [GRARA] Fwd: Radio Relay International First Quarter 2018 Exercise

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-12-30 23:40:27 UTC
From: John Streyle
Topic: 3811 Message: 3813

Here’s the link:

http://radio-relay.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/Announcement-2018-Q1-Exercise.pdf

W8QZ

Sent from my iPad

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3814. Re: [GRARA] INTERNATIONAL GRID SQUARE CHASE 2018 [1 Attachment]

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-12-31 04:23:31 UTC
From: Wendell Broome
Topic: 3810 Message: 3814

“They say there are thousands of Grid Squares”.

There are 32,400 grid squares.

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Happy New Year everyone!
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3815. main repeater issues and repair schedule

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-12-31 05:07:32 UTC
From: stprovost@...
Topic: 3815 Message: 3815

Hello, I will be going to 92nd street on Sunday at 11am to work on the main grara repeater along with Nathan.
During this time, the repeater will be offline or you will be hearing testing while we make adjustments.
thanks
stephen AC8QE

3816. Re: [GRARA] main repeater issues and repair schedule

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-12-31 10:53:26 UTC
From: Robert Schroeder
Topic: 3815 Message: 3816

Steve & Nathan,

Thank you for all the work that each of you do on the W8DC Repeater.

Rob (KD8VHV)

Sent from my iPhone

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3817. Re: [GRARA] RE: lease we forget.....

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-12-31 11:14:42 UTC
From: Robert Schroeder
Topic: 3807 Message: 3817

Rich,

Thank you for being a club member who has been consistent in your activities with and for the club over the years. The club (W8DC) will have continued success with others serving as your example has displayed.

Thanks to all of you that have helped make W8DC successful over the years. I was inspired myself to be more involved after the recent elections in 2017.

To a “Great” upcoming year (2018)! Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year to W8DC and each club member. Let each of us try to serve in some way in 2018 and the club will see and experience more success.

Rob Schroeder (2018)

Sent from my iPhone

> On Dec 30, 2017, at 1:33 AM, Thom ki8w@ki8w.com [GRARA] <GRARA@yahoogroups.com> wrote:
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> I have to admit...
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> He is a funny guy.
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> kudos kid.
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> Thom KI8W
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>> On 12/29/2017 21:38, wd8usa@... [GRARA] wrote:
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>> Roger! A loud second Sir!
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>> -----Original Message-----
>> From: 'Richard Ranta' scooter1cat@... [GRARA] <GRARA@yahoogroups..com>
>> To: GRARA <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
>> Cc: Rich <douric@...>; secretary <secretary@...>
>> Sent: Fri, Dec 29, 2017 8:16 pm
>> Subject: [GRARA] RE: lease we forget.....
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>>
>> It’s the end of the year and I thought it was appropriate to give a “Hats” off to an individual who has been a fixture in GRARA for years. Richard Douglas, KC8NKA. He has contributed a lot to the operation of our club , by being a VE leader, showing up snow or

rain, or even making trips to Hams who can’t leave their house, Rich and the VE team have been there. He has assumed the responsibility for seeing events through in many areas, such as securing the Swap site, to being sure our Post Office Box was taken care of. He also wore many other hats, such as helping support other clubs in deeds or by making financial donations. He also was our treasurer for many years. From getting sandwiches for our Christmas party, to talking another ham into joining our club and becoming our new secretary (Me!).
>> Richard never asked for any hat’s off for all he’d accomplished, over the year. He just does it to help others.
>> And he has been successful.
>> 73’s Richard, may you have many more years with your friends.
>> Richard Ranta K8JX and of course, Scooter the cat.
>> Grara secretary . (he and Tom H and David D. talked me into it)
>>
>> “Leadership is not about being in charge. Leadership is about taking care of those in your charge. -- Simon Sinek
>> Rich k8jx and scooter the cat
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3818. Re: [GRARA] main repeater issues and repair schedule

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-12-31 23:04:37 UTC
From: wd8usa@...
Topic: 3815 Message: 3818

Tanks to all for braving the extreme cold and bad driving conditions to fix it!

-----Original Message-----
From: Robert Schroeder roberts358@yahoo.com [GRARA] <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
To: GRARA <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Sun, Dec 31, 2017 7:19 am
Subject: Re: [GRARA] main repeater issues and repair schedule

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3819. Re: [GRARA] INTERNATIONAL GRID SQUARE CHASE 2018

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2017-12-31 23:28:52 UTC
From: wd8usa@...
Topic: 3810 Message: 3819

Lucky dog! Working these grids in FL is the way to go! Enjoy!

-----Original Message-----
From: Wendell Broome wendellbro@... [GRARA] <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
To: GRARA <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Sat, Dec 30, 2017 11:33 pm
Subject: Re: [GRARA] INTERNATIONAL GRID SQUARE CHASE 2018

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3820. Re: main repeater issues and repair schedule

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2018-01-01 22:28:13 UTC
From: kf8ql@...
Topic: 3815 Message: 3820

Thanks for the work on the repeater!!

Happy New Year de KF8QL

3821. Coming events

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2018-01-02 19:06:06 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 3786 Message: 3821

Happy New Year

Coming events:
HARC Annual Board Meeting
Extra class upgrade instruction class
GRARA Annual holiday party
MARA monthly meeting
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LARC monthly meeting
HARC E.A.T. meeting (Education And Training)
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Friday Lunch Bunch

The Holland Amateur Radio Club will hold its annual board meeting at
6:00 p.m. TONIGHT, Tuesday, January 2, 2018. The meeting will be held
at the Burger King located at 735 Michigan Avenue (between 30th and
31st Streets) in Holland. All are invited to attend.

THERE'S STILL TIME!!!
Extra Class class starting Wednesday nights, January 3, 7:00 PM, for
ten weeks. The last
class will be Wednesday, March 7 and will be followed by a testing
session on Friday,
March 9. Please note that this is not an electronic theory class. The
sole purpose of
this class is for you to pass the FCC extra class license exam.
Instructor Tom Boscher
K8TB, held at the American Red Cross building on Fuller Ave, GR. Cost
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info, contact information, and registration at http://tinyurl.com/extra-k8tb

Annual GRARA Holiday Party Potluck and monthly meeting, Friday, January
5, 7PM. Door
opens at 6:30PM. Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association provides meat
and beverages.
Bring a dish to pass. All are welcome. Contact Tom Hansen N8DGD
n8dgd@....
Talk-in 147.26+(94.8Hz).
Location: American Red Cross building, 1050 Fuller Ave NE, GR between
the I-196 Ford Fwy
and Leonard St. Same location as the GRARA shack.
Directions: http://w8dc.org/pages/Red%20Cross.html

Michigan Amateur Radio Alliance monthly meeting, Wednesday, January 10,
7:30 PM, at

Plainfield Township Fire Department Training Center, SW corner of 5 Mile Rd and
Plainfield Ave. All are welcome. Talk-in W8USA 145.23-(94.8Hz)
https://w8usa.org/interact/meetings/

You□re invited! Holland Amateur Radio Club will be holding a holiday dinner on Monday, January 15, 2018. All hams, family, and friends are invited to meet at the Golden Corral, 12420 Felch Street, Holland. We□ll get together at 6:00 p.m. in the meeting room of the restaurant for food and fun. No reservations are needed □ just show up and pay at the register as you usually would. Seniors, don□t forget to ask for a discount!

Lowell Amateur Radio Club monthly meeting, Thursday, January 18, 6:30 PM social, 7PM
meeting. All are welcome. Pizza provided. Talk-in W8LRC 145.27-(94.8Hz)
http://www.w8lrc.org
Directions: https://goo.gl/maps/9e7G2FVkriJ2

The next Holland ARC E.A.T. meeting (Education And Training) will be Monday, January 22, 7 pm at the VictoryPoint Ministries Youth Building. The club has bought a series of instructional electronics videos which are around 30 minutes long. Right now, we are viewing one of these videos, and then Jeff, KD8THX is showing us more advanced technology.

23rd Annual WM Hams Get Outta the Cabin Dinner (formerly called New Hams Dinner),
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If I missed something or there is something coming up of interest to the WM Ham community, let me know.

73 Jack NY8D

3822. RE: [GRARA] Coming events

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2018-01-02 20:04:57 UTC
From: Tom Behler
Topic: 3786 Message: 3822
Attachments: 3 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Jack:

Thanks for putting together this very informative post on upcoming area events.

It's always good to have this information on hand when needed.

Tom Behler: KB8TYJ

From: GRARA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:GRARA@yahoogroups.com]
Sent: Tuesday, January 02, 2018 2:06 PM
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com; WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com; LARC <w8lrc@...>
Subject: [GRARA] Coming events

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3823. FW: [N3FJP_Software] ARRL Grid Chase Interface Questions Answered.

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2018-01-03 22:13:48 UTC
From: Tom Behler
Topic: 3823 Message: 3823

FYI if you use the N3FJP A C Log program from Tom Behler: KB8TYJ

From: N3FJP_Software@yahoogroups.com [mailto:N3FJP_Software@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of Scott & Kimberly Davis SNKDavis@... [N3FJP_Software]
Sent: Wednesday, January 03, 2018 3:44 PM

Question: Can I use Amateur Contact Log for ARRL's International Grid Chase 2018 event?

Yes! Like the ARRL's Centennial QSO Party in 2014 and the National Parks on the Air (NPOTA) event in 2016, scoring for ARRL's International Grid Chase is handled by ARRL's Log Book of the World (LoTW). Amateur Contact Log worked just fine for the ARRL Centennial QSO Party, NPOTA and it will be fine for ARRL's International Grid Chase in 2018 too. Grid Chase scoring is handled by upload to LoTW and Amateur Contact Log has all the features you need for that.

To keep your Grid Chase score updated, you only have to upload your Grid Chase QSOs to LoTW, just as you would any other QSO record. You don't even have to log the grid! LoTW will determine and confirm the grids you work based on the LoTW records of the stations that confirm on LoTW. You can see the Grid Chase leader board here: https://igc.arrl.org/leader-board.php

It isn't necessary to track the grids you work in AC Log since LoTW is performing that function, but you can always display the grid field to do that too if you like. To display and customize the location of the grid field, click Settings > Edit Fields Displayed. To see your AC Log grid total, just click Awards > 10-10, Grids, Etc., enter the starting record for the time period of interest, enter an L in the Confirmed By field (to only return QSOs confirmed by LoTW) and then click calculate.

Complete details on the ARRL Grid Chase are here: http://www.arrl.org/international-grid-chase-2018

Step by step instructions for using AC Log with LoTW are here: http://www.n3fjp.com/lotwhelp.html

If you wish to display your grid field on AC Log's main form, details on customizing AC Log are here: http://www.n3fjp.com/faq.html#q79

In summary, to participate, just make as many QSOs as you can! No specific exchange is required and contest contacts count too. For example, we have a great opportunity to collect a lot of grids in ARRL RTTY Roundup this weekend (http://www.arrl.org/rtty-roundup). Then upload your QSOs to LoTW!

3824. Contests this weekend

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2018-01-05 15:15:57 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1260 Message: 3824

There's an interesting QRP contest of which I've just discovered. It's run by the Italian QRP Club, IQRP, and involves three weeks in each of selected months. Details may be found at;
http://www.arimontebelluna.it/news/news_maratona_uk.htm

Other contests are:

PODXS 070 Club PSKFest: 0000Z-2400Z, Jan 6
PSK-31, a natural for 5 watts or less though there are other categoriesHank Greeb <n8xx@...>
Rules at
http://www.podxs070.com/o7o-club-sponsored-contests/pskfest

Other contests of interest may be:
Slovenia Peace Messenger Contest
There's little on the web site for this, so perhaps one can find more at the 7 day calendar by WA7BNM at
http://www.podxs070.com/o7o-club-sponsored-contests/pskfest

The other major contest is the ARRL's RTTY Roundup, 1800 UTC Saturday, January 6, to 2400 UTC Sunday January 7. Details at
http://www.arrl.org/rtty-roundup

Happy contesting to all

72/73 de n8xx Hg
QRP >99.44% of the time

3825. Urgent Need for Blood Donations Launches Today: How You Can Help

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2018-01-08 21:24:53 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3825 Message: 3825

Probably a usual plea for blood donations at this time of year, and definitely NOT eggzactly related to ham radio, so pardon the bandwidth.Blood supply is typically short at this time of year, and many hams support public interest activities, so I'm forwarding this message to this reflector.

Please note that there are local blood drives in the area, so one usually doesn't have to drive to downtown Grand Rapids for a donation.

So, i you're able to give blood, please consider doing so. Tis a worthwhile endavor.

72/73 de n8xx Hg
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-------- Forwarded Message --------

Subject: Urgent Need for Blood Donations Launches Today: How You Can Help
Date: Mon, 08 Jan 2018 20:17:25 +0000 (UTC)
From: American Red Cross <noreply@...>
Reply-To: American Red Cross <noreply@...>
To:

The following message is from Gail McGovern, President and CEO:

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday with family and friends, and enjoyed some well-deserved rest and relaxation over the past few weeks. As we start the new year, we unfortunately face a difficult time for our blood collections during the challenging winter months.

Today, the American Red Cross launches an urgent appeal for blood and platelet donations nationwide to help address a winter blood donation shortage. Red Cross blood products are currently being distributed to hospitals as fast as donations come in, and in particular – platelet and type O negative and B negative blood donations are critically needed right now.

Winter weather can have a tremendous impact on the blood supply this time of year, when brutally cold temperatures keep many donors home and snow and ice storms often result in the cancellation of blood drives. Blood donations during the busy holiday and winter weather months of November and December were already more than 28,000 donations below expectations.

Red Cross volunteers can help make a difference this winter. We would like to encourage eligible donors to make an appointment today – just download the Blood Donor App, visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED

CROSS (1-800-733-2767). To reduce possible wait times at blood donation sites, we urge everyone to schedule an appointment and complete their RapidPass – now available on your mobile device.

In closing, I want to express my heartfelt thanks to all staff who make our lifesaving work possible for patients who are counting on us. I know appeals are especially demanding for our employees who often work long hours to recruit, collect, process, and distribute blood and platelets. Particularly this time of year, many staff members bundle up and trudge out in the snowy weather and frigid temperatures to ensure we can meet the needs of our hospital partners.

I am profoundly grateful for all of you – from those who roll up a sleeve to give, to those who work tirelessly day-in and day-out to meet patient needs. Together, we will continue to fulfill our mission in communities across the country. Thank you for your steadfast dedication and unwavering commitment.

Sincerely,

Gail

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3826. Ottawa/Kent County Skywarn training, Thursday, March 1, 2018 at Hudsonville High school

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2018-01-11 21:51:23 UTC
From: Tom
Topic: 3826 Message: 3826

More information and to register at
https://skywarn2018.eventbrite.com
<https://skywarn2018.eventbrite.com>

Date and Time

Thu, March 1, 2018

6:30 PM – 9:30 PM EST

Location

Hudsonville High School / Eagle Auditorium

5037 32nd Ave.

Hudsonville, MI 49426

3827. RE: [GRARA] Ottawa/Kent County Skywarn training, Thursday, March 1, 2018 at Hudsonville High school

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2018-01-11 22:03:52 UTC
From: Tom Behler
Topic: 3826 Message: 3827
Attachments: 3 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Thanks for posting this, tom.

I was wondering when the training was going to occur.

Tom Behler: KB8TYJ

From: GRARA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:GRARA@yahoogroups.com]
Sent: Thursday, January 11, 2018 4:51 PM
To: k8daa@yahoogroups.com; W8CSO@yahoogroups.com; westMichiganHams@...m; GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [GRARA] Ottawa/Kent County Skywarn training, Thursday, March 1, 2018 at Hudsonville High school

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3828. Contests for this weekend

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2018-01-12 00:13:30 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3828 Message: 3828

*There are several contests sponsored by groups from other countries,

See;
WA7BNM's 8 day contest.
http://www.contestcalendar.com//weeklycont.php#7748

One major US contest this Saturday/Sunday
The North American QSO Party, CW.
http://www.ncjweb.com/NAQP-Rules.pdf

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counting for points.

Happy Contesting, everyone. With predictions of sn*w, Sn*w and more
sn*w this weekend, it might be a good time to hibernate in a hamshack
and make a few contacts.

72/73 de n8xx Hg
QRP >99.44% of the time*

3829. RE: [GRARA] Contests for this weekend

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2018-01-12 02:33:05 UTC
From: Tom Behler
Topic: 3828 Message: 3829
Attachments: 3 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Hank and all:

I will be participating in the NAQP CW contest this week-end. … I will be part of a team of blind ops from across the country. We will be using Braille as our team name.

Hope to work some of you on the bands.

40 and 80 meters will be the best for any local contacts.

Tom Behler: KB8TYJ

From: GRARA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:GRARA@yahoogroups.com]
Sent: Thursday, January 11, 2018 7:14 PM
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [GRARA] Contests for this weekend

There are several contests sponsored by groups from other countries,

See;
WA7BNM's 8 day contest.
http://www.contestcalendar.com//weeklycont.php#7748
<http://www.contestcalendar.com/weeklycont.php#7748>

One major US contest this Saturday/Sunday
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3830. QCEN and OH-KY-IN Present 2018 Winter Field Day!!!

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2018-01-12 20:32:07 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3830 Message: 3830

The folks from Cincinnati, my former home town, will be activating the station at the Red Cross for Winter Field Day. Should be a hop skip and a jump on 40 during the day, and 80/75 during the evening from W8DC.

Have fun for the Winter Field Day!

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-------- Forwarded Message --------
Subject: [Qcen-news] QCEN and OH-KY-IN Present 2018 Winter Field Day!!!
Date: Thu, 11 Jan 2018 14:13:20 -0500
From: Bob Garfield via qcen-news <qcen-news@...>
Reply-To: Bob Garfield <W8MRG@...>
To: 'qcen-news group' <qcen-news@...>

QCEN and OH-KY-IN Present 2018 Winter Field Day!!!

Hello Winter Field Day enthusiasts!

Despite all of the rumors that we aren?t going to participate in the Winter Field Day event we have been given a second life! Due to an unreasonable price hike from the Hamilton County Park District we were going to have cancel the event this year.? Fortunately for us QCEN stepped in and offered their facility for both clubs to havea joint field day operation at their radio room on the American Red Cross campus.

So no worries about freezing this year we will be in a nice cozy building.? Like in previous years we will be serving lunch and dinner on Saturday for the operators that come out to work.? On Sunday we will have Doughnuts for breakfast from ?Stan the Man? Doughnut shop ? Stan was voted 2017 Best Bakery in the North!

Location: American Red Cross Building

Address: 2111 Dana Ave.? Cincinnati, OH 45207

Date: January 27 and 28, 2018

Time: Lunch at 12 noon on 1/27/18

Contest Time: Saturday 1/27 at 2 PM through Sunday 1/28 ? 2 PM

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As many know me, I am not a big sign-up sheet man!? We are all amateur radio operators that love our hobby and love promoting it.? All I ask is when someone new walks up while you are working offer them the

opportunity to take the Mike.? This plan has worked great for the last two years and that way no one feels like they are locked in and can?t getup and take a break!

This year we will form a committee to find an outdoor spot for the 2019 Winter Field Day but in the mean time I hope that you come join us at the Red Cross building for this joint club event!? If I can ask one favor even if you think that you might come please shoot me an e-mail so that we have plenty food available.? My contact information is listedbelow!

Thanks and hope to see you there!

73,

Michael L. Sien ? KD8SOH

2018 Winter Field Day Coordinator

(Cell):?? 513-312-0691

Michael.sien@... <mailto:Michael.sien@...>

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3831. FT8 operating Guide

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2018-01-15 21:43:53 UTC
From: Tom
Topic: 3831 Message: 3831

You've heard all about FT8, a great digital mode.

Gary, ZL2IFB has written an excellent guide. The back part of the guide is geared towards working DX on FT8, but the front end is an excellent guide for getting into FT8.

The guide is located here:

*www.G4iFB.com/FT8_Hinson_tips_for_HF_DXers.pdf
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And a big thank you to Mike, KB8KB who found this. *
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Tom K8TB*
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3832. Re: [GRARA] FT8 operating Guide

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2018-01-15 22:32:16 UTC
From: Marcelo W6EUH
Topic: 3831 Message: 3832

Thank you!!

73,

Marcelo W6EUH - XQ6BQ
w6euh@...

On Mon, Jan 15, 2018 at 4:43 PM, Tom k8tb@... [GRARA] <
GRARA@yahoogroups.com> wrote:

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> Tom K8TB
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3833. Fwd: Jim Weaver K8JE SK

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2018-01-16 01:03:35 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 3833 Message: 3833

-------- Beginning of forwarded message --------
15.01.2018, 18:28, "ARRL Members Only Web site" <memberlist@www.arrl.org>:

With a heavy heart, we must report that Jim Weaver, K8JE, former Great Lakes Division Director, died January 14th. He had been ill for some time, but was able to attend the Great Lakes Division Convention this past October, where he was presented with the George S. Wilson III W4OYI Lifetime Achievement Award. The criteria says in part “The Wilson recipient is an all-around Amateur whose lifetime activities, attitudes, and achievements might serve as an example to others. Emphasis is placed on service to others rather than self, diversity of Amateur Radio interests and Activities, evidence of continuing self-challenge via Amateur Radio, and outstanding contributions to Amateur Radio.” Jim was a Life Member of ARRL.

Jim served as Director of the Great Lakes Division from 2002 until 2014. During that time, he chaired the Legislative Action Committee starting in 2007, and served on the CEO Selection Criteria Committee in 2013 & 2014.

He served as a Public Information Officer starting in 1996, was an Official Observer, an Official Emergency Station, an Official Relay Station, and was also a Volunteer Examiner.

Jim was active in Disaster Communications, and worked closely with the Red Cross in Cincinnati. A long-time member of the Queen City Emergency Net, he was Communications Manager for the club in 1968, and then served as President in 1976. He was also active in many other clubs in the Cincinnati area.

During the 1960s and 1970s, for most of ten years, he wrote a weekly column for the local newspaper, the Cincinnati Enquirer, titled “Ham Call.” Week after week, he found stories about ham radio that would interest the public at large. Just recently, QST re-published an article he co-authored for that magazine back in 1976, about the ham response to the Beverly Hills Supper Club Fire in Northern Kentucky.

At this time, no information about funeral arrangements is available.

ARRL Great Lakes Division
Director: Dale R Williams, WA8EFK
wa8efk@arrl.org

3834. Blood

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2018-01-16 23:37:42 UTC
From: Jim Leys
Topic: 3834 Message: 3834

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You can help end the shortage
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    Please Help Today
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Blood donations dropped significantly during this past holiday season. And now severe winter weather has caused an urgent problem: far fewer blood donations. While there's often a surge in generous donations when major disasters receive media attention, the Red Cross serves hospitals and cancer treatment centers nationwide throughout the year.

When trauma occurs, we must be ready to help the injured. When accidents happen at work, school or on the roadways we must be fully equipped to assist the survivors.

Patients need your help right now.

Share your strength. One pint of blood can help save up to three lives! Patients will be so grateful – and so will their families and friends.
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    Schedule Now
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PS - If you’re not able to donate blood, consider sharing this message with someone who can. By encouraging your friends and family to give, you are also helping to save lives!
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3835. (no subject)

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2018-01-16 23:42:02 UTC
From: Jim Leys
Topic: 3835 Message: 3835

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3836. Re: [GRARA]

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2018-01-17 06:40:56 UTC
From: Thom
Topic: 3835 Message: 3836

I would love to help but...

My doctor has strongly suggested that I not give blood.

I think you might know why.

73

Thom KI8W

3837. ARRL CEO NY2RF to retire

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2018-01-18 20:14:21 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3837 Message: 3837

ARRL CEO of past two yeas to retire

See
http://www.arrl.org/news/arrl-ceo-tom-gallagher-ny2rf-to-retire

Tom Gallagher, NY2RF brought change to the operations @ ARRL and it's
Headquarters' organization, many of them needed.

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3838. Re: [GRARA] ARRL CEO NY2RF to retire

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2018-01-18 20:47:12 UTC
From: Thom
Topic: 3837 Message: 3838

All I can say is "Goodbye to you."

He kinda rubbed me the wrong way when I was talking to him, at Xenia last year, in a very calm manner, about some things I would like to see changed.

Not to mention his role in the vote coming tomorrow to basically making our elected Director shut his mouth about what the ARRL is doing. Adding the President and 3 Vice Presidents to the Board effectively skewing any vote by the Board in the ARRL's favor.

Example: The ARRL can cancel any members membership without cause or explanation.

Directors Code of Conduct document.

Basically they are taking the power away from the Membership.

It's all on the QRZ.com website.

73

Thom KI8W

Life Member ARRL

3839. Any contests operations this weekend?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2018-01-22 06:07:29 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3839 Message: 3839

KB8TYJ and I both did the SSB North American QSO party - NAQP - on Saturday/Sunday. I'll let Tom tell his tale. All I'll say about the event is that I have another reason to LOVE CW. I did manage 20 contacts for 400 points, mainly on 40, with 75 next and 1 on 20 meters. Much of the time it was an exercise in hearing others "CQing in my face" when I answered their calls.

Ths other "big" contest was the ARRL VHF contest. Anything shorter than 20 meters seem like the "Daylight" part of "DC to Daylight" for me, but I know a couple of GRARA members who are VHF aficionados. Weather was excellent for this time of year for mobile/portable work...

Lettuce no how things went, if you did anything.

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p.s. remember, GRARA plans to activate W8DC this upcoming Weekend for the Winter Field Day. All inside operation, SSB and CW.

3840. RE: [GRARA] Any contests operations this weekend?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2018-01-22 20:32:20 UTC
From: Tom Behler
Topic: 3839 Message: 3840
Attachments: 3 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Hello, all.

With Hank’s encouragement, here is my summary report for the NAQP SSB contest this past week-end.

I also have a summary for my earlier NAQP CW contest effort if anyone would like that as well.

I made a total of 306 qsos, and 97 multipliers, for a total score of 29682. I operated for 9 hours and 18 minutes, and used 100 watts.

This week-end’s contest was very different from the CW contest last week-end.

Conditions on the higher bands were much poorer. I only made 6 qsos on 15 meters, and 2 on 10 meters. I also only made 24 contacts on 20 meters, which is highly unusual for me. 20 meters was very squirrely, and was basically closed down by 2100 Z, or 4 p.m. Eastern time. This caused me to move down to 40 meters much earlier than I had previously. 40 meters also went long early, and I did end up spending a lot of time on the part of 75 meters I could use with my current Alpha Delta DXCC antenna. In fact, I did quite well on 75 meters, even with my antenna limitations. For example, on that band, I was able to work from coast to coast, and even up into Canada. I also worked the Cayman Islands, which was a real thrill.

All and all the contest was another fun one, and I once again enjoyed being part of the Braille team of blind ops. . I did not use Braille as my contest name this time, but used Tom instead. I’m glad I did this, since copying contest exchanges was quite difficult at times.

Here’s my summary report from the 3830 scores web site:

North American QSO Party, SSB - January

Call: KB8TYJ

Operator(s): KB8TYJ

Station: KB8TYJ

Class: Single Op LP

QTH: Grandville, MI

Operating Time (hrs): 9.25

Summary:

Band QSOs Mults

160: 0 0

80: 121 40

40: 153 37

20: 24 15

15: 6 4

10: 2 1

Total: 306 97 Total Score = 29,682

Club:

Team: The Braille Team

Comments:

SOAPBOX: Conditions were much more challenging for the SSB contest than they were for the CW contest the previous week-end. In fact, the higher bands (20, 15, and 10 meters) were in very poor shape. Despite that, the contest was quite fun, and was a very rewarding experience.

Posted using 3830 Score Submittal Forms at: http://www.3830scores.com/

Tom Behler: KB8TYJ

From: GRARA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:GRARA@...m]
Sent: Monday, January 22, 2018 1:07 AM
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [GRARA] Any contests operations this weekend?

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3841. Livonia Amateur Radio Club Swap-N-Shop, Feb 18, 2018

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2018-01-23 02:51:24 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3841 Message: 3841
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Livonia is a "fur piece" from Grand Rapids, but maybe some folks will be going......

-------- Forwarded Message --------
Subject: Livonia Amateur Radio Club Swap-N-Shop, Feb 18, 2018
Date: Tue, 23 Jan 2018 02:35:48 +0000
From: Mike N8MR <n8mr@...>
To: k8uns@... <k8uns@...>

Dear Amateur Radio Club,

The Livonia (Michigan) Amateur Radio Club (http://www.livoniaarc.com) is having our Swap & Shop on Sunday, February 18th from 8am till noon at the Livonia Seniors Center 15218 Farmington Road? Livonia, MI 48154. Our swap flier and vendor flier are attached. More information can be found on our swap page: http://www.livoniaarc.com/index.php?page=swapshop

Can you please mention our swap to your fellow club officers, at your meetings, in your newsletter or on your local nets?

Thanks and 73,
Mike, N8MR
LARC Swap Co-Chair
k8uns@...

3842. Winter Field Day?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2018-01-24 03:15:03 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3842 Message: 3842

I haven't heard much about Winter Field Day for a while, so I'm presuming it's still on.

It starts 1900Z Saturday, and runs until 1900Z Sunday, or for those who keep time locally it's 2 p.m. EST Saturday, until 2 P.M. EST Sunday.

I forget the exact time that the shack will be open @ Red Cross, but probably and hour or more prior to the start of the event?

Rules are @
https://www.winterfieldday.com/rules

72/73 de n8xx Hg
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3843. Re: [GRARA] Winter Field Day?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2018-01-24 11:28:34 UTC
From: Thom
Topic: 3842 Message: 3843

Hank,

There have been some discussion about this between Tom N8DGD and myself
regarding if we want to fire up The Red Cross backup generator to use
for Winter Field Day.

Also please remember that this is NOT a ARRL sponsored event.

I have a copy of the WFD Rules in the club station.

Opening the door at 12 Noon on Saturday.

I will not be participating in this event. I have other things
scheduled for the weekend.

Also N1MM does not support this contest.

Thanks

Thom KI8W

On 1/24/2018 03:15, Hank Greeb n8xx@... [GRARA] wrote:
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3844. Re: [GRARA] Winter Field Day?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2018-01-24 12:49:12 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3842 Message: 3844

Thanks, Thom:

I'm glad plans are underway.

I don't know the rules, but running the BIG generator for more than a test run would be VERY expensive of fuel. It doesn't look like WFD has the same idea as reglar Field day, where a "Emergency Operating Center" need only to have non=commercial power available. Back in Cincinnati we'd fire up the generator for half hour or so to exercise it, but not for the full time.

72/73 de n8xx Hf
QRP >99.44% of the time

p.s. I probably won't be able to come to WFD. I've been seeing Cortland, KA5S at Meijer Heart Center where he is recovering from a triple bypass heart surgery.

On 1/24/2018 6:28 AM, Thom ki8w@... [GRARA] wrote:

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3845. Re: [GRARA] Winter Field Day?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2018-01-25 01:29:39 UTC
From: John Streyle
Topic: 3842 Message: 3845

Seems like a good idea to run the generator for 30 mins. or so, just to exercise it. Should find out if the RedX has some schedule for that already, or not.
Who knows the details and proper usage of the machine?
W8QZ
Sent from my iPad

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3846. Cortland Richmond, KA5S

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2018-01-25 02:00:13 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3846 Message: 3846

Happy to report that Cortland Richmond, KA5S has had a successful operation which resulted in 3 bypass grafts on his heart. He is now doing well at the Meijer Heart Center. I won't give a room number, because he may be moving to another as his recovery progresses.

He has his laptop with him, and I'm sure he'd appreciate an email of good wishes for continued speedy recovery. He isn't quite ready to be moved to a rehab center, but one never knows.

He has his cell phone with him, and those of you who know it can calll him during normal waking hours. He may be found through the main number of Meijer Heart Center>

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3847. REQUEST FROM WLAV radio engineer

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2018-01-25 03:39:29 UTC
From: stprovost@...
Topic: 3847 Message: 3847

Hello, I received this email request from the wlav radio engineer:

Stephen, Mike,

I am writing to request your members assistance in locating what I believe to be interference to WLAV-FM Studio Transmitter Link microwave system. The WLAV Microwave receiver is located at the WLAV tower site at roughly 5 Mile and Pettis Ave NE and receives a signal from downtown GRR. The receive antenna is highly directional.

WLAV is experiencing what I believe to be generated interference to our microwave receiver operating on 946.5Mhz. This interference occurs at specific times during the day, but on random occasions. So far it has only occurred on weekdays, and only around the hours of 7-8AM and 4-5PM. Never on weekends, holidays, or times outside of what I have described, and not every single weekday.

This leads me to believe the interference is being generated by a mobile transmitter that is operating in the area of 5 Mile NE and Pettis NE, near our receiver. This interference has been occurring for approximately three to four weeks. Perhaps it is someone who regularly travels Pettis or 5 Mile roads.

I believe this be a cell phone jammer or perhaps a problematic mobile radio that is throwing a harmonic or mixed signal on 946.5, but that is pure speculation. I am only guessing it is mobile due to the random nature, yet regular time of day instances to date.

I have set up a spectrum analyzer at the receive site but have not had been able to capture the offending signal when it was actually occurring as it is does not seem to occur for longer than a few minutes at a time. I see several intermittent carriers below 946 in the cellular band, however these signals appear clean and do not affect the WLAV 96.9 Mhz audio when they are up. Although I have not ruled out cellular interference, I feel due to the random nature of the interference, this is not the cause as interference from the nearby site would likely occur more frequently.

If you would be so kind, I ask that you share this information with your members and ask those that may be in a position to monitor 946.5 Mhz be on the lookout for possible sources of interference in the NE area around 5 Mile and Pettis NE. The system is digital, so you won’t be able to de-modulate a listenable signal on 946.5, but for those with spectrum analyzers and or tunable radios, they may hear or see the noise floor or carrier on 946.5 change. The over the air audio on WLAV-FM will also mute or go to broken audio when this occurs. We have also investigated transmitters that may be beyond the WLAV studios, and perhaps “skipping” in. The closest transmitter on that channel is Chicago, and not pointed toward Grand Rapids. Radio STL links are required to use narrow beam width TX antennas.

If anyone should have any information on this issue they may contact me at dave.grant@cumulus.com mailto:dave.grant@cumulus.com, or call my cell phone at 616-304-2468.

I thank you in advance for any assistance your members can provide. This has been a very frustrating issue to resolve, as I am sure you can all relate to.

Dave Grant
Chief Engineer
Cumulus Media Grand Rapids

WLAV-FM

thoughts on this issue?
thanks
stephen

3848. Re: [GRARA] Winter Field Day?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2018-01-25 10:40:03 UTC
From: Robert Schroeder
Topic: 3842 Message: 3848

I wanted to report that the logging program N1MM does support WFD. Greg was able to install, configure and test the logging capability for WFD. There was a custom UDC file that was downloaded and loaded.
There was a second machine configured as well for the possibility of maintaining two stations during the contest. There is the need though for additional operators.

I do not remember Greg's call sign or I would have mentioned above. Sorry Greg!

Rob (KD8VHV)

Sent from my iPhone

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3849. February Board Meeting

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2018-01-25 12:00:40 UTC
From: Thom
Topic: 3772 Message: 3849

All,

The Board of the Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association Inc. will meet Wednesday, January 31, 2018 at the American Red Cross Building beginning at 6:45pm.

Thanks

73

Thom KI8W.

3850. Re: [GRARA] Winter Field Day? Logging software

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2018-01-25 19:00:55 UTC
From: Wendell Broome
Topic: 3842 Message: 3850

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73,
Wendell, K8OO

Sent from my iPad

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3851. Re: [GRARA] Winter Field Day? Logging software

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2018-01-25 20:08:06 UTC
From: Michael Wolthuis
Topic: 3842 Message: 3851

N3FJP is the #1 logging software for contests in my personal opinion.. The author is personally active on contests, updates the software regularly and donates copies to student organizations.

It is well worth buying the entire suite. It is really nice when you can use the network versions and you will find it is so easy compared to N1MM.

My 0.02 as a very happy user of all of N3FJP's logging programs for over 10 years…

Mike
Kb8zgl

From: "GRARA@yahoogroups.com" <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Reply-To: "GRARA@yahoogroups.com" <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Date: Thursday, January 25, 2018 at 3:03 PM
To: "GRARA@yahoogroups.com" <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Subject: Re: [GRARA] Winter Field Day? Logging software

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3852. RE: [GRARA] Winter Field Day? Logging software

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2018-01-25 20:38:34 UTC
From: Tom Behler
Topic: 3842 Message: 3852
Attachments: 3 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

As some of you already know, I successfully used the N3FJP ARRL Field Day logging software in GRARA's Field Day operation last Summer.

I teamed up with Hank (N8XX) to operate the CW station throughout the event.

I realize that my reasons for using the N3FJP logging software center around its nice integration with my Jaws For Windows speech screen reading software, which is very important for me as a blind ham. But, as is indicated below, the software is quite adaptable with a very simple learning curve from one logging program to another within the N3FJP suite of products.

Unless there is some sort of strenuous objection, I'm hoping to use it again in the GRARA Summer Field Day effort again this year.

Tom Behler: KB8TYJ

From: GRARA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:GRARA@yahoogroups.com]
Sent: Thursday, January 25, 2018 2:01 PM
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
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3853. Re: [GRARA] REQUEST FROM WLAV radio engineer

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2018-01-26 11:37:52 UTC
From: John Streyle
Topic: 3847 Message: 3853

Kinda sounds like it *could* be related to operation of the 147.26 repeater transmitter - ? (Not saying how that could happen, just noting the coincidence of times)The repeater is most typically active during commute times. We could test that theory fairly easily.
W8QZ
Sent from my iPad

> On Jan 24, 2018, at 10:39 PM, stprovost@... [GRARA] <GRARA@yahoogroups.com> wrote:
>
> Hello, I received this email request from the wlav radio engineer:
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>
> Stephen, Mike,
>
> I am writing to request your members assistance in locating what I believe to be interference to WLAV-FM Studio Transmitter Link microwave system. The WLAV Microwave receiver is located at the WLAV tower site at roughly 5 Mile and Pettis Ave NE and receives a signal from downtown GRR. The receive antenna is highly directional.
>
> WLAV is experiencing what I believe to be generated interference to our microwave receiver operating on 946.5Mhz. This interference occurs at specific times during the day, but on random occasions. So far it has only occurred on weekdays, and only around the hours of 7-8AM and 4-5PM. Never on weekends, holidays, or times outside of what I have described, and not every single weekday.
>
> This leads me to believe the interference is being generated by a mobile transmitter that is operating in the area of 5 Mile NE and Pettis NE, near our receiver. This interference has been occurring for approximately three to four weeks. Perhaps it is someone who regularly travels Pettis or 5 Mile roads.
>
> I believe this be a cell phone jammer or perhaps a problematic mobile radio that is throwing a harmonic or mixed signal on 946.5, but that is pure speculation. I am only guessing it is mobile due to the random nature, yet regular time of day instances to date.
>
> I have set up a spectrum analyzer at the receive site but have not had been able to capture the offending signal when it was actually occurring as it is does not seem to occur for longer than a few minutes at a time. I see several intermittent carriers below 946 in the cellular band, however these signals appear clean and do not affect the WLAV 96.9 Mhz audio when they are up. Although I have not ruled out cellular interference, I feel due to the random nature of the interference, this is not the cause as interference from the nearby site would likely occur more frequently.
>
> If you would be so kind, I ask that you share this information with your members and ask those that may be in a position to monitor 946.5 Mhz be on the lookout for possible sources of interference in the NE area around 5 Mile and Pettis NE. The system is digital, so you

won’t be able to de-modulate a listenable signal on 946.5, but for those with spectrum analyzers and or tunable radios, they may hear or see the noise floor or carrier on 946.5 change. The over the air audio on WLAV-FM will also mute or go to broken audio when this occurs. We have also investigated transmitters that may be beyond the WLAV studios, and perhaps “skipping” in. The closest transmitter on that channel is Chicago, and not pointed toward Grand Rapids. Radio STL links are required to use narrow beam width TX antennas.
>
> If anyone should have any information on this issue they may contact me at dave.grant@..., or call my cell phone at 616-304-2468.
>
> I thank you in advance for any assistance your members can provide. This has been a very frustrating issue to resolve, as I am sure you can all relate to.
>
> Dave Grant
> Chief Engineer
> Cumulus Media Grand Rapids
>
> WLAV-FM
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> thoughts on this issue?
> thanks
> stephen
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3854. Anyone?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2018-01-26 13:01:49 UTC
From: Thom
Topic: 3772 Message: 3854

Know this email address?

barrygraham1@...

This person has requested to be added to our PRIVATE club mailing list. This list is for members only.

There was no callsign in the request email. I see no person of that name listed on our roster.

Please let me know.

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Thom KI8W

Web Administrator

web.administrator@...

3855. Re: [GRARA] Anyone?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2018-01-26 13:27:42 UTC
From: Tom
Topic: 3772 Message: 3855

His call is KC8YOC

On 1/26/2018 8:01 AM, Thom ki8w@... [GRARA] wrote:
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3856. Re: [GRARA] Anyone?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2018-01-26 13:32:12 UTC
From: Dave Ed
Topic: 3772 Message: 3856

barrygraham1@...,Regarding this request to be added to our Yahoo group.This is my suggestion as to handle it,Email him and ask for the following information;Name.address. call signWhy do you want to be added to our Yahoo group.That should solve the puzzle,Dave EdAC8AB On Friday, January 26, 2018, 8:01:53 AM EST, Thom ki8w@... [GRARA] <GRARA@yahoogroups.com> wrote:

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3857. Winter Field Day

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2018-01-28 20:50:42 UTC
From: Thom
Topic: 3857 Message: 3857

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3.5	126	126	48
7.0	36	36	20
14.0	43	43	29
TOTALS	205	205	92

Score: 615 points.

The Cabrillo log file has been submitted to the contest sponsor and all contacts have been added to our Log4OM logging software.

Our entire logbook in Log4OM has been uploaded to our LOTW account.

Thanks

73

Thom KI8W

3858. RE: [GRARA] Winter Field Day

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2018-01-28 23:53:19 UTC
From: Tom Behler
Topic: 3857 Message: 3858
Attachments: 3 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Congratulations to everyone for a job well done!

I’m not surprised that 75 meters was your best band, based on what I experienced during the NAQP SSB contest the previous week-end.

I was hoping to do some of the Winter Field Day contest from here at home, but ended up coming down with the crud which pretty much put me out of commission from Thursday until today, Sunday.

At least that’s getting better now.

Wonder if there are any plans for the ARRL International DX CW and SSB contests in mid February and early March, respectively?

Glad to see the radio room is being used.

Tom Behler: KB8TYJ

From: GRARA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:GRARA@yahoogroups.com]
Sent: Sunday, January 28, 2018 3:51 PM
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [GRARA] Winter Field Day

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3859. Re: [GRARA] Winter Field Day

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2018-01-29 02:49:08 UTC
From: Thom
Topic: 3857 Message: 3859

Tom,

Thanks for the nice words.

Oh, yes there are more contests planned for February. ARRL International is definitely on the calendar.

We had a great time. We hope to get you down there one of these days.

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3860. RE: [GRARA] Winter Field Day

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2018-02-01 01:28:27 UTC
From: Tom Behler
Topic: 3857 Message: 3860
Attachments: 3 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Ok on all, Thom. … Sue and I hope to see you and everyone at the club meeting Friday night!

Tom Behler: KB8TYJ

From: GRARA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:GRARA@yahoogroups.com]
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3861. (no subject)

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2018-02-01 18:52:28 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 3861 Message: 3861
Attachments: 2 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

It's February

Coming events:

GRARA monthly meeting, VE exams
WM Hams Get Outta the Cabin Dinner
HIAD (Ham in a Day)
Traverse City Hamfest
HARC monthly meeting
LARC monthly meeting
MARA monthly meeting
HARC E.A.T. meeting (Education And Training)
SKYWARN spotter annual training
Kalamazoo Hamfest

Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association (GRARA) monthly meeting, first Friday of the Month, February 2, 7PM. Door opens 6:30 PM. American Red Cross building, 1050 Fuller Ave NE, GR between the I-196 Ford Fwy and Leonard St. Same location as the GRARA shack. Talk-in 147.26+(94.8Hz). Directions: http://w8dc.org/pages/Red Cross.html
VE TESTING at GRARA on the second Friday of the month, February 9, same location.

23rd Annual WM Hams Get Outta the Cabin Dinner (formerly called New Hams Dinner), Saturday, February 3, 2PM, Pizza Ranch, 3858 28th St SE (Hwy M-11), Kentwood. Sponsored by MARA, GRARA, LARC, and HARC. Lots more information / flier:
http://w8dc.org/file/club/GetOuttaTheCabinDinner2018.pdf
http://w8lrc.org/wp-content/uploads/GetOuttaTheCabinDinner2018.pdf

HIAD (Ham in a Day) classes, Saturday, February 10 in Lowell.
http://w8lrc.org/hiad-registration/
Then again in Holland Saturday, April 14 http://tinyurl.com/holo-hiad-ve
Classes begin at 1PM, exam at 6PM. Anyone wanting to just take exams can do so at no cost, but should register.

Hamfest, Traverse City. Saturday, February 10. Sponsor: Cherryland Amateur Radio Club
http://cherrylandarc.com

Holland Amateur Radio Club (HARC) monthly meeting, second Monday of the month, February 12, 7PM. Victory Point Ministries Youth Building, 11530 Ransom St., Holland. The building is located on Ransom, which is just east of 120th, south of New Holland St. and north of Quincy St. Talk-in K8DAA 147.06+(94.8Hz) http://www.hollandarc.org/ Directions: https://goo.gl/maps/BNmMiGCGqeH2

Lowell Amateur Radio Club monthly meeting, third Thursday of the month, February 15, 6:30 PM social, 7PM meeting. All are welcome. Pizza provided. Talk-in W8LRC 145.27-(94.8Hz) http://www.w8lrc.org Directions: https://goo.gl/maps/9e7G2FVkriJ2

Michigan Amateur Radio Alliance monthly meeting, second Wednesday of the month, February 21, 7:30 PM, at Plainfield Township Fire Department Training Center, SW corner of 5 Mile Rd and
Plainfield Ave. Talk-in W8USA 145.23-(94.8Hz) https://w8usa.org/interact/meetings/

The next E.A.T. meeting (Education And Training) will be February 26, 2018 at 7 pm at the VictoryPoint Ministries Youth Building. The club has bought a series of instructional electronics videos which are around 30 minutes long.
HARC E.A.T. sessions are open to the public and you do not need to be a HARC member or have an amateur radio license to attend. If you have questions about amateur radio equipment, operating practices, licensing, test and measurement, or anything remotely related to amateur radio, this is the place to be. http://www.hollandarc.org/?p=3666 Talk-in K8DAA 147.06+(94.8Hz)
SKYWARN spotter training, Ottawa and Kent county Skywarn. Thursday, March 1, doors open 6PM, begins 6:30 PM, Hudsonville High School Eagle Auditorium. Lots more information and sign-up at
https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ottawa-kent-severe-weather-spotter-training-2018-registration-42101467623?aff=mcivte

Kalamazoo “Michigan Crossroads Hamfest”. Saturday, March 17.
http://www.w8df.com/hamfest

Hudsonville, IRA Hamfest, Saturday, June 2, 2018. http://w8ira.org/

ARRL Hamfest and Convention Database http://www.arrl.org/hamfests/search

ONGOING EVENTS:

WEST MICHIGAN HAM NETS
https://calendar.google.com/calendar/embed?src=nfoddovv5unc52f0jsj5mv51p8@group.calendar.google.com&ctz=America/New_York&pli=1

Every Friday, Lunch Bunch at Noble Restaurant in Wyoming. https://eatnoble.com/
Gather in the back room starting about 11:30. This gathering of hams is sponsored by NOBODY! It's just some hams that get together for lunch on Fridays, and there is always room for you.

If I missed something or there is something coming up of interest to the West Michigasn Ham community, let me know, my callsign @arrl.net

73 Jack NY8D

3862. Monthly Meeting of the Grand Rapids ARA, Friday, 2 Feb

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2018-02-01 20:58:49 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3861 Message: 3862

The regular monthly meeting of the Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association will be held Friday, 2 February 2017, at Red Cross HQ, 1050 Fuller Avenue NE, Grand Rapids. This is about 2 block south of Leonard Street.

We are please to announce that Mike, KB8TB and crew will demonstrate FT8 digital mode, which is one of the later digital modes which is "catching fire" on the HF and VHF bands. With any luck with propagation, he will be able to demonstrate "live contacts" with folks around the state and maybe even some DX. (Caveat: One can NEVER be certain of HF propagation)

Note that all members of the ham community are always welcome at these monthly meetings. So, please publicize this event, bring your ham friends for an educational presentaiton.

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3863. Monthly Meeting of the Grand Rapids ARA, Friday, 2 Feb

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2018-02-01 21:04:54 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3861 Message: 3863

Forgot to put the time in previous message for the meetibg: Gathering from 6:30 to 7 p.m. with light refreshments, Meeting starts ~ 7 p.m.

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3864. Bouvet Island DxPedition 3Y0Z

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2018-02-03 22:48:34 UTC
From: Tom
Topic: 3864 Message: 3864

February 3, 2018, 2000 UTC: During the last 72 hours, we continued to experience the high winds, low clouds, fog and rough seas that have prevented helicopter operations since our arrival at Bouvet. No improvement was predicted in the weather forecast for the next four days. Then, last night, an issue developed in one of the ship’s engines.

This morning, the captain of the vessel declared it unsafe to continue with our project and aborted the DXpedition. We are now on our long voyage back to Punta Arenas. As you might imagine, the team is deeply disappointed, but safe. There is already talk about rescheduling the DXpedition,

Bob, K4UEE
Ralph, KØIR
Erling, LA6VM

3865. Re: [GRARA] Bouvet Island DxPedition 3Y0Z

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2018-02-03 23:13:01 UTC
From: paulnf8j
Topic: 3864 Message: 3865

Wow, the boat charter is usually the most expensive portion of the trip, so probably $1,000,000 gone with no good results. Phoney! !! !

Sent from my Galaxy Tab® S2
-------- Original message --------From: "Tom k8tb@bosscher.org [GRARA]" <GRARA@yahoogroups.com> Date: 2/3/18 5:48 PM (GMT-05:00) To: k8daa@yahoogroups.com, GRARA@yahoogroups.com, W8USA@yahoogroups.com, westMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com Subject: [GRARA] Bouvet Island DxPedition 3Y0Z

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3866. 2018 Dues are Due by 28 Feb 2018

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2018-02-08 19:10:10 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3864 Message: 3866

According to the Bylaws dues are due at the end of February each year.

I am processing several who have already given me dues at the recent meetings, or who have sent checks to the PO Box which is listed below.

Dues are $25 per year. For ops who are over 70, they may request the senior discount, which results in $15 per year.

Please support the organization.

If you've already contributed your dues, you may disregard this message.

72/73 de n8xx Hg
Treasurer, 2018

Address for membership dues is:
GRAND RAPIDS AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION
PO BOX 3282
GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49501-3282

3867. Re: [GRARA] 2018 Dues are Due by 28 Feb 2018

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2018-02-08 21:55:50 UTC
From: Jeff Janke
Topic: 3864 Message: 3867

Hi Hank, I gave Tom/Rich my dues hope you got them by now!

Jeff KT8G

On 2/8/2018 2:10 PM, Hank Greeb n8xx@... [GRARA] wrote:
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3868. Hi from the Sunny South!

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2018-02-11 21:12:32 UTC
From: wd8usa@...
Topic: 3868 Message: 3868

All well here in Orlando- Temps in mid 80's!

Tomorrow it is Epcot at Disney after going to Hamcation which was very large and quite well done!

The fun and sun continue! JB

3869. Hamvention 2018 Trip Lodging Details

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2018-02-11 21:37:57 UTC
From: stprovost@...
Topic: 3869 Message: 3869

Well after two places declined, I have a place that can accommodate 8 people.
I would like a personal email sent to stprovost@provtechs.com to be added to this list of 8.
I will be the first one on the list.
We will be leaving Thursday morning May 17th and going home Monday May 21.
You are welcome to come and go within the dates, but the cost will be the same per person.
Thanks
Stephen

3870. Re: Hamvention 2018 Trip Lodging Details

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2018-02-12 01:49:43 UTC
From: stprovost@...
Topic: 3869 Message: 3870

stprovost at provtechs.com is the email address

3871. Re: Hamvention 2018 Trip Lodging Details

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2018-02-13 02:29:52 UTC
From: stprovost@...
Topic: 3869 Message: 3871

Hello, I have four spots left for this group thanks
stephen

3872. Missing a camera?

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2018-02-13 03:01:41 UTC
From: Tom
Topic: 3872 Message: 3872

A nice camera was left behind at new ham/get out of the cabin lunch at the Pizza Ranch on Feb 3.
It was left by were Jerry from MARA was sitting. If you can ID it, we can get together.

Tom Bosscher K8TB

3873. Re: Hamvention 2018 Trip Lodging Details

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2018-02-15 17:03:15 UTC
From: stprovost@...
Topic: 3869 Message: 3873

Hello, I have all 8 spots reserved. I will be send an email to the people in the group later today with details. thanks
stephen

3874. Fwd: Crossroads Hamfest & Radio Swap March 17, 2018

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2018-02-15 22:27:09 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 3874 Message: 3874

-------- Beginning of forwarded message--------
15.02.2018, 16:55, "N5MKY" <kn5mky@gmail.com>:

That's right, one of the largest and longest running hamfests in Southwest Michigan is just one month away. Held in the spacious Valley Arena at the Wings Event Center in Kalamazoo Township, the Crossroads draws hundreds of hams from not only sSouthwest Michigan, but also West, Central and Southeast Michigan, as well as northern Illinois, Indiana and Ohio. Featuring over 160 vendor tables, the Crossroads offers plenty of space for vendors to display their wars and gives amateur radio enthusiasts a wide variety of vendors to shop. It is a tremendous opportunity for vendors and shoppers alike. Wings Event Center offers 2000 Free PAVED parking spaces. Also featured at the Crossroads are door prizes and an Amateur Radio Examination (VE) session for new hams and hams looking to upgrade their license.

f you have not reserved your tables and tickets yet, please go to www.w8df.com/hamfest (http://www.w8df.com/hamfest)and download the flyer to print, complete and mail in with payment while tables and tickets are available. If you have any questions, please contact the Jay Jarrett, Hamfest Committee Chair at either crossroadshamfest@w8df.com or 269-815-8007.

We look forward to seeing you at the 58th Annual Crossroads Hamfest & Radio Swap and don't forget to where your green for St. Patrick's Day.

73,
Smokey (Glenn) McCray
N5MKY
Public Information Officer
Crossroads Hamfest & Radio Swap

3875. FW: West Michigan Emergency Communication Net Official Schedule Change

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2018-02-18 15:10:30 UTC
From: Tom Behler
Topic: 3875 Message: 3875

FYI from Tom Behler: KB8TYJ, Grandville

Sorry for any duplicate e-mails.

From: Robert Hornbrook [mailto:rhornbrookionia@...]
Sent: Saturday, February 17, 2018 1:10 PM
To: montcalmioniacc@...
Subject: West Michigan Emergency Communication Net Official Schedule Change

Greetings to you all,

There is now an ongoing effort to revitalize the West Michigan Emergency Communication Net on the 145.270 W8LRC Lowell Amateur Radio Club repeater system.
As you may know, the net has been held on Sunday nights at 8 p.m. for a number of years. Jim McFadden (W8JWM), Kent County WMECN net controller, Tom Behler (KB8TYJ) Kent County Skywarn trainer for the visually impaired, and Robert Hornbrook (KD8TOV) Ionia County ARES / RACES / Skywarn are coordinating and operating the net. We are implementing a new day and time of Wednesday evenings at 8 p.m for the net. This change will be effective beginning on Wednesday February 21, 2018. We are very hopeful that this new scheduling will encourage many more folks to participate. This will put the net right between the Satern net, and the Michigan VHF Traffic Net, both of which are held on the Michigan Independent Repeater Association (IRA) link system. As far as we know, this new time doesn’t conflict with any other major area nets.
Once the new net is established, we are planning to come up with relevant topics and possible training ideas in order to give people reasons to check in. This is all being accomplished with the support of the Lowell Amateur Radio Club (LARC, W8LRC.org). We are hoping that anyone who represents an area AUXCOMM organization such as ARES, RACES, Search and Rescue, and Skywarn will join the net. We encourage any and all licensed amateur radio operators to check into the net as well.
Finally we will do everything we can to encourage participation from County EOC’s within range of the Lowell repeater system.
We ask that you please forward this message to everyone you know who might be interested in joining the net.

Thank you for your time and attention. We hope to hear you on the net real soon.

Sincerely,

Jim, Tom, Robert

3876. Hawaii's Communication Breakdown and How Going Ham Could Save Us

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2018-02-18 21:56:00 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 3876 Message: 3876

NBC Left Field "Hawaii's Communication Breakdown and How Going Ham Could Save Us"

Hawaii's recent false nuclear missile alert showed us how reliant we are on cell phones and modern technology—and how unprepared we are if they become inaccessible. But in case the unexpected happens, an unlikely group of hobbyists—ham radio operators—are standing at the ready and may save us all.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dO09aMGMizM

73 Jack NY8D

3877. West Michigan Emergency Communications Net Official Schedule Change

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2018-02-18 13:22:35 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 3877 Message: 3877
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

---------- Original Message ----------
Subject: West Michigan Emergency Communications Net Official Schedule Change
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Date: Sat, February 17, 2018 1:09 pm
To: montcalmioniacc@gmail.com

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3878. Fwd: Red Cross Callup, Flooding Event

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2018-02-25 02:59:28 UTC
From: wd8usa@...
Topic: 3878 Message: 3878

-----Original Message-----
From: wd8usa <wd8usa@...>
To: grara_members <grara_members@...>
Sent: Sat, Feb 24, 2018 9:58 pm
Subject: Red Cross Callup, Flooding Event

On Monday the Red Cross is calling as many as can to assist with the flooding event .

The communications unit has not been called out but there are many other jobs that need doing.

The County has declared a Disaster declaration which allows for Federal and State assistance.

If you can help, Go to the Red Cross building on Monday and offer to help if available- JB

3879. Re: [GRARA] Fwd: Red Cross Callup, Flooding Event

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2018-02-25 04:04:56 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3878 Message: 3879

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i just volunteered with Kit Soltysiak a few minutes ago after reading an urgent message for help needed. She suggested that I (and by inference, anyone who will be going out for flood damage assessment) take an on line course. Since the Red Cross portal seems to change daily, if not more often, I'm going to visit 1050 Fuller Ave NE on Monday afternoon to take the course there.

I suspect this is one of the few real needs for medium to large scale disaster assistance in this area. I hope I can be of service.

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p.s. Flood damage assessment is not very difficult. >99.44% of the time there's water lines on buildings which have been flooded, and the Red Cross and Federal Disaster service guidelines are clear on when minor, major, or total damage is in order. So, if you have time, reasonable eyesight, and willingness to slog around in sometimes muddy streets, please volunteer. It can be very informative, and the folks you're helping will be very appreciative./*/
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3880. Flooding

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2018-02-25 12:28:41 UTC
From: Jim Leys
Topic: 3880 Message: 3880

Hi Gang

Just to let you know that I have been deployed the last fewdays with the Red Cross on the flooding.

Not much going on in Kent county right now, have to wait untilthe river crests.

Down in Barry county yesterday. Will deploy again today atthe local chapter. Hope to get some more info as to volunteer needs, times to meet,ect .

Jim K8CAN

3881. Re: [GRARA] Fwd: Red Cross Callup, Flooding Event

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2018-02-26 01:12:52 UTC
From: wd8usa@...
Topic: 3878 Message: 3881

Thanks Hank! The county is also doing DS on Monday as I hear it- JB

-----Original Message-----
From: Hank Greeb n8xx@... [GRARA] <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
To: GRARA <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Sat, Feb 24, 2018 11:05 pm
Subject: Re: [GRARA] Fwd: Red Cross Callup, Flooding Event

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3882. Re: [GRARA] Flooding

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2018-02-26 01:20:03 UTC
From: wd8usa@...
Topic: 3880 Message: 3882

My back went oit today but I will see if I can assist- No heavy loads however! Are you using the 26 at all and has Steven been involved? JB

-----Original Message-----
From: Jim Leys jm_leys@... [GRARA] <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
To: Yahoo Groups <grara@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Sun, Feb 25, 2018 7:39 am
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Down in Barry county yesterday. Will deploy again today at the local chapter. Hope to get some more info as to volunteer needs, times to meet, ect .

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3883. Floods

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2018-02-26 10:07:14 UTC
From: Jim Leys
Topic: 3883 Message: 3883

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Mike Jones willhelp you register, ect.

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3884. Re: [GRARA] Floods

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2018-02-26 14:54:16 UTC
From: wd8usa@...
Topic: 3883 Message: 3884

Good work on being there James! I am proud of you and what you did!

My bad back held me back on this one!

JB

-----Original Message-----
From: Jim Leys jm_leys@... [GRARA] <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
To: Yahoo Groups <grara@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Mon, Feb 26, 2018 5:08 am
Subject: [GRARA] Floods

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Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2018-02-27 20:55:30 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3883 Message: 3885

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3886. Re: [GRARA] Disaster Assessment Training completed.

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2018-02-27 21:23:10 UTC
From: Marcelo W6EUH
Topic: 3883 Message: 3886

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Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2018-02-27 23:06:44 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3883 Message: 3887

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3888. Re: [GRARA] Disaster Assessment Training completed.

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2018-02-28 01:48:58 UTC
From: wd8usa@...
Topic: 3883 Message: 3888

Doing anything on the "fly" like this does not lead to a pleasant experience in many cases, although Hank and others are thanked for their efforts-

The key take away is train and prepare before an event like this happens where time to do proper training is over and the recovery phase begins for real .

I know not much has been said about training for over a year and longer so this comes as no surprise-

It is my hope this experience encourages the club to participate now in training both is RC and FEMA (after a break for RC staff to recover) .

Those that took the ICS courses years ago (IS 100,200,700, and 800) need to take a refresher which can be done on line through FEMA - It is strongly recommended because most if not all first responders and Fire /CERT use ICS in Disaster response.

There are many applications for Ham radio in the ICS framework.

-----Original Message-----
From: Hank Greeb n8xx@... [GRARA] <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
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I'd encourage anyone and everyone who is available during normal working hours to register with Red Cross for Disaster Assessment. If we could get enough hams together we could perhaps convince the powers that be that we could coordinate our efforts "on the fly" using ham radio, could leave from our homes instead of having to trundled down to Red Cross HQ (quite a distance out of the way for many of us), and get the job done without all the red tape and bureaucratic nonsense foisted upon us by National. This has been done in the past in other parts of the country. There's no reason ham radio could not be an excellent adjunct to flood disaster relief in Western Michigan>

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3889. Re: [GRARA] Disaster Assessment Training completed.

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2018-02-28 03:57:12 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 3883 Message: 3889

Years ago I was involved in the KC ARES/RACES. As the Feds required more and more ICS courses, and I was still on dial-up, I just lost interest. AFAIK, I was there to provide radio support, not learn all there is to know about how the Feds operate.
When the Red Cross recruitment had the "intellectual property" form to sign, I didn't fully understand the personal implications and refused to sign. The RC refused to accept me unless I signed. I asked our ARRL rep at the time if the ARRL ever had legal counsel review the form, all he could do is advise me not to sign it. So that's where it ended with me.

Skywarn is a different service I have no problem participating in.

73 Jack NY8D

27.02.2018, 20:49, "wd8usa@... [GRARA]" <grara@yahoogroups.com>:
> Doing anything on the "fly" like this does not lead to a pleasant experience in many cases, although Hank and others are thanked for their efforts-
>
> The key take away is train and prepare before an event like this happens where time to do proper training is over and the recovery phase begins for real .
>
> I know not much has been said about training for over a year and longer so this comes as no surprise-
>
> It is my hope this experience encourages the club to participate now in training both is RC and FEMA (after a break for RC staff to recover) .
>
> Those that took the ICS courses years ago (IS 100,200,700, and 800) need to take a refresher which can be done on line through FEMA - It is strongly recommended because most if not all first responders and Fire /CERT use ICS in Disaster response.
>
> There are many applications for Ham radio in the ICS framework.

3890. GRARA Board Meeting

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2018-02-28 19:34:16 UTC
From: Thom
Topic: 3890 Message: 3890

Sorry for being late on this...been really busy recently.

GRARA Boiard Meeting.

Tonight, February 28 at 6:45pm near the radio room.

see ya there.

73

Thom KI8W

3891. WM March Amateur radio events

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2018-02-28 22:05:30 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 3891 Message: 3891

It's March

Coming events:

SKYWARN spotter annual training
GRARA monthly meeting, VE exams
HARC monthly meeting
LARC monthly meeting
Kalamazoo Hamfest
MARA monthly meeting
HARC E.A.T. meeting (Education And Training)
HIAD (Ham in a Day)

SKYWARN spotter training, Ottawa and Kent county Skywarn. Thursday, March 1, doors open 6PM, begins 6:30 PM, Hudsonville High School Eagle Auditorium. Lots more information and sign-up at
https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ottawa-kent-severe-weather-spotter-training-2018-registration-42101467623?aff=mcivte

Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association (GRARA) monthly meeting, first Friday of the Month, February 2, 7PM. Door opens 6:30 PM. American Red Cross building, 1050 Fuller Ave NE, GR between the I-196 Ford Fwy and Leonard St. Same location as the GRARA shack. Talk-in 147.26+(94.8Hz). Directions: http://w8dc.org/pages/Red Cross.html
VE TESTING at GRARA on the second Friday of the month, March 9, same location.

Holland Amateur Radio Club (HARC) monthly meeting, second Monday of the month, March 12, 7PM. Victory Point Ministries Youth Building, 11530 Ransom St., Holland. The building is located on Ransom, which is just east of 120th, south of New Holland St. and north of Quincy St.
This is not for members only, and all those interested in amateur radio are invited to attend. Following a short business meeting, Tom Bosscher K8TB, will demonstrate the new FT8 digital mode by operating his home station by remote control.
Talk-in K8DAA 147.06+(94.8Hz) http://www.hollandarc.org/ Directions: https://goo.gl/maps/BNmMiGCGqeH2

Lowell Amateur Radio Club monthly meeting, third Thursday of the month, March 15, 6:30 PM social, 7PM meeting. All are welcome. Pizza provided. Talk-in W8LRC 145.27-(94.8Hz) http://www.w8lrc.org Directions: https://goo.gl/maps/9e7G2FVkriJ2

Kalamazoo “Michigan Crossroads Hamfest”. Saturday, March 17.
Location: Wings Event Center, 3600 Vanrick Drive, Kalamazoo, MI 49001
Website: http://www.w8df.com/hamfest
Sponsor: Southern Michigan Amateur Radio Society
Type: ARRL Hamfest
Talk-In: 147.000 (PL 94.8)
Public Contact: Jay Jarrett , N8ARR, 5103 South 36th Street Climax, MI 49034
Phone: 269-589-8649, Email: N8ARR@arrl.net

Michigan Amateur Radio Alliance monthly meeting, second Wednesday of the month, March 21, 7:30 PM, at Plainfield Township Fire Department Training Center, SW corner of 5 Mile Rd and Plainfield Ave. Talk-in W8USA 145.23-(94.8Hz) https://w8usa.org/interact/meetings/

The next E.A.T. meeting (Education And Training) will be March 26, 2018 at 7 pm at the VictoryPoint Ministries Youth Building. HARC E.A.T. sessions are open to the public and you do not need to be a HARC member or have an amateur radio license to attend. .
http://www.hollandarc.org/?p=3666 Talk-in K8DAA 147.06+(94.8Hz)
We will have instructional videos, as well as answer any questions and especially help newcomers to the hobby get started. Everyone is welcome to come and find out about ham radio, help someone else, or just socialize. No matter how long you've been involved in the hobby, there's always more to learn!

HIAD (Ham in a Day) classes, Saturday, April 14 in Holland.
http://tinyurl.com/holo-hiad-ve
Classes begin at 1PM, exam at 6PM. Anyone wanting to just take exams can do so at no cost, but please pre-register.

Cadillac Hamfest, Saturday, May 5
Location: Cadillac Jr. High School, 500 Chestnut Street, Cadillac, MI 49601
Website: http://www.wexaukeearc.org
Sponsor: Wexaukee Amateur Radio Club
Talk-In: 146.980 (no PL tone)
Public Contact: Alton McConnell , NU8L, PO Box 163 Cadillac, MI 49601
Phone: 231-862-3774, Email: nu8l@yahoo.com

Hudsonville, IRA Hamfest, Saturday, June 2, 2018. http://w8ira.org/

GRARA Hamfest Saturday, September 8. Home School Building, 5625 Burlingame SW, Wyoming, MI 49509
2018 Hamfest Flyer http://w8dc.org/file/club/2018GRAHamFestFlyer.pdf

Michigan State Convention (Great Lakes HamCon) Saturday/Sunday October 6 and 7.
Location: Michigan International Speedway, 12626 US 12, Brooklyn, MI 49230
Website: http://glhamcon.org
Sponsor: Great Lakes Amateur Radio Association
Type: ARRL Convention
Talk-In: 145.12 (PL 123)
Public Contact: Larry Camp , WB8R, 71 Oakdale Lane Coldwater, MI 49036
Phone: 517-617-4883, Email: wb8r@glhamcon.org

ARRL Hamfest and Convention Database http://www.arrl.org/hamfests/search

ONGOING EVENTS:

WEST MICHIGAN HAM NETS
https://calendar.google.com/calendar/embed?src=nfoddovv5unc52f0jsj5mv51p8@group.calendar.google.com&ctz=America/New_York&pli=1

Every Friday, Lunch Bunch at Noble Restaurant in Wyoming. https://eatnoble.com/
Gather in the back room starting about 11:30. This gathering of hams is sponsored by NOBODY! It's just hams that get together for lunch on Fridays, and there is always room for you.

If I missed something or there is something coming up of interest to the West Michigan Ham community, let me know, my callsign @arrl.net

73 Jack NY8D

3892. Re: [GRARA] GRARA Board Meeting

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2018-03-01 05:04:37 UTC
From: Jeff Janke
Topic: 3890 Message: 3892

I brought one of my grand-kids there tonight and have now 2 more to go.
We heard Montserrat and Romania on 40M. Gotta learn how to change bands,
but still just listening for now.

Jeff Kt8g

On 2/28/2018 2:34 PM, Thom ki8w@... [GRARA] wrote:
>
> Sorry for being late on this...been really busy recently.
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> GRARA Boiard Meeting.
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> Tonight, February 28 at 6:45pm near the radio room.
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> see ya there.
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> 73
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> Thom KI8W
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3893. Fwd: Training for Radio

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2018-03-03 12:25:10 UTC
From: wd8usa@...
Topic: 3893 Message: 3893

A training opportunity! JB

-----Original Message-----
From: Kathleen Soltysiak <kit.soltysiak@...>
To: wd8usa <wd8usa@...>
Sent: Fri, Mar 2, 2018 6:14 pm
Subject: Training for Radio

#AOLMsgPart_1_1d65a6ce-7162-48d6-8b28-6753c5a9894d td{color: black;} .aolReplacedBody {font-family:; font-size: 100%;} hi Joe - Catherine Kello is the new Training Lead. She is working with the Ops people and was hoping she could work with you on the training ideas for radio club after the disaster. Jim Leys is working with Dis Assessment so if he is there tonight he can give you an update.
We are holding the Diaster Assessment and Logistics courses next Tuesday at the GGR Chapter. I'll forward you that email to give to the members (I believe they need to be Red Cross mbrs to attend, Nikki or Catherine would know). Catherine.kello@...

Thanks for helping,

Kit Soltysiak, Workforce Mobilization

Greater Grand Rapids Chapter/American Red Cross

616-558-7672

3894. Foxhunting Training in the Park, April 28, 2018

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2018-03-06 12:56:16 UTC
From: Tom
Topic: 3894 Message: 3894

A "Tune-Up In the Park" Fox Hunting exercise will be held on April 28, 2018 sponsored by the Lowell ARC, the Allegan ARC, the Holland ARC, and the Grand Rapids ARA.

Whether you are just beginning to be interested in Fox Hunting or you are a grizzled veteran, plan on being at Douglas-Walker Park on Saturday, April 28, 2018 from 9 am to 12 noon.

There will be at least five micro-transmitters hidden in the park for you to take your time locating, practicing your skills and debugging your equipment.

At twelve noon, the park activity will stop, and a "live" fox will go on the air, located within eight miles of the start.

There will be seasoned Fox Hunters to help with your equipment and techniques.

If you have a Fox Box or a micro/mini fox and would like to bring it to the park to be used, please contact the event coordinator, Nathan, N8THN at coffeefein24@...

3895. Announcement Of Another New Net On The W8IRA Link System

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2018-03-07 02:08:03 UTC
From: Tom Behler
Topic: 3895 Message: 3895

Hello, everyone.

Please spread the word on this new net, and join the fun if you can.

See below for more details.

Tom Behler: KB8TYJ, Grandville

Announcing a new Evening Net on the IRA Link System!

As a lot of you have asked and suggested, starting Saturday, March 10th, at 6:00pm Local Time, there will be a new NET starting up on the W8IRA link system. It will be called the "IRA After Work/Dinner" net.

The format will pretty much follow the "IRA Michigan Noontime Roundup" net with a slight variation. Hopefully, if all goes well, we will expand the net to Tuesdays and Thursdays, also at 6:00pm Local Time. It will entirely be based on how well the new Saturday net goes. The purpose will be to promote Amateur Radio, and ask and answer questions of all kinds. We'll also be able to see how the various IRA repeaters are working and address any problems with them. This, as with the Noontime Net, will allow you to communicate with other Amateur Radio operators or just make some new friends. Brand new radio operators are especially invited to join. We want everyone to get involved! New NET CONTROLS will be needed in order to keep the net going, so please give that some consideration.

If you have any questions, or would like more information, please feel free to contact either:

Tom Behler: IRA Net Operations Director, at kb8tyj@...
<mailto:kb8tyj@...> or,

Rick Fyan, After Work/Dinner Net Manager, at KE8IKT@...
<mailto:KE8IKT@...>

If you would like any more information on the Independent Repeater Association (IRA) Link System, please go to:

www.w8ira.org <http://www.w8ira.org/>

We look forward to your participation in this new IRA Link System Net!

3896. Kalamazoo "Crossroads Hamfest" Saturday, plus other upcoming hamfests.

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2018-03-13 15:28:11 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 3896 Message: 3896

Reminder this Saturday's (March 17) Crossroads Hamfest & Radio Swap in Kalamazoo.
From “Smokey” N5MKY

Held in the spacious Valley Arena at the Wings Event Center in Kalamazoo Township, the Crossroads draws hundreds of hams from not only Southwest Michigan, but also West, Central and Southeast Michigan, as well as northern Illinois, Indiana and Ohio. Featuring over 160 vendor tables, the Crossroads offers plenty of space for vendors to display their wars and gives amateur radio enthusiasts a wide variety of vendors to shop. It is a tremendous opportunity for vendors and shoppers alike. Wings Event Center offers 2000 Free PAVED parking spaces. Also featured at the Crossroads are door prizes and an Amateur Radio Examination (VE) session for new hams and hams looking to upgrade their license.

f you have not reserved your tables and tickets yet, please go to www.w8df.com/hamfest and download the flyer to print, complete and mail in with payment while tables and tickets are available. If you have any questions, please contact the Jay Jarrett, Hamfest Committee Chair at either crossroadshamfest@... or 269-815-8007.

We look forward to seeing you at the 58th Annual Crossroads Hamfest & Radio Swap and don't forget to wer your green for St. Patrick's Day.

73, Smokey (Glenn) McCray N5MKY Cereal City, USA 269-986-2063

ALSO ANNOUNCING: Allegan County Amateur Radio Club's annual swap
From Mike W6RP
Saturday April 7, 8 to Noon, at the Salem Township hall, 3003 142nd Ave., Burnips (Dorr), MI 49314. More details as available. http://ac8rc.org/?page_id=6
https://goo.gl/maps/7wQqn4J6Eyx

HAMVENTION DAY BUS TRIP
From John WA8TON/VO1TON/VO1HV
Once again, this year, The ARROW Communication Association of Ann Arbor, Michigan is sponsoring its annual round-trip by bus to Hamvention on Saturday, May 19, 2018. Details plus flier are at:
https://w8rp.org/activities/dayton-bus-trip/

This trip has run since 2002. We have sold out the last four years! We have had riders come from all over. They have come from Kalamazoo and Grand Rapids. In 2017, John, VE3IPS came down from Toronto to be with us. You can see some fine photos and a great video on his web site:
https://ve3ips.wordpress.com/2017/05/22/dayton-hamvention-2017-arrow-communications-bus-buildathon-qrpme-rf-probe-kit-w1rex/

For $65.00 ($55.00 before April 1), we offer a free continental breakfast, space at our flea market table and, most of all, PRIZES! It is probably complete coincidence, but a number of the products we have been given have then made it into the Product Review column of QST (QRP Labs, QRPme and Borden Radio Company come to mind).
We thank you all for your kind attention. We look forward to seeing you at Hamvention and on the bus!

And other future hamfests / conventions:

Cadillac Hamfest, Saturday, May 5
Location: Cadillac Jr. High School, 500 Chestnut Street, Cadillac, MI 49601
Website: http://www.wexaukeearc.org
Sponsor: Wexaukee Amateur Radio Club
Talk-In: 146.980 (no PL tone)
Public Contact: Alton McConnell , NU8L, PO Box 163 Cadillac, MI 49601
Phone: 231-862-3774, Email: nu8l@...

Hudsonville, IRA Hamfest, Saturday, June 2, 2018. http://w8ira.org/

Michigan Antique Radio Club's Vintage Electronics Expo, Thursday July 12 – Saturday July 14 Kalamazoo Expo Center. http://michiganantiqueradio.org/

Central Michigan ARC Hamfest, Saturday, July 28
Location: Holt Christian Church, 2424 Washington Road, Lansing, MI 48901
Website: http://www.centralmiarc.com/outdoorhamfest.php
Sponsor: Central Michigan Amateur Radio Club
Talk-In: 145.39 (PL 100)
Public Contact: Clyde Tompkins , K8CPT, 1801 North Hagadorn Road, Apt. 214 East Lansing, MI 48823
Phone: 517-927-3801, Email: clyde48837@...
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73 Jack NY8D

3897. RE: calling for articles

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2018-03-19 21:46:07 UTC
From: Richard Ranta
Topic: 3897 Message: 3897

Yes, it's that time once again for GRARA's QRM newsletter to come out. So if you'd like to contribute an article or comment, please send it to me, at

secretary@... <mailto:secretary@...>

or scooter1cat@...

"I'm not a product of my circumstances, I'm a product of my decisions"

Rich K8JX and Scooter the cat

3898. Re: [GRARA] RE: calling for articles

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2018-03-20 01:38:32 UTC
From: wd8usa@...
Topic: 3897 Message: 3898

You might mention the heightened awareness that the club needs to seek out training opportunities to help Red Cross when they arise due to the flooding event in February- disasters happen without warning! Examples include First Aid, Shelter Operations and Damage Acessment - Also we have smoke alarm installs coming up in the near future that may need comm support.

Yes, There is still a need for radio support!

Contact the Chapter for a training schedule directly or Jim K8CAN

Also you might mention the packet station is on full time on 145.07 BBS call sign is W8DC-1

We have a net on Red Cross freq 47.420 every Sunday night @ 7:30 PM Reception reports are solicited-

Thanks Schooter !

JB

-----Original Message-----
From: 'Richard Ranta' scooter1cat@... [GRARA] <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
To: GRARA <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Mon, Mar 19, 2018 5:46 pm
Subject: [GRARA] RE: calling for articles

Yes, it’s that time once again for GRARA’s QRM newsletter to come out. So if you’d like to contribute an article or comment, please send it to me, at

secretary@grara.org

or scooter1cat@...

“I’m not a product of my circumstances, I’m a product of my decisions”

Rich K8JX and Scooter the cat

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3899. CQ World Wide WPX SSB Contest This Weekend

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2018-03-21 01:26:46 UTC
From: greg333333@...
Topic: 3899 Message: 3899

This weekend, March 24-25, is the CQ World Wide Contest for working all prefixes (W1, W2, W3, etc). While the contest goes for a full 48 hours, we will start at noon on Saturday March 24 in the radio room and go until we've had enough.

If you're interested in contesting, or just want to stop by and see how we are doing, please come by.

3900. Fox hunt April 28

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2018-03-22 01:52:28 UTC
From: Tom
Topic: 3900 Message: 3900

A "Tune-Up In the Park" Fox Hunting exercise will be held on April 28, 2018 sponsored by the Lowell ARC, the Allegan ARC, the Holland ARC, and the Grand Rapids ARA.

Whether you are just beginning to be interested in Fox Hunting or you are a grizzled veteran, plan on being at Douglas-Walker Park on Saturday, April 28, 2018 from 9 am to 12 noon.

There will be at least five micro-transmitters hidden in the park for you to take your time locating, practicing your skills and debugging your equipment.

At twelve noon, the park activity will stop, and a "live" fox will go on the air, located within eight miles of the start.

There will be seasoned Fox Hunters to help with your equipment and techniques.

If you have a Fox Box or a micro/mini fox and would like to bring it to the park to be used, please contact the event coordinator, Nathan, N8THN at n8thn@...

Nathan Hardman

N8THN

Some of you at the GRARA Wednesday night gathering were asking about equipment. I recommend two items, plus coax cable to mate with your radio.

A "measuring tape" 3 element 2 meter beam. Google this one up. Plenty of instructions on the 'net on how to build these.

An active attenuator. You an get these right here in Michigan from John, KC9ON who lives in Gaylord.

https://kc9on.com/ham-radio/fox-hunting/

https://kc9on.com/product/fox-hunt-offset-attenuator/

Get these as soon as possible to start experimenting, then come to Nathan's big tune up party on April 28.

73 de Tom, K8TB

3901. Fwd: West MI Disaster Services Updates- Red Cross

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2018-03-22 02:46:37 UTC
From: wd8usa@...
Topic: 3901 Message: 3901

SOME TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOU IF INTERESTED:

-----Original Message-----
From: Nikki Salladay <nikki.salladay@...>
To: wd8usa <wd8usa@...>
Sent: Wed, Mar 21, 2018 6:23 pm
Subject: West MI Disaster Services Updates- Red Cross

#AOLMsgPart_1_4b4692a9-5583-41d3-a15c-bdc567666713 td{color: black;} .aolReplacedBody {font-family:; font-size: 100%;} Good evening! If you haven't heard already, we've been incredibly busy over the last few months in West Michigan! Thank you so much to everyone who has assisted with our three apartment fires, the Statewide Disaster Response Operation assisting with the flood relief, and the numerous individual fire responses, smoke alarm installations, and preparedness education presentations!

We have several awesome in-person training opportunities coming up (many of which are offered infrequently):

Government Operations March 23 10am-5pm Grand Rapids Office (Only available in person and there's still time to sign up!!)

Collaborating Essentials March 24 10am-5pm Grand Rapids Office (Good for Community Partnerships- still 8 spots available!!)

Muskegon Boot Camp April 10-12 (the brochure is attached for courses available and how to sign up)

If you sign up through SurveyMonkey, there will be a pop-up at the end asking if you want to take a survey, do not click "Yes"... just "x" out of the box.

Hudsonville Boot Camp May 16-20 (rescheduled from March due to flood response) Stay tuned for brochure and course offerings.

Lastly, during the Strength of Workplace meeting held a few months ago, it was requested we share a Table of Organization with all DCS volunteers so you know who the leads are of various areas and how to contact them. Attached is that information. I hope it's helpful!

Let me know if you have any questions, are looking for ways to get more involved, or just want to call and chat about your Disaster Services experience. I'd love to hear from you!

Have a wonderful night,

Nikki Salladay
Disaster Program Manager
American Red Cross of West Michigan
269-303-2135

Attachment: https://volunteerconnection.redcross.org/ama/orig/emails/206/294/West-MI-Boot-Camp-Brochure-0410-1-.pdf
Attachment: https://volunteerconnection.redcross.org/ama/orig/emails/206/294/West-Michigan-Org-Chart-Names-Contact-info.pdf

3902. VHF Spring Sprints

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2018-03-26 02:19:22 UTC
From: David DeVos
Topic: 3902 Message: 3902

The Central States VHF Society is proud to sponsor and announce the dates and times for the 2018 run of the VHF and up Spring Sprints!

144 MHz: Monday, 4/09/18 from 7 - 11 PM local, Exchange: 4 char grid

222 MHz: Tuesday, 4/17/18 from 7 - 11 PM local, Exchange: 4 char grid

432 MHz: Wednesday, 4/25/18 from 7 - 11 PM local, Exchange: 4 char grid

Microwave, 902 MHz and up: Saturday, 5/5/18 from 8 AM - 2 PM local, Exchange: 6 char grid

50 MHz: Saturday, 5/12/18 from 2300Z until 0300Z Sunday, 5/13/18, Exchange: 4 char grid

Classes: Stations will be classified as either Single Op or Rover. A portable or mobile station that operates from only one grid is considered a Single Op station. A Rover must operate from at least 2 grid squares.

More information and rules are posted at:
https://sites.google.com/site/springvhfupsprints/home

Dave DeVosKF8QL

3903. Amateur Radio EVENTS West Michigan April 2018

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2018-03-29 02:28:51 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 3903 Message: 3903

It's April

Coming events:

2nd Hand Ham Shop
MAARC monthly meeting
GRARA monthly meeting, VE exams
ACARC Mini-Swap
ACARC monthly meeting
HARC monthly meeting
MARA monthly meeting
HIAD (Ham in a Day)
LARC monthly meeting
HARC E.A.T. meeting (Education And Training)
NOARC meeting
FOX HUNT tune-up in the park followed by hunt

2nd Hand Ham Shop, 7830 80th. Zeeland, Michigan 49464.
CQ, CQ, CQ, de KD8DEG Tom
We will be open this Saturday, March 31, 2018, 8AM – 2PM with plenty of coffee, and donuts for you.
Looking forward to your visit!!!! 73 KD8DEG Tom QRT www.facebook.com/2nd-Hand-Ham-Shop

Muskegon Area Amateur Radio Council monthly meetings are on the first Thursday of the month April 5, 7 PM. Held at the MAARC clubhouse, 2888 Scenic Drive on the east side of Scenic Drive. Look for our sign. 146.94- http://www.w8zho.com/
Map http://www.mapquest.com/maps/map.adp?address=2888%20Scenic%20Drive&city=Muskegon&state=MI&zipcode=49445&zoom=10
Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association (GRARA) monthly meeting, first Friday of the Month, April 6, 7PM. Door opens 6:30 PM. American Red Cross building, 1050 Fuller Ave NE, GR between the I-196 Ford Fwy and Leonard St. Same location as the GRARA shack. Talk-in 147.26+(94.8Hz). Directions: http://w8dc.org/pages/Red Cross.html
VE TESTING at GRARA on the second Friday of the month, March 9, same location.

Mini-swap, Saturday, April 7. Allegan County Amateur Radio Club's annual mini-swap at the Salem Township hall, 3003 142nd Ave, Burnips, MI 49314. Corner of 142nd Ave and 30th Street, Allegan County. Assuming 8AM start time. US-131 exit 68 / Dorr. west 8.6 miles. Map https://goo.gl/maps/6GUW1qPMUdJ2
Source: Mike W6RP charles.m.long@... http://ac8rc.org/

Holland Amateur Radio Club (HARC) monthly meeting, second Monday of the month.
HARC on the Road, April 9, 2018 Road trip! Well, a very short one. Tonight the club will be meeting at and touring thenew Holland BPW Energy Park, located at1 Energy Park Way (west off Chicago Drive between HighlandAvenue and East 8th Street). Special Notes: This will begin at 6:30 pmrather than our usual meeting time. Names and addresses for all attendees must be submitted at least two days prior to the tour. Contact Phil K8PVH to sign-up.

http://www.hollandarc.org/?p=4418 Talk-in K8DAA 147.06+(94.8Hz) http://www.hollandarc.org/
Note: Starting in May 2018, the Holland Amateur Radio Club will be meeting on a NEW DAY in a NEW LOCATION. For the foreseeable future, the club will hold general meetings on the second Tuesday of the month and E.A.T. meetings will be held on fourth Tuesday of the month, both at 7pm. Our new location will be the Chick-Owa Sportsman's Club, located at 9279 E Ottogan Street (just west of Winding Creek).

Allegan County Amateur Radio Club monthly meeting second Tuesday, April 10, Allegan County Technical and Education Center (ACATEC), 2891 116th Street (M-222) across from the Allegan County Airport. Start time not specified. http://ac8rc.org/?page_id=7 147.24+(94.8Hz)

Michigan Amateur Radio Alliance monthly meeting, second Wednesday of the month, April 11, 7:30 PM, at Plainfield Township Fire Department Training Center, SW corner of 5 Mile Rd and Plainfield Ave. Talk-in W8USA 145.23-(94.8Hz) https://w8usa.org/interact/meetings/
BURRITO NIGHT Friday, April 13, 5PM. 5th Street Hall, 701 5th Street NW, Grand Rapids. https://w8usa.org/

HIAD (Ham in a Day) classes, Saturday, April 14 in Holland.
"Ham in a Day" Held at Victory Point Ministries Youth Building, 11530 Ransom St., Holland. This is an opportunity for anyone wishing to get their amateur radio technician license to study and take the exam all in one afternoon. Directed study starts at 1:00 and continues till 6:00, when the test will be given.For registration and more information, go to:http://tinyurl.com/holo-hiad-ve Cost for the Ham in a Day study session is $25. Also, anyone holding a current technician or general licenses may arrive at 6:00 and take the test to upgrade at no cost. Anyone whose license is within 90 days of expiring can also renew their license between 6:00 and the end of testing at no charge.

Lowell Amateur Radio Club monthly meeting, third Thursday of the month, April 19, 6:30 PM social, 7PM meeting. All are welcome. Pizza provided. Talk-in W8LRC 145.27-(94.8Hz) http://www.w8lrc.org Directions: https://goo.gl/maps/9e7G2FVkriJ2

The next Holland ARC E.A.T. meeting (Education And Training) will be April 23, 2018 at 7 pm at the Victory Point Ministries Youth Building. The club has purchased a series of instructional electronics videos which are around 30 minutes long. This will be followed by discussion and/or demonstration. HARC E.A.T. sessions are open to the public and you do not need to be a HARC member or have an amateur radio license to attend. If you have questions about amateur radio equipment, operating practices, licensing, test and measurement, or anything remotely related to amateur radio, this is the place to be.
SEE NOTE of future E.A.T. meeting dates and location above.

North Ottawa ARC meetings 4th Thursday of the month, April 26, 6:30 PM at the Spring Lake District Library. This meeting is a general public meeting introducing Amateur Radio, at the request of the library. http://www.w8cso.org/ 145.49-(94.8Hz)

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Douglas-Walker Park is on 84th St, 1.5 mile west of US-131 exit 74 / Byron Center. Map to the park https://goo.gl/maps/UV6bQ6BhCZy
73 de Tom, K8TB
++Somebody please have the webmaster of http://www.michiganfoxhunter.com/ update++

Cadillac Hamfest, Saturday, May 5
Location: Cadillac Jr. High School, 500 Chestnut Street, Cadillac, MI 49601
Website: http://www.wexaukeearc.org
Sponsor: Wexaukee Amateur Radio Club
Talk-In: 146.980 (no PL tone)
Public Contact: Alton McConnell , NU8L, PO Box 163 Cadillac, MI 49601
Phone: 231-862-3774, Email: nu8l@...

IRA HAMFEST, Saturday, June 2
Location: Hudsonville Fairgrounds, 5235 Park Avenue, Hudsonville, MI 49426
Website:
http://w8ira.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/IRA-Hamfest-2018-Full-Sheet-03-13-18.pdf
Sponsor: Independent Repeater Association
Talk-In: 147.16+ (PL 94.8)
Public Contact: Tom Bosscher K8TB
Phone: 616-662-1080, Email: k8tb@...

Central Michigan ARC Hamfest, Saturday, July 28
Location: Holt Christian Church, 2424 Washington Road, Lansing, MI 48901
Website: http://www.centralmiarc.com/outdoorhamfest.php
Sponsor: Central Michigan Amateur Radio Club
Talk-In: 145.39 (PL 100)
Public Contact: Clyde Tompkins , K8CPT , Phone: 517-927-3801, Email: clyde48837@...

GRARA Hamfest Saturday, September 8. Home School Building, 5625 Burlingame SW, Wyoming, MI 49509
2018 Hamfest Flyer http://w8dc.org/file/club/2018GRAHamFestFlyer.pdf

Michigan State Convention (Great Lakes HamCon) Saturday/Sunday October 6 and 7.
Location: Michigan International Speedway, 12626 US 12, Brooklyn, MI 49230
Website: http://glhamcon.org
Sponsor: Great Lakes Amateur Radio Association
Type: ARRL Convention
Talk-In: 145.12 (PL 123)
Public Contact: Larry Camp , WB8R, 71 Oakdale Lane Coldwater, MI 49036
Phone: 517-617-4883, Email: wb8r@...

ARRL Hamfest and Convention Database http://www.arrl.org/hamfests/search

ONGOING EVENTS:

WEST MICHIGAN HAM NETS
https://calendar.google.com/calendar/embed?src=nfoddovv5unc52f0jsj5mv51p8@...&ctz=America/New_York&pli=1

Every Friday, Lunch Bunch at Noble Restaurant in Wyoming. https://eatnoble.com/
Gather in the back room starting about 11:30. This gathering of hams is sponsored by NOBODY! It's just hams that get together for lunch on Fridays, and there is always room for you.

If I missed something or there is something coming up of interest to the West Michigan Ham community, let me know, my callsign @...

73 Jack NY8D

3904. The Sky is falling ! Well, Tiangong-1 is...

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2018-03-31 17:06:52 UTC
From: Tom
Topic: 3904 Message: 3904

If you are interested in where that errant Chinese satellite might be,
have a look at the heavens-above website:

http://www.heavens-above.com/GroundTrack.aspx?lat=0&lng=0&loc=Unspecified&alt=0&tz=UCT

As a side note, the latest prediction from NASA's computers is that the
bulk of the satellite is expected to hit the US 131 100th St overpass
sometime Sunday. :)

73 and have a wonderful Easter, Tom K8TB

3905. Re: The Sky is falling ! Well, Tiangong-1 is...

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2018-04-01 22:16:58 UTC
From: w8nsi@...
Topic: 3904 Message: 3905

Good one... it might as well hit it before reconstruction starts. Everyone else has.
73 de w8nsi jim

3906. Re: The Sky is falling ! Well, Tiangong-1 is...

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2018-04-01 22:56:25 UTC
From: w8nsi@...
Topic: 3904 Message: 3906

From the lat/long info in the url, it looks like its an April Fools Joke.

3907. Re: [GRARA] Re: The Sky is falling ! Well, Tiangong-1 is...

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2018-04-02 01:24:41 UTC
From: Thom
Topic: 3904 Message: 3907

Howdy all,

I just finished negotiations with the Chinese Government and Space Agency for my purchase of the Tiamgong-1 Space Station for the rock bottom price of $1 US.

Any debris found in Michigan belongs to me and I will sue anyone that steals said property.

Yep, It's April 1.

73

Thom KI8W

On 4/1/2018 22:56, w8nsi@... [GRARA] wrote:
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3908. Re: The Sky is falling ! Well, Tiangong-1 is...

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2018-04-02 03:03:46 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 3904 Message: 3908

Thom, just wait until the new Trump tariff gets you based on the original cost of $2.35 Billion.

01.04.2018, 21:24, "Thom ki8w@ki8w.com [GRARA]" <grara@yahoogroups.com>:

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Jack Amelar
13110 Victory Woods Dr NE
Lowell, MI 49331-8857
Home:(616)438-5412
Cell:(616)438-1464
Email: jamelar@yandex.com

PLEASE NOTE NEW EMAIL ADDRESS!
The old email, @localnet.com, still valid for now,
will eventually shut down. Please update your directory.

And just in case your curious about the address change (if not, skip the rest of this), I've had the @localnet address for over 14 years. I originally got it when I signed up for Localnet.com dialup. When I switched to a fixed wireless service, I kept the @localnet address by paying an annual fee. I now have a fiber optic service provider. With the proliferation of free email services that are far more versatile, and Localnet doubling the annual fee, I decided it was time to switch email providers. I will keep the old address for now, as I have a lot of accounts tied to it I need to switch over. I'm not slamming it shut, avoiding the dreaded “user unknown”. So why @yandex.com as opposed to some of the other well known email providers? There are other “jamelar”s somewhere on other services, some apparently Spanish being their primary language. If you lose this new address, you can always email to my amateur radio callsign, NY8D@arrl.net which forwards to this, my new email address.

3909. Re: [GRARA] Re: The Sky is falling ! Well, Tiangong-1 is...

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2018-04-02 10:49:40 UTC
From: John Streyle
Topic: 3904 Message: 3909

http://www.woodtv.com/news/international/china-space-lab-mostly-burns-up-on-re-entry/1092444485
Thom, does that mean you’re responsible for any damage caused?

W8QZ
Sent from my iPad

> On Apr 1, 2018, at 11:03 PM, Jack Amelar jamelar@... [GRARA] <GRARA@yahoogroups.com> wrote:
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> Jack Amelar
> 13110 Victory Woods Dr NE
> Lowell, MI 49331-8857
> Home:(616)438-5412
> Cell:(616)438-1464

> Email: jamelar@...
>
> PLEASE NOTE NEW EMAIL ADDRESS!
> The old email, @..., still valid for now,
> will eventually shut down. Please update your directory.

3910. Allegan ARC annual swap this Saturday + other regional hamfests

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2018-04-03 13:52:38 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 3910 Message: 3910

THIS SATURDAY

Mini-Ham swap, Saturday, April 7. Allegan County Amateur Radio Club's annual swap at the Salem Township hall, 3003 142nd Ave, Burnips, MI 49314.
If you want to sell or buy, cost is $5.00 for the entry fee. Doors open around 6:30 AM to setup your table. Doors open for business at 8:00 AM. There will be a time to fellowship with others, over coffee, donuts and other items.
Location: Corner of 142nd Ave and 30th Street, Allegan County. US-131 Exit 68 142nd Ave / Dorr, west 8.6 miles. Map https://goo.gl/maps/6GUW1qPMUdJ2
Source: Mike W6RP charles.m.long@gmail.com http://ac8rc.org/ and
Facebook https://www.facebook.com/events/351474855337243/

NOTE, this event is classified as a "mini-ham swap", still fun to attend. And who says it can't grow?

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Cadillac Hamfest, Saturday, May 5
Location: Cadillac Jr. High School, 500 Chestnut Street, Cadillac, MI 49601
Website: http://www.wexaukeearc.org
Sponsor: Wexaukee Amateur Radio Club
Talk-In: 146.980 (no PL tone)
Public Contact: Alton McConnell , NU8L, PO Box 163 Cadillac, MI 49601
Phone: 231-862-3774, Email: nu8l@yahoo.com

HAMVENTION Saturday, May 19 one day bus trip, Ann Arbor-Xenia.
Join us for the one-day excursion to the Dayton Hamvention on Saturday, May 19th at 5:00 AM. We will arrive in Dayton around 9:00 AM, depart for Ann Arbor at 5:30 PM, and be home by 8:30 PM or 9:00 PM.
Who could ask for more? Breakfast. Door prizes. You have the dealers and forums inside and the monster flea market outside.
Please join us! Tickets are $65. Please note that this does not include the Hamvention ticket.
Sponsor: Arrow Communication Association, Ann Arbor.
For more info and to buy the tickets online please visit:
https://w8rp.org/activities/dayton-bus-trip/

IRA HAMFEST, Saturday, June 2
Location: Hudsonville Fairgrounds, 5235 Park Avenue, Hudsonville, MI 49426
Website:
http://w8ira.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/IRA-Hamfest-2018-Full-Sheet-03-13-18.pdf

Sponsor: Independent Repeater Association

Talk-In: 147.16+ (PL 94.8)

Public Contact: Tom Bosscher K8TB
Phone: 616-662-1080, Email: k8tb@bosscher.org

VINTAGE ELECTRONICS EXPO, Thursday, Friday, Saturday July 14, 15, 16
Location: Kalamazoo Expo Center (Fairgrounds)
Our largest show (and the first ALL INDOOR multi-day vintage electronics event of this type in the USA) has moved from our long time Lansing location to Kalamazoo Expo Center, located at the Kalamazoo County Fairgrounds. It is usually the second full weekend after the 4th of July holiday. This show features a huge flea market, a “Main Auction”, “Silent Auctions”, seminars, and a Bargain Auction at the end of the event. Sellers and buyers come from all over the USA. The club encourages the general public to attend… the admission is just $5 per day. Thursday is a set up day only (no sales allowed and only dealers admitted), then the flea market opens FRIDAY morning. We also offer a “Roadshow” style evaluation service at each show. The club encourages folks to bring in items for appraisal, repair or parts info, or to donate to the club. Bring clear pictures if the item(s) are too large to move. Best to contact us first if you have a collection of items you wish to sell or donate to the club. http://michiganantiqueradio.org/

Central Michigan ARC Hamfest, Saturday, July 28
Location: Holt Christian Church, 2424 Washington Road, Lansing, MI 48901
Website: http://www.centralmiarc.com/outdoorhamfest.php
Sponsor: Central Michigan Amateur Radio Club
Talk-In: 145.39 (PL 100)
Public Contact: Clyde Tompkins , K8CPT , Phone: 517-927-3801, Email: clyde48837@hotmail.com

GRARA Hamfest Saturday, September 8. Home School Building, 5625 Burlingame SW, Wyoming, MI 49509
2018 Hamfest Flyer http://w8dc.org/file/club/2018GRAHamFestFlyer.pdf

Michigan State Convention (Great Lakes HamCon) Saturday/Sunday October 6 and 7.
Location: Michigan International Speedway, 12626 US 12, Brooklyn, MI 49230
Website: http://glhamcon.org
Sponsor: Great Lakes Amateur Radio Association
Type: ARRL Convention
Talk-In: 145.12 (PL 123)
Public Contact: Larry Camp , WB8R, 71 Oakdale Lane Coldwater, MI 49036
Phone: 517-617-4883, Email: wb8r@glhamcon.org

Muskegon Color Tour Hamfest
Kalamazoo Hamfest
Usually in late October. No information at this time.

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ARRL Hamfest and Convention Database http://www.arrl.org/hamfests/search

73 Jack NY8D

3911. GRARA Board Meeting

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2018-04-03 17:52:57 UTC
From: Thom
Topic: 3890 Message: 3911

Howdy all,

Just a reminder that the GRARA Board Meeting for April will be held Wednesday, April 4 at 6:45pm at the Red Cross building.

Also the April 2018 General Meeting will be held on Friday, April 6 with the meet and greet at 6:30pm with the meeting to start at 7pm

See ya there.

73

Thom KI8W

3912. QRM Newsletter

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2018-04-05 17:45:16 UTC
From: Thom
Topic: 3890 Message: 3912

The latest addition of the QRM Newsletter Volume 4 is now available for your reading enjoyment on our club website in the Breaking News section of our HOME page.

https://www.w8dc.org

73

Thom KI8W

3913. Fwd: [GRARA] QRM Newsletter

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2018-04-06 02:13:28 UTC
From: Kreigh Tomaszewski
Topic: 3890 Message: 3913

Nice newsletter Thom.

Suggestion. Include a short article identifying new hams that have joined the club, and club members who have successfully upgraded their licenses, since the last newsletter. Callsign and first name would be enough.

Kreigh
KE8EAL

---------- Forwarded message ----------
From: Thom ki8w@... [GRARA] <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Date: Thu, Apr 5, 2018 at 1:45 PM
Subject: [GRARA] QRM Newsletter
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com

The latest addition of the QRM Newsletter Volume 4 is now available for your reading enjoyment on our club website in the Breaking News section of our HOME page.

https://www.w8dc.org

73

Thom KI8W

3914. David Devos, KF8QL, featured at GRARA Meeting Friday, 6 April

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2018-04-06 02:54:30 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3890 Message: 3914

*The Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association cordially invites all ham radio operators, and anyone who is interested in "off grid" power to their regular meeting**
**
Red Cross Building, 1050 Fuller Avenue NE, Grand Rapids
Friday, 6 April 2018
6:30 p.m. gathering
7:00 p.m. Meeting
**
After a short business Meeting, David Devos, KF8QL, will present a discussion of his Solar panel installation at his home.
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Anyone with an interest in Amateur Radio and/or "off Grid" power are welcome.
**
Please pass the word.
**
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3915. MICHIGAN QSO PARTY 21 APR, 1600Z to 2359Z

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2018-04-07 18:33:08 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3915 Message: 3915

*Yes, the Michigan QSO party will be held

Saturday 21 April 2018
1600Z to 2359Z
That's Noon to Midnight EDST

Rules and other info are at http://www.miqp.org/

This is a low key, fun contest for most.

Grand Rapids ARA (W8DC)
and
Michigan Amateur Radio Alliance (W8USA)

have registered for participation from KENT County

No clubs have registered in adjacent countiers of Allegan, Barry, Ionia,
Kalamazoo, Muskegon, Montalm, Ottawa. Have I missed any "local" counties?

If your club is planning an operation, or if yoou're planning to operate
as single op from home, please put inform the Michigan QSO party of your
intentions at
http://www.miqp.org/plannedOpsEntryMiQP.html

C'mon out, have some fun! Pass the word along.

72/73 de n8xx Hg
QRP >99.44% of the time*

3916. desolder station solder pen is on order

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2018-04-12 18:36:19 UTC
From: stprovost@...
Topic: 3916 Message: 3916

Hello, I have two solder pens on order for our rework station.
Stephen AC8QE

3917. Fw: [AMRadio] Fwd: Arthur W. Bell III, center of gravity for cranks, conspiracy theorists, and insomniacs is dead at 72

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2018-04-14 15:31:34 UTC
From: Tom Behler
Topic: 3917 Message: 3917

FYI from Tom Behler: KB8TYJ

----- Original Message -----
From: "Rob Atkinson" <ranchorobbo@...>
To: "Discussion of AM Radio in the Amateur Service"
<amradio@...>
Sent: Saturday, April 14, 2018 5:52 AM
Subject: [AMRadio] Fwd: Arthur W. Bell III, center of gravity for cranks,
conspiracy theorists, and insomniacs is dead at 72

Art Bell, long time host of Coast To Coast AM, the popular all-night call in
radio show often featuring UFOlogists, quack medicine believers,
government/corporation paranoids, and anyone else marginalized out of the
mainstream of society has died at his home in Pahrump Nevada. Bell was a
ham, W6OBB and his ham station was located in Bell's proclaimed "Kingdom of
Nye" (Nye County Nevada). Cause of
death unknown. One of Bell's frequent guests on his program
was
Wayne Green W2NSD/1 (SK) who made a career promoting his various suspect
life improvement plans, alternative medicine and cold fusion.

https://heavy.com/news/2018/04/art-bell-dead-cause-of-death-dies-how/

Rob
K5UJ

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Our Main Website: http://www.amfone.net
AMRadio mailing list
Archives: http://mailman.qth.net/pipermail/amradio/
List Rules (must read!): http://w5ami.net/amradiofaq.html List Home:
http://mailman.qth.net/mailman/listinfo/amradio
Post: AMRadio@...
To unsubscribe, send an email to amradio-request@... with the
word unsubscribe in the message body.

This list hosted by: http://www.qsl.net
Please help support this email list:
http://www.qsl.net/donate.html
Message delivered to k5xu@...

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Groups.io Links:

You receive all messages sent to this group.

View/Reply Online (#11384): https://groups.io/g/blind-hams/message/11384
View All Messages In Topic (1):
https://groups.io/g/blind-hams/topic/17254604
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3918. Foxhunting Training in the Park, April 28, 2018

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2018-04-15 21:53:37 UTC
From: Tom
Topic: 3894 Message: 3918

Reminder, coming up,

Sponsored by the Lowell ARC, the Allegan ARC, the Grand Rapids ARA and the Holland ARC, there will be a "Tune-Up In the Park" Fox Hunting excise, April 28, 2018.

If you are interested in Fox Hunting, or you are a grizzled veteran, plan on being at Douglas-Walker Park on Saturday, April 28, 2018 from 9 am to 12 noon. Douglas-Walker Park is on 84th St, 1.5 mile west of US-131 exit 74, Byron Center.

There will be at least five micro-transmitters hidden in the park, for you to take your time and practice your skills and debug your your equipment.

At twelve noon, the park activity will stop, and a "live" fox will go on the air, located within eight miles of the start.

There will be seasoned Fox Hunters to help with your equipment and techniques.

If you have a Fox Box or a micro/mini fox and would like to bring it to the park to be used, please contact the event coordinator, Nathan, N8THN at coffeefein24@...

 Note. Investigative reporting has disclosed that two clubs are going for broke. Un-named sources have confirmed that the Allegan and Kalamazoo ARC's have has multiple meetings, building antennas, attenuators and other items. Apparently, these clubs think there will be some competition coming up.

Tom K8TB

3919. Fwd: April 2018 Michigan Section News

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2018-04-16 02:46:01 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3919 Message: 3919

-------- Forwarded Message --------
Subject: April 2018 Michigan Section News
Date: Sun, 15 Apr 2018 22:38:37 -0400 (EDT)
From: ARRL Members Only Web site <memberlist@...>
To: hgreeb@...

Greetings to the Amateurs of Michigan,

The April weather is demonstrating the notion that if you are not happy with the current climate, just wait 5 minutes. Eventually, things will warm up, making it easier to spend more time outside.
I have heard many comments either in person or on the air relative to the ARRL request to expand HF privileges for Technician Licensees. Feel free to share your thoughts with your fellow amateurs, and of course your section team.

The Michigan QSO party begins Saturday, April 21, 2018 1600Z to April 22, 2018 0400Z. Slide your web browser over to miqp.org for more information.

The ARRL Great Lakes Division Convention at Hamvention this year will be my first as your Section Manager. I'm looking forward to meeting up with you at the ARRL Expo area, or perhaps wandering the flea market.

Hospitality Acknowledgements
Thanks to these organizations and clubs for their outstanding hospitality shown to the MI ARRL staff:

March 15th, Monroe Radio Club
March 17th, Kalamazoo Swap

Michigan ARRL Section Staff Travel Plans

Apr 29, 2018 GMARC 1st Annual Hamfest, Madison Hgts, MI – K8JK
May 5, 2018 Cadillac Hamfest, Cadillac, MI – K8JK
May 18th, 2018 Great Lakes Convention (Hamvention) -K8JK

Michigan Public Service Activities

Michigan Section Traffic/ARPSC Nets (all times local)
Please note that time adjustments may be necessary due to propagation changes. Contact your net manager for alternate frequencies and/or times.

MACS - MI Amateur Communications System 3.952 1000 Daily
UPN – Upper Peninsula Net 3.921 1700 Daily; Noon Sun
MIARPSC – MI Amateur Radio Public Service Corps 3.932 1700 Sun
QMN – The Michigan Net 3.563 1830 and 2200 Daily

MITN – MI Traffic Net 3.952 1900 Daily
MIDTN – MI Digital Traffic Net 3.583 (Olivia 8/500) 2000 Tu, Th, Sat
MIADS – MI ARES D-Star Net Reflector 24A Mon 2000
D8EN - District 8 Emergency Net 3.909 Wed 2000
GLETN – Great Lakes Emergency and Traffic Net 3.932 2000 Daily
MVTN – MI VHF Traffic Net IRA Link System 2100 Mon, Wed, Fri, Sun
NLEUP - Northern Lower Eastern UP Net 146.64- 18:30 Daily
SEMTN – SE MI Traffic Net 146.76- 2215 Daily
TMMTN – Thumb Mid-Michigan Traffic Net 147.30+ 2130 Mon - Sat

Michigan Amateur Radio Public Service Corps (ARPSC) Activities for March 2018
Station Activity Reports (SAR) for March 2018:

WB8WKQ 315, N5MKY 153 , WB8TQZ 97, K8ED 90 ,K8RDN 83 ,WD8MWD 71,WD8USA 38, KE8CEH 30 , WB8RCR 8

Public Service Honor Roll (PSHR) for March 2018:

WB8RCR 238, WD8USA 138, WD8MWD 120, K8RDN 116, WB8TQZ 110, N5MKY 105 ,KC8YVF 96, K8ED 90, WB8WKQ 90 , KE8CEH 87, KE8BYC 79, KC8NFN 50

Brass Pounder’s League (BPL): None

Net traffic for January 2018:

The Michigan Net 116.00
Michigan Amateur Communications System 133.70
Michigan Traffic Net 47.60
Southeastern Michigan Traffic Net 88.1
Great Lakes Emergency and Traffic Net 75.08
Upper Peninsula Net 613.91
Michigan VHF Traffic Net 32.8
Michigan Digital Traffic Net 70.3
Northern Lower Eastern Upper Peninsula Net 46.0
District 3 ARPSC Net 13.10
Saginaw County ARES Net 27.02
Luce County ARES Net 15.18
Michigan Amateur Radio Public Service Corps 16.70
District 5 Hospital Net 10.0
Chelsea ARC Net 10.80
District 8 Emergency Net 2.5
Red Cross Net of Greater Grand Rapids 2.0

Total Volunteer Dollar Value for March 2018: $ 31,884

More information is available athttp://nts-mi.org/.

Come join us on our traffic and public service nets.

A hearty thanks to the hundreds of volunteers across the State of Michigan who work hard as volunteers to hone their skills month after month to make sure they are ready for any situation that may arise. Our

ARPSC and NTS programs are an integral part of AuxComm, which in turn is
an integral part of the Michigan State Police Homeland Security Division.

Final Thoughts

Remember that I’m always interested in hearing about your solutions for issues within our amateur radio community, the issues are sometimes really easy to spot, but the solutions are just a bit more challenging.

I’m looking forward to running into you on the air!

73
Jim K8JK

ARRL Michigan Section
Section Manager: James A Kvochick, K8JK
k8jk@...

To unsubscribe from messages, go to:
http://p1k.arrl.org/oo/89638eb94b378fb643bf6a270711b1ae

3920. Looking for a ride to and from Dayton Hamvention

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2018-04-17 17:18:33 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 3920 Message: 3920

Forwarding by request.

-------- Beginning of forwarded message--------
13.04.2018, 22:20, "John Wasciuk" :

Hello, ARROW, LARC and GRARA,

Looking for a ride to and from the Dayton Hamvention. I have a place to stay (I think), so all I'll need is transportation to and from.

I will double-check, but my stay is from Thursday night thourgh Saturday night.

Can anyone help?

73,

John Wasciuk
WA8TON / VO1TON / VO1HV
Activities Coordinator,
ARROW Communication Association
www.w8rp.org (http://www.w8rp.org/)
jwasciuk at gmail dot com
(616) 560-3365

3921. Red Cross building left open AGAIN

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2018-04-19 16:13:06 UTC
From: stprovost@...
Topic: 3921 Message: 3921

Just received the following message today:

the basement door propped open, alarm not set, and lights left on the basement. I was the last person to leave the office last night and they were here for their meeting and had the door propped open for their members to get in.

Normally I am the last person leaving but I was out of state.

Not sure who was last person last night but we could be asked to leave if doors and alarms are not taken care of.

Red Cross staff are normally gone by 530pm.

GRARA is normally here after hours and should always check doors and alarms when leaving for the night.
Otherwise we may loose the ability to be here after hours.

Stephen

3922. TV Tower collapse

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2018-04-19 21:30:30 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3922 Message: 3922

Knot Egg Zacktly associated with ham radio, but many hams may have an interest in the following subject.

https://www.news-leader.com/story/news/local/ozarks/2018/04/19/tower-collapse-webster-county-1-possibly-dead-several-injured-official-said/532227002/

Thanks to the Minnesota Wireless Association for the initial link. 72/73
de n8xx Hg QRP >99.44% of he timne

3923. Re: [GRARA] Red Cross building left open AGAIN

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2018-04-20 01:29:04 UTC
From: wd8usa@...
Topic: 3921 Message: 3923

I too noticed the door remains propped open after the monthly meeting starts-

Security is everyone's concern! JB

-----Original Message-----
From: stprovost@... [GRARA] <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
To: GRARA <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Thu, Apr 19, 2018 12:33 pm
Subject: [GRARA] Red Cross building left open AGAIN

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Stephen

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3924. Vote for a Michigander for Cover Plaque aware

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2018-04-20 03:39:13 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3924 Message: 3924

The May 2018 issue of QST has an article on Portable Operating by Laura Steinberger, WZ8C, from up north in Traverse City.

I worked her many times during the National Parks On the Air (NPOTA) in 2016.

It would be nice to give her a trophy for plaque for the best article. To vote, you must be a member of ARRL (At least I believe you must) and check in at
http://www.arrl.org/cover-plaque-poll

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3925. Re: Red Cross building left open AGAIN

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2018-04-20 03:37:55 UTC
From: stprovost@...
Topic: 3921 Message: 3925

I will be talking more with Red Cross staff about the open door But, from what I have heard, we did have someone close the basement doors wed night.
they did not have any alarm codes to arm the alarm with.
But it appears we DID not leave doors open.
We are not the only groups who use this building.

GRARA board members will have a closing procedure created at our meeting next week to ensure we have the same closing procedure followed after our after hours events.

thanks
Stephen

3926. DMR MI5 Group has opened up StateWide1 for use

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2018-04-21 22:47:04 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 3926 Message: 3926

-------- Beginning of forwarded message--------
20.04.2018, 21:00, "Michael Wolthuis" :

The (DMR) MI5 Group has opened up StateWide1 for use by West Michigan amateur radio operators. The StateWide1 DMR channel has become incredibly active and we would like to invite all of you to jump in on SW1 at your next opportunity. Connect to SW1 also via BrandMeister on 31261, Wires-X room 21917 or YSF004.

Mike Kb8zgl

-------- End of forwarded message --------

3927. Fwd: River Bank Run 2018

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2018-04-21 22:51:41 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 3927 Message: 3927

-------- Beginning of forwarded message--------
19.04.2018, 16:43, "KCEST" <lists@kcest.org>:

Greetings all, hope your 2018 is going well. We are a little less than a month out for the River Bank Run and we are still in need of additional ham radio operators to assist with the event.

There are a few changes with the event this year. First there is a new partnership between the race and Spectrum Health. Second, due to construction and future changes to John Ball park, the course has some minor changes. We will provide more detailed information in the next week or so.

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5. See old friends.

6. We think this is fun.

Please pass this invitation along to your local clubs and friends.

Please keep in mind there are 2 Events.

#1) The JR Event which we will need about 15-20 People to help. May 9th 2018 from 4PM - approximately 8PM

#2) The Main Event Which is on May 12th 2018 from 6AM - 1PM with varying end times.

We will also have a RBR Pre-Meeting on Friday May 11th 2018 at KCSD

701 Ball Ave from 6:30PM - 8:30PM. (We need about 80-85 People to help with the main event in various positions)

For those who have never worked the River Bank Run.

This is the PREMIER Communications event in Kent County. This event is one that you'll enjoy and come back every year for more! The RBR event is HUGE and keeps growing!

Please sign up @
http://dev.kcest.org/lists/lt.php?tid=UVT5Ot0bFgu2YT+ZVTgK1y2jNTXQIET2v3+5IjHGV+5WlkgAewd4RZDODGUBAif5

3928. 2018 Hamvention GRARA group needs another person

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2018-04-24 01:33:10 UTC
From: stprovost@...
Topic: 3928 Message: 3928

Hello, every year GRARA has a group of us go to hamvention.
This year we can have 8 people go and stay within 20 minutes of hamvention Xenia fairgrounds
I just had a person cancel and have an open spot available.
we leave thursday morning May 17th and come back Monday afternoon may 21st.
you can come later or leave earlier, the cost will be $150 plus $22 for hamvention ticket.
We will be staying at a large house in springfield ohio.
please email me at stprovost@provtechs.com with any questions.
thanks

Stephen AC8QE

3929. High School Radio Day, Wednesday April 2

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2018-04-24 14:48:35 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 3929 Message: 3929

From:
Lowell Buyers Guide, April 22, 2018

High School Radio Day is April 25.

Lowell’s local radio station, WRWW, will be participating in the sixth annual ‘High School Radio Day’ scheduled for Wednesday, April 25. High School Radio Day (HSRD) is a day dedicated to high school radio stations where students can celebrate their uniqueness and promote community awareness of what they do and how they do it. In Michigan, less than one percent of the high schools in the state have a radio station. WRWW broadcasts on 92.3 FM and streams from lowellradio.org They can also be heard locally on Comcast’s Xfinity or public access channel 25. Visit the radio station on the 25th, between 7:30 am and 2:30 pm, when students will be ‘on-air’ commemorating this special event. WRWW is owned and operated by Lowell Area Schools. The radio studio is located right in Lowell High School.

3930. Re: [GRARA] 2018 Hamvention GRARA group needs another person

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2018-04-24 15:49:06 UTC
From: Robert Moe
Topic: 3928 Message: 3930

I would be glad to take your offer if it is still open.

73, Bob AC8ZX
Robert Moe
rmoe424242@...

On Mon, Apr 23, 2018 at 6:33 PM, stprovost@provtechs.com [GRARA] <
GRARA@yahoogroups.com> wrote:

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3931. RADIO EVENTS for May 2018 and beyond

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2018-04-30 18:06:00 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 3931 Message: 3931

It's May 2018,

Coming events:

MAARC monthly meeting
GRARA monthly meeting, VE exams
CADILLAC Hamfest
ACARC monthly meeting
HARC monthly meeting
MARA monthly meeting
5/3rd River Bank Run
LARC monthly meeting
Hamvention bus trip
HARC E.A.T. meeting (Education And Training)
NOARC meeting
IRA Hamfest
HIAD (Ham in a Day)

Congradulations to Hercules (KE8DGF) who won the April 28 "Tune-Up In the Park" Fox Hunt with just 10 miles! Best path was 9.6 if you knew the route! Good job!
++Somebody please have the webmaster of http://www.michiganfoxhunter.com/ update++

Muskegon Area Amateur Radio Council monthly meetings are on the first Thursday of the month May 3, 7 PM. Held at the MAARC clubhouse, 2888 Scenic Drive on the east side of Scenic Drive. Look for our sign. 146.94- http://www.w8zho.com/ https://www.facebook.com/w8zho/
Map http://www.mapquest.com/maps/map.adp?address=2888%20Scenic%20Drive&city=Muskegon&state=MI&zipcode=49445&zoom=10

Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association (GRARA) monthly meeting, first Friday of the Month, May 4, 7PM. Door opens 6:30 PM. American Red Cross building, 1050 Fuller Ave NE, GR between the I-196 Ford Fwy and Leonard St. Same location as the GRARA shack. Talk-in 147.26+(94.8Hz). Directions: http://w8dc.org/pages/Red Cross.html
VE TESTING at GRARA on the second Friday of the month, May 11, same location.
http://www.w8dc.org https://www.facebook.com/W8DCGRARA/

Cadillac Hamfest, Saturday, May 5
Location: Cadillac Jr. High School, 500 Chestnut Street, Cadillac, MI 49601
Website: http://www.wexaukeearc.org
Flyer: http://www.wexaukeearc.org/documents/swap2018-flyer2.pdf
Sponsor: Wexaukee Amateur Radio Club
Talk-In: 146.980 (no PL tone)
Public Contact: Alton McConnell , NU8L, PO Box 163 Cadillac, MI 49601
Phone: 231-862-3774, Email: nu8l@...

Allegan County Amateur Radio Club monthly meeting second Tuesday, May 8, Allegan County Technical and Education Center (ACATEC), 2891 116th Street (M-222) across from the Allegan County Airport. This month will be starting a little early to allow you some time to hunt

for the hidden transmitters. So we will be starting at 6 PM on May 8th at the ACATEC center in Allegan. http://ac8rc.org/ https://www.facebook.com/ac8rc/ 147.24+(94.8Hz)

Holland Amateur Radio Club (HARC) monthly meeting, second Tuesday of the month, May 8, 2018.
Note: Starting in May 2018, the Holland Amateur Radio Club will be meeting on a NEW DAY in a NEW LOCATION. For the foreseeable future, the club will hold general meetings on the second Tuesday of the month and E.A.T. meetings will be held on fourth Tuesday of the month, both at 7pm. Our new location will be the Chick-Owa Sportsman's Club, located at 9279 E Ottogan Street (just west of Winding Creek). http://www.hollandarc.org/ 147.06+(94.8Hz)

Michigan Amateur Radio Alliance monthly meeting, second Wednesday of the month, May 9, 7:30 PM, at Plainfield Township Fire Department Training Center, SW corner of 5 Mile Rd and Plainfield Ave. Talk-in W8USA 145.23-(94.8Hz) https://w8usa.org/

River Bank Run 2018, Saturday, May 12
This is a large event and we need all the help we can get. This is a chance for Ham radio operators to shine. We are depended on to help with communications related to runner safety. If you have never done this event in the past don't worry, we can partner you up with someone worth experience.
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Please sign up @ http://www.kcest.org/events

Lowell Amateur Radio Club monthly meeting, third Thursday of the month, May 17, 6:30 PM social, 7PM meeting. All are welcome. Pizza provided. Talk-in W8LRC 145.27-(94.8Hz) http://www.w8lrc.org Directions: https://goo.gl/maps/9e7G2FVkriJ2 https://www.facebook.com/w8lrc/

Hamvention Bus Trip, Saturday, May 19
As in years past, The Arrow Communication Association is sponsoring a bus trip from Ann Arbor, Michigan to the Greene County Fairgrounds and Expo

Center in Xenia, Ohio and back. The date is Saturday, May 19. We leave the park-and-ride at *5:00 am* and get to the show at 9:00 am. We leave Xenia at 5:30 pm and arrive back to our large park-and-ride site by 9:30 pm. A continental breakfast is included on board. What more could you ask for?
More information, sign-up, flier, etc:
https://w8rp.org/activities/dayton-bus-trip/

The next Holland ARC E.A.T. meeting (Education And Training) will be held on Tuesday, May 22, 2018 at 7 pm at the Chick-Owa Sportsman's Club located at 9279 E. Ottogan Street (just west of Winding Creek).Chick. The club has purchased a series of instructional electronics videos which are around 30 minutes long. This will be followed by discussion and/or demonstration.
Open to the public need not be a HARC member or have an amateur radio license to attend. If you have questions about amateur radio equipment, operating practices, licensing, test and measurement, or anything remotely related to amateur radio, this is the place to be.
http://www.hollandarc.org/ 147.06+(94.8Hz)

North Ottawa ARC meetings 4th Thursday of the month, May 24, 6:30 PM at the Spring Lake District Library. This meeting is a general public meeting introducing Amateur Radio, at the request of the library. http://www.w8cso.org/ 145.49-(94.8Hz)

HIAD (Ham in a Day) class, Saturday, June 9 in Lowell.
"Ham in a Day" Held at Flat River Outreach Ministries, 11535 Fulton ST. E (Hwy M-21), Lowell. This is an opportunity for anyone wishing to get their amateur radio technician license to study and take the exam all in one afternoon. Directed study starts at 1:00 and continues till 6:00, when the test will be given. For registration and more information http://w8lrc.org/hiad-registration/ Cost for the Ham in a Day study session is $25. Also, anyone holding a current technician or general licenses may arrive at 6:00 and take the test to upgrade at no cost. Anyone whose license is within 90 days of expiring can also renew their license between 6:00 and the end of testing at no charge.
Additional HIAD sessions for 2018:
Holland: Saturday, August 11
Lowell: Saturday, October 13
Holland: Saturday, December 8

UP COMING HAMFESTS
ARRL Hamfest and Convention Database http://www.arrl.org/hamfests/search

Cadillac Hamfest, Saturday, May 5
See details above.

IRA HAMFEST, Saturday, June 2
Location: Hudsonville Fairgrounds, 5235 Park Avenue, Hudsonville, MI 49426
Website: http://w8ira.org/
Flier:
http://w8ira.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/IRA-Hamfest-2018-Full-Sheet-03-13-18.pdf
Sponsor: Independent Repeater Association
Talk-In: 147.16+ (PL 94.8)
Public Contact: Tom Bosscher K8TB
Phone: 616-662-1080, Email: k8tb@...

Vintage Electronics Extravaganza! July 12, 13, 14
Flea Market Friday July 13, and Saturday July 14
Location: Kalamazoo Expo Center, 2900 Lake Street, Kalamazoo, MI
Website: http://michiganantiqueradio.org/
Flier: http://michiganantiqueradio.org/extravaganza-flier/
Sponsor: Michigan Antique Radio Club
Public contact: Mark Goodwin, Phone: 734-316-2803, Email: mrkgoodwin@...

Central Michigan ARC Hamfest, Saturday, July 28
Location: Holt Christian Church, 2424 Washington Road, Lansing, MI 48901
Website: http://www.centralmiarc.com
Flier: http://www.centralmiarc.com/outdoorhamfest.php
Sponsor: Central Michigan Amateur Radio Club
Talk-In: 145.39 (PL 100)
Public Contact: Clyde Tompkins, K8CPT, Phone: 517-927-3801, Email: clyde48837@...

GRAHamfest (Grand Rapids Area Hamfest), Saturday, September 8
Location: The Home School Building, 5625 Burlingame Avenue SW, Wyoming, MI 49509
Website: http://www.w8dc.org
Flier: http://w8dc.org/file/club/2018GRAHamFestFlyer.pdf
Sponsor: Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association
Type: ARRL Hamfest
Talk-In: 147.26+ (PL 94.8)
Public Contact: Rich Douglas, KC8NKA, Phone: 616-531-6218, Email: kc8nka@...

Michigan State Convention (Great Lakes HamCon) Saturday/Sunday October 6 and 7.
Location: Michigan International Speedway, 12626 US 12, Brooklyn, MI 49230
Website: http://glhamcon.org
Sponsor: Great Lakes Amateur Radio Association
Type: ARRL Convention
Talk-In: 145.12 (PL 123)
Public Contact: Larry Camp , WB8R, 71 Oakdale Lane Coldwater, MI 49036
Phone: 517-617-4883, Email: wb8r@...

Muskegon Color Tour Hamfest, Saturday, October 20
Location: Fellowship Reformed Church, 4200 East Apple Avenue, Muskegon, MI 49440
Website: http://mcecs.net
Flier: http://mcecs.net/Download/HamfestFlyer2018.pdf
Sponsor: Muskegon County Emergency Communication Services
Type: ARRL Hamfest
Talk-In: 146.820 - (PL 94.8)
Public Contact: James Duram , K8COP, Phone: 231-638-7010, Email: k8cop@...

Kalamazoo Hamfest, Sunday, October 21
Location: Kalamazoo County Fairgrounds and Expo Center, 2900 Lake St, Kalamazoo, MI 49048
Website: http://www.kalamazoohamfest.org/
Flier: http://www.kalamazoohamfest.org/flier.pdf
Sponsor: Southwest Michigan Amateur Radio Team & Kalamazoo Amateur Radio Club
Talk-in: 147.04+ (94.8)
Contact: phone: (269) 205-3560, Email: info@...

ONGOING EVENTS:

WEST MICHIGAN HAM NETS
https://calendar.google.com/calendar/embed?src=nfoddovv5unc52f0jsj5mv51p8@...&ctz=America/New_York&pli=1

Every Friday, Lunch Bunch at Noble Restaurant in Wyoming. https://eatnoble.com/
Gather in the back room starting about 11:30. This gathering of hams is sponsored by NOBODY! It's just hams that get together for lunch on Fridays, and there is always room for you.

If I missed something or there is something coming up of interest to the West Michigan Ham community, let me know, my callsign @...

73 Jack NY8D

3932. GRARA Petis sight project

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2018-05-01 03:03:13 UTC
From: stprovost@...
Topic: 3932 Message: 3932

Hello, we are moving ahead with the transfer of the hardware this Saturday May 5th from the wlav petis sight to the GRARA remote radio room. We are looking for any volunteers 10am at the Petis Sight.

thanks
Stephen

3933. Muskegon Area Amateur Radio Council Club Meeting,,May 3, 2018

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2018-05-01 13:30:45 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3931 Message: 3933

From W8ZHO.com

Muskegon Area Amateur Radio Council Club Meeting

*May 3, 2018
Meeting at 7PM
MAARC Clubhouse, 2888 Scenic Drive, North Muskegon, MI*

*Meeting topic:
Jerome Novotny, K8CCJ, with Solar Power Installation Changes*

*This subject sounds like a corollary to the excellent presentation last month by KF8QL at the GRARA Meeting! *
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And of course, remember the GRARA Meeting, 1050 Fuller Avenue NE, Grand Rapids, Friday, May 4, 6;30/7:00 p.m.

3934. Mary Christian N8EZL-SK

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2018-05-01 16:51:08 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 3934 Message: 3934

Mary Christian (N8EZL) of Jenison went to be with her Lord, April 27, 2018. She was born in Muskegon, MI on February 16, 1945
Surviving Mary's husband of 50 years, Dennis Christian (N8CUF).

Complete obituary at http://www.cookcares.com/obituaries/Mary-Christian-9/#!/Obituary

Mary was an active Tassels member. She and her husband regularly attended the area hamfests, Hamvention, Field Day, and other events
In the early days of the 145.27- repeater, when it was S.T.A.R.S. (Spare Time Amateur Radio Society) located at WZZM-TV13 STL Tower, and before that at the then QTH of Bob Czachorski K8XL in Grandville, Dennis N8CUF was a board member with the blessing of Mary.

73 Jack NY8D

3935. RE: Membership Roster is up-to-date.

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2018-05-03 14:26:16 UTC
From: Richard Ranta
Topic: 3935 Message: 3935

Hello All, and Happy Thursday.

I just wanted you all to know the membership Roster is now as complete as it can be.

With one exception: My e-mail address is out of date. (I was busy figuring out how many volunteers were used for the "Floor" event last month)

I will have the latest membership Roster at the club meeting this Friday 5/4/2018.

Oh, if you want to contact me via e-mail, use secretary@... <mailto:secretary@...> .

Enjoy the day.

Rich k8jx and scooter the wonder cat

"I'm not a product of my circumstances, I'm a product of my decisions"

Rich K8JX and Scooter the cat

3936. GRARA Meeting Friday, 4 May - Program

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2018-05-03 20:11:11 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3890 Message: 3936

*The Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association cordially invites all ham radio operators, and anyone who is interested in outdoor activities.
**
Red Cross Building, 1050 Fuller Avenue NE, Grand Rapids
Friday, 4 May 2018
6:30 p.m. gathering
7:00 p.m. Meeting
**
**After a short business Meeting, I'll be presenting a short illustrated program on "Ham Radio Outdoors." **
**
Anyone with an interest in Amateur Radio and/or doing things outdoors is welcome.
**
**Please pass the word.

Note, we are attempting to have a program of interest each month. What are YOU up to these daze concering operating or building ham radio? Please don't be shy!

Contact Dustin Olsen - KD8PVZ - (meeting programs)
<offair.director@... <mailto:offair.director@...>>

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3937. West Michigan Amateur Radio May events update

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2018-05-08 11:16:37 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 3937 Message: 3937

May events update.

This Friday, May 11, Red Cross smoke detector install. We provide communications support. Installs will be in the Godfrey neighborhood. Meet at the Grand Rapids Red Cross Building 8:30 AM. Contact Jim Leys, K8CAN, GRARA Red Cross Laison rc.laison@... for more information

Volunteers are still needed for the Fifth-Third River Bank Run this weekend. If you're available, you need to sign up now.
Please sign up @ http://www.kcest.org/events

The Lowell Amateur Radio Club May meeting will be one week later than usual as many members will be at hamvention(r).
Meeting will be Thursday, May 24. The 17th will be Open Radio Room.

The Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association June meeting will be at the Hudsonville Fair Grounds, Friday June 1, day before the IRA Hamfest. Meeting will take place following the traditional "Ray's Roadkill and Potluck Dinner" the IRA sponsors which all are invited. The potluck begins at 6:30. Saturday is the hamfest http://w8ira.org/hudsonville-hamfest/

73 Jack NY8D

3938. Hamvention/Zenia Ohio - Wires-X portable Simplex Node

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2018-05-08 11:50:15 UTC
From: ab8dt@...
Topic: 3938 Message: 3938

To all who are Hamvention/Zenia Ohio bound or any who are interested on listening & joining in:
For the 2nd year I will be traveling to Zenia, Ohio for Hamvention and will be operating my portable Wires-X node #30074 on the way down from Grand Rapids, MI starting 5/17 and setting up the node at the campground on site running thru the weekend. I will be mainly parked on MNWIS room #21493 but is will be open for use if you want to change it while at Hamvention. It will be on the WIres-X simplex frequency of 147.525 MHz and I may use a DG-ID TX99 if the need arises. I will set up a room #40074 "HAMVENTION" as a return to room when not tied into MNWIS so just check to see what is active.

If you have a Fusion capable radio and can get into the 146.760 W8DC Repeater you can move the node to MNWIS 21494 or HAMVENTION 40074

Questions, comments or concerns to:
Ron Karger, AB8DT

ab8dt@yahoo.com

3939. Smoke Alarms

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2018-05-08 14:01:04 UTC
From: Jim Leys
Topic: 3289 Message: 3939

The Red Cross has requested that GRARA provide communications for smoke alarms install this Friday May 11. We will meet at the Red Cross at 9am then head to the Godfrey-Lee neighborhood in Wyoming. We are requesting each team have a radio. Hope to see as many Club members as possible. See you there.Thanks Jim K8CAN

3940. Re: [GRARA] Smoke Alarms

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2018-05-09 01:26:50 UTC
From: wd8usa@...
Topic: 3289 Message: 3940

Dress warm- The WX advanced forecast indicates a wet cold day- Come prepared!

-----Original Message-----
From: Jim Leys jm_leys@... [GRARA] <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
To: Yahoo Groups <grara@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Tue, May 8, 2018 10:01 am
Subject: [GRARA] Smoke Alarms

The Red Cross has requested that GRARA provide communications for smoke alarms install this Friday May 11. We will meet at the Red Cross at 9am then head to the Godfrey-Lee neighborhood in Wyoming. We are requesting each team have a radio. Hope to see as many Club members as possible. See you there.

Thanks Jim K8CAN

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3941. Re: Hamvention/Zenia Ohio - Wires-X portable Simplex Node

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2018-05-09 10:56:31 UTC
From: ab8dt@...
Topic: 3938 Message: 3941

Sorry for the typo. The city name is Xenia not Zenia.... Too bad I was told about it after posting on 5 sites
~Ron, AB8DT

3942. State Pactor Board now up!

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2018-05-10 02:44:24 UTC
From: wd8usa@...
Topic: 3942 Message: 3942

The SEOC has a pactor machine up and running and it is a P-3

Try a connect on 3.591.9 USB using the correct offset for the modem you are using.

It has an excellent signal day or night-

This is a welcome addition as VHF packet won't quite reach there without a band opening.

3943. Fwd: For those attending Hamvention

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2018-05-11 20:09:51 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 3943 Message: 3943
Attachments: 4 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Hamvention reminder.

I have fleamarket spots 9543 9544 in the name of Michigan Area Radio Enthusiasts (MARE). See attachments for location.
I will have my pickup truck parked there, an EZ UP and table with a MARE display. The display will for the most part be unmanned so everyone is free to roam and attend seminars. I will have plenty of spare keys for the Truck Cap door for us. Feel free to put water, pop, snacks inside, drop off your goodies, pull out a chair to relax, etc. I will have a spare table if anyone wishes to sell, but you watch your own stuff. No club funds were used to purchase the fleamarket spots. If you feel like sending a couple bucks my way, I will gladly accept, but only if you want to.

Last year's setting HTs to 147.265 simplex worked with minimal interference. That's the GRARA repeater output +5KHz

Pray for sunshine and have fun.

73 Jack NY8D

3944. Sound The Alarm

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2018-05-13 10:12:31 UTC
From: Jim Leys
Topic: 3944 Message: 3944

Many thanks to Tom N8DGD and Hank N8XX for braving the lousy weather Friday May 11 to help with the Red Cross smoke alarm installs.Jim K8CAN

3945. IRA Hamfest, Saturday, June 2, Hudsonville Fairgrounds

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2018-05-16 20:09:56 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 3945 Message: 3945
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

IRA HAMFEST, Saturday, June 2 ~ 8AM-Noon

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http://w8ira.org/hudsonville-hamfest/
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Forums & Seminars
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Talk-in on the IRA 147.16(94.8Hz) repeater.
GPS: N42.8645 / W85.8763
FREE PARKING!
MULTIPLE DOOR PRIZES!!
SATURDAY 10AM ~ VE Testing by the Holland ARC VE team. NO CHARGE for VE testing, upgrades, or renewals.
FRIDAY 6:30PM ~ Ray’s Roadkill and Potluck Dinner
Bring a dish to pass and join the fun after setup. “Eyeball QSOs”, entertainment, awards, and surprises.
FRIDAY NIGHT ~ Camping Available on the Grounds
Showers & restrooms available.
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Your financial assistance is required to maintain this system. Donations are tax deductible.
QUESTIONS? Contact: Tom Bosscher K8TB Phone: 616-662-1080, Email: k8tb@...
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http://w8ira.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/IRA-Hamfest-2018-Full-Sheet-03-13-18.pdf
Complete the form and send with your payment and SASE to:
Independent Repeater Association, Inc., PO Box 8122, Kentwood, MI 49518
Thank you for your support!

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Vintage Electronics Extravaganza! July 12, 13, 14
Flea Market Friday July 13, and Saturday July 14
Location: Kalamazoo Expo Center, 2900 Lake Street, Kalamazoo, MI

Website: http://michiganantiqueradio.org/
Flier: http://michiganantiqueradio.org/extravaganza-flier/
Sponsor: Michigan Antique Radio Club
Public contact: Mark Goodwin, Phone: 734-316-2803, Email: mrkgoodwin@...

Central Michigan ARC Hamfest, Saturday, July 28
Location: Holt Christian Church, 2424 Washington Road, Lansing, MI 48901

Website: http://www.centralmiarc.com (http://www.centralmiarc.com/)
Flier: http://www.centralmiarc.com/outdoorhamfest.php

Sponsor: Central Michigan Amateur Radio Club

Talk-In: 145.39 (PL 100)

Public Contact: Clyde Tompkins, K8CPT, Phone: 517-927-3801, Email: clyde48837@...

GRAHamfest (Grand Rapids Area Hamfest), Saturday, September 8

Location: The Home School Building, 5625 Burlingame Avenue SW, Wyoming, MI 49509

Website: http://www.w8dc.org (http://www.w8dc.org/)
Flier: http://w8dc.org/file/club/2018GRAHamFestFlyer.pdf

Sponsor: Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association

Type: ARRL Hamfest
Talk-In: 147.26+ (PL 94.8)

Public Contact: Rich Douglas, KC8NKA, Phone: 616-531-6218, Email: kc8nka@...

Michigan State Convention (Great Lakes HamCon) Saturday/Sunday October 6 and 7.
Location: Michigan International Speedway, 12626 US 12, Brooklyn, MI 49230
Website: http://glhamcon.org (http://glhamcon.org/)
Sponsor: Great Lakes Amateur Radio Association
Type: ARRL Convention
Talk-In: 145.12 (PL 123)
Public Contact: Larry Camp , WB8R, 71 Oakdale Lane Coldwater, MI 49036
Phone: 517-617-4883, Email: wb8r@...

Muskegon Color Tour Hamfest, Saturday, October 20

Location: Fellowship Reformed Church, 4200 East Apple Avenue, Muskegon, MI 49440

Website: http://mcecs.net (http://mcecs.net/)
Flier: http://mcecs.net/Download/HamfestFlyer2018.pdf

Sponsor: Muskegon County Emergency Communication Services

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Talk-In: 146.820 - (PL 94.8)

Public Contact: James Duram , K8COP, Phone: 231-638-7010, Email: k8cop@...

Kalamazoo Hamfest, Sunday, October 21
Location: Kalamazoo County Fairgrounds and Expo Center, 2900 Lake St, Kalamazoo, MI 49048
Website: http://www.kalamazoohamfest.org/
Flier: http://www.kalamazoohamfest.org/flier.pdf
Sponsor: Southwest Michigan Amateur Radio Team & Kalamazoo Amateur Radio Club
Talk-in: 147.04+ (94.8)
Contact: phone: (269) 205-3560, Email: info@...

73 Jack NY8D

3946. Thousands of Amateur Radio Operators Measured the Solar Eclipse's Effects on the Atmosphere

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2018-05-19 03:38:31 UTC
From: Kreigh Tomaszewski
Topic: 3946 Message: 3946

Astronomers and space fans may have set up lawn chairs outside to watch the eclipse, but Nathaniel Frissell set up his ham radio. As the sky dimmed and daylight turned into an uncanny dusk, the reports started coming in: Communication was dying off over the 20 meter (14 MHz) radio band.

Frissell (call sign W2NAF) was one of thousands of hams who set up their radios on the day of the solar eclipse in an effort to measure its effects on the upper atmosphere. They've just release the results of their investigation, which found that the solar eclipse thinned the charged particle-containing part of the upper atmosphere, called the ionosphere.

"It's been a really amazing thing to see the entire ham radio community come together and see this through," said Frissell, a professor at the New Jersey Institute of Technology Center for Solar-Terrestrial Research who organized the event. "We have been able to take this really rough piece of physics and science data that wasn't designed for this in the first place and show the eclipse effects in a very clear manner."

https://gizmodo.com/thousands-of-amateur-radio-operators-measured-the-solar-1826147318

3947. Thought you might like to know the zoo does 'fox hunts' for their native turtles

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2018-05-27 03:01:17 UTC
From: Kreigh Tomaszewski
Topic: 3947 Message: 3947

The temperature was nice this morning when we took the grandkids (just Joe and Molly) to the zoo. Got there shortly after it opened and had time to do a run-thru the main parts of the zoo before we had to meet the zoologist (and several other families) to learn about turtle conservation. The zoo is a fairly large forest island in our urban landscape, and it has a fairly large pond with an island. The zoo is interested in knowing and conserving the natural wildlife that shares their space. There are ten species of turtles in Michigan, and the zoo hosts eight of them, and two of those are actually rare.

Yesterday the zoo staff put out eight turtle traps around the pond. Today we did a sight walk-around of the pond looking for turtles swimming, basking in the sun, or on the edges. We found a couple snapping turtles in the water, a bunch of green frogs, and one painted turtle about 20 feet from the pond, which we picked up. All were documented. The traps were then collected and produced three more painted turtles. Each turtle was weighed and measured, checked for sex, and if female, checked for eggs (it is spring). One of the turtles had been previously captured, so she was released (this was a job for the kids) after being documented.

The other three turtles had to be marked so they could be identified if caught again. They do this by filing three groves around the edge of the turtle shell. Turtles have twelve shell plates on each side, identified by letters, so it is easy to make an alphabetic code for each turtle. https://www.jstor.org/stable/1436818?seq=1#page_scan_tab_contents This does not harm the turtle and is permanent. They also photographed the turtles top and bottom to add to the documentation. They were very excited when one of the turtles had 13 shell plates instead of the expected dozen. The kids got to release the other turtles after they were documented too.

If they catch one of the rare species of turtles they also glue a tiny radio transmitter (good for several years) to the back of the shell. This lets them track down the turtles in the zoo and get clues about how they live out their lives. Turtles need water to breed and raise young, but they often spend much of their life in the nearby forest. A lot of the turtles get identified as they are found crossing roads or paths in the zoo (and these interactions are documented). BTW, the proper way to rescue a turtle in harms way is to take it to the other side of the road or path it is crossing, in the direction it was traveling (it knows where it wants to go). The kids got to use a directional antenna to hunt down a demonstration turtle.

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I asked for details. They told me zoo is in the 164 band for the radios they use for tracking animals. They have reserved several channels for the native animals they want to track. When I got home I found they may be on another frequency for routine communications when I looked at the county band-plan

453.05000 WPXZ338
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Take your grandkids to the zoo for a special event and it collides with radio. The day was too much fun, so I thought I should share it with the ham radio community.

Kreigh

3948. IRA Hamfest THIS SATURDAY, Potluck on Friday

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2018-05-29 17:31:54 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 3948 Message: 3948
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As always, I will have tables in front of my motorhome members can peddle stuff on

Reminder, the IRA Hamfest is this coming Saturday, June 2 at the Hudsonville Fairgrounds with Ray's Roadkill and Potluck Dinner on Friday the 1st.

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FRIDAY 6:30PM ~ Ray’s Roadkill and Potluck Dinner
Bring a dish to pass and join the fun after setup. “Eyeball QSOs”, entertainment, awards, and surprises.
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Public contact: Mark Goodwin, Phone: 734-316-2803, Email: mrkgoodwin@comcast.net

Central Michigan ARC Hamfest, Saturday, July 28
Location: Holt Christian Church, 2424 Washington Road, Lansing, MI 48901
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Flier: http://www.centralmiarc.com/outdoorhamfest.php
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73 Jack NY8D

3949. Coming events for June for the Amateur Radio community

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2018-05-29 19:18:28 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 3949 Message: 3949

It's June 2018,

Coming events:

IRA HAMFEST, HUDSONVILLE
GRARA monthly meeting, VE exams, Open Radio Room
2nd Hand Ham Shop
HARC monthly meeting
MAARC monthly meeting
HIAD (Ham in a Day)
ACARC monthly meeting
MARA monthly meeting
IEEE meeting
LARC monthly meeting
FIELD DAY
HARC E.A.T. meeting (Education And Training)
NOARC meeting

Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association (GRARA) monthly meeting, first Friday of the Month, June 1.
NOTE the June meeting will be at the Hudsonville Fairgrounds following Ray's Roadkill Potluck. You do not have to purchase a hamfest ticket for the meeting, but you WERE planning on the hamfest, right?
July 6 meeting will be back at American Red Cross building
VE TESTING at GRARA on the second Friday of the month, June 8, Red Cross.
http://www.w8dc.org https://www.facebook.com/W8DCGRARA/
Open Radio Room Wednesdays at 7PM, Red Cross.

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Website: http://w8ira.org/
Flier:
http://w8ira.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/IRA-Hamfest-2018-Full-Sheet-03-13-18.pdf
Sponsor: Independent Repeater Association
Talk-In: 147.16+ (PL 94.8)
Public Contact: Tom Bosscher K8TB
Phone: 616-662-1080, Email: k8tb@...

Following the IRA Hamfest
2nd Hand Ham Shop “June 2nd the shop will open at 10AM. Dave and I will be roaming around at the IRA Swap for about an hour and a half. See all that stop by after 10AM. Have Fun at The Swap!!!!!!
73 de KD8DEG Tom QRT”
https://www.facebook.com/pg/2nd-Hand-Ham-Shop-1007064166010266/
7830 80th Ave, Zeeland, Michigan 49464
https://wego.here.com/directions/mix//7830-80th-Ave,-Zeeland,-MI-49464

kd8deg@... (616) 292-3335

Holland Amateur Radio Club (HARC) monthly meeting, second Tuesday of the month, June 5, 2018.
For the foreseeable future, the club will hold general meetings on the second Tuesday of the month and E.A.T. meetings will be held on fourth Tuesday of the month, both at 7pm. Our new location is the Chick-Owa Sportsman's Club, located at 9279 E Ottogan Street (just west of Winding Creek). http://www.hollandarc.org/ 147.06+(94.8Hz)

Muskegon Area Amateur Radio Council monthly meetings are on the first Thursday of the month June 7, 7 PM. Held at the MAARC clubhouse, 2888 Scenic Drive on the east side of Scenic Drive. Look for our sign. 146.94- http://www.w8zho.com/ https://www.facebook.com/w8zho/ Map http://www.mapquest.com/maps/map.adp?address=2888%20Scenic%20Drive&city=Muskegon&state=MI&zipcode=49445&zoom=10

HIAD (Ham in a Day) class, Saturday, June 9 in Lowell.
"Ham in a Day" Held at Flat River Outreach Ministries, 11535 Fulton ST. E (Hwy M-21), Lowell. This is an opportunity for anyone wishing to get their amateur radio technician license to study and take the exam all in one afternoon. Directed study starts at 1:00 and continues till 6:00, when the test will be given. For registration and more information http://w8lrc.org/hiad-registration/ Cost for the Ham in a Day study session is $25. Also, anyone holding a current technician or general licenses may arrive at 6:00 and take the test to upgrade at no cost. Anyone whose license is within 90 days of expiring can also renew their license between 6:00 and the end of testing at no charge.
Additional HIAD sessions for 2018:
Holland: Saturday, August 11
Lowell: Saturday, October 13
Holland: Saturday, December 8

Allegan County Amateur Radio Club monthly meeting second Tuesday, June 12, 7PM Allegan County Technical and Education Center (ACATEC), 2891 116th Street (M-222) across from the Allegan County Airport. https://www.facebook.com/ac8rc/ 147.24+(94.8Hz)

Michigan Amateur Radio Alliance monthly meeting, second Wednesday of the month, June 13, 7:30 PM, at Plainfield Township Fire Department Training Center, SW corner of 5 Mile Rd and Plainfield Ave. Talk-in W8USA 145.23-(94.8Hz)

IEEE West MI Section Meeting at GVSU downtown campus on JT-8 Digital communications protocol, Thursday June 14th, 6PM. Lecture hall is Room 124 in the Kennedy Hall of Engineering (the main Engineering Building). Video of the talk given by Professor Joe Taylor K1JT about the FT-8 and WSPR modes at the 2018 MicroHAMS Digital Conference on March 24.
"RSVPs would be appreciated so we know roughly how many sandwiches, etc. to order but people may come at the last minute. Guests (mainly local radio hams) and students whether IEEE members or not are also invited of course."
I don't have a definitive RSVP address, so for now RSVP to Ron Fredricks K8DMR ron_fredricks@... (616)443-8576

Lowell Amateur Radio Club monthly meeting, third Thursday of the month, June 21, 6:30 PM social, 7PM meeting. All are welcome. Pizza provided.
Open Radio Room is on the other Thursdays, same time.
Talk-in W8LRC 145.27-(94.8Hz) http://www.w8lrc.org Directions:

https://goo.gl/maps/9e7G2FVkriJ2

FIELD DAY for a 24 hour period Saturday, June 23, 2PM to Sunday, June 24, 5PM. Some groups will be setting up Friday evening. Some groups won't begin setup until 2PM to qualify to operate all 27 hours.
To locate a Field Day site, visit http://www.arrl.org/field-day-locator
For more information about Field Day, visit
http://www.arrl.org/files/file/Field-Day/2018/2018%20FD%20Flier.pdf

Holland ARC E.A.T. meeting (Education And Training) is the fourth Tuesday, June 26, 7 pm at the Chick-Owa Sportsman's Club located at 9279 E. Ottogan Street (just west of Winding Creek). The club has purchased a series of instructional electronics videos which are around 30 minutes long. This will be followed by discussion and/or demonstration.
Open to the public need not be a HARC member or have an amateur radio license to attend. If you have questions about amateur radio equipment, operating practices, licensing, test and measurement, or anything remotely related to amateur radio, this is the place to be.
http://www.hollandarc.org/ 147.06+(94.8Hz)

North Ottawa ARC meetings 4th Thursday of the month, June 28, 6:30 PM at the Spring Lake District Library. This meeting is a general public meeting introducing Amateur Radio, at the request of the library. 145.49-(94.8Hz)

UP COMING HAMFESTS
ARRL Hamfest and Convention Database http://www.arrl.org/hamfests/search

IRA HAMFEST, Saturday, June 2
Location: Hudsonville Fairgrounds, 5235 Park Avenue, Hudsonville, MI 49426
Website: http://w8ira.org/
Flier:
http://w8ira.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/IRA-Hamfest-2018-Full-Sheet-03-13-18.pdf
Sponsor: Independent Repeater Association
Talk-In: 147.16+ (PL 94.8)
Public Contact: Tom Bosscher K8TB
Phone: 616-662-1080, Email: k8tb@...

Vintage Electronics Extravaganza! July 12, 13, 14
Flea Market Friday July 13, and Saturday July 14
Location: Kalamazoo Expo Center, 2900 Lake Street, Kalamazoo, MI
Website: http://michiganantiqueradio.org/
Flier: http://michiganantiqueradio.org/extravaganza-flier/
Sponsor: Michigan Antique Radio Club
Public contact: Mark Goodwin, Phone: 734-316-2803, Email: mrkgoodwin@...

Central Michigan ARC Hamfest, Saturday, July 28
Location: Holt Christian Church, 2424 Washington Road, Lansing, MI 48901
Website: http://www.centralmiarc.com
Flier: http://www.centralmiarc.com/outdoorhamfest.php
Sponsor: Central Michigan Amateur Radio Club
Talk-In: 145.39 (PL 100)
Public Contact: Clyde Tompkins, K8CPT, Phone: 517-927-3801, Email: clyde48837@...

GRAHamfest (Grand Rapids Area Hamfest), Saturday, September 8
Location: The Home School Building, 5625 Burlingame Avenue SW, Wyoming, MI 49509

Website: http://www.w8dc.org
Flier: http://w8dc.org/file/club/2018GRAHamFestFlyer.pdf
Sponsor: Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association
Type: ARRL Hamfest
Talk-In: 147.26+ (PL 94.8)
Public Contact: Rich Douglas, KC8NKA, Phone: 616-531-6218, Email: kc8nka@...

Michigan State Convention (Great Lakes HamCon) Saturday/Sunday October 6 and 7.
Location: Michigan International Speedway, 12626 US 12, Brooklyn, MI 49230
Website: http://glhamcon.org
Sponsor: Great Lakes Amateur Radio Association
Type: ARRL Convention
Talk-In: 145.12 (PL 123)
Public Contact: Larry Camp , WB8R, 71 Oakdale Lane Coldwater, MI 49036
Phone: 517-617-4883, Email: wb8r@...

Muskegon Color Tour Hamfest, Saturday, October 20
Location: Fellowship Reformed Church, 4200 East Apple Avenue, Muskegon, MI 49440
Website: http://mcecs.net
Flier: http://mcecs.net/Download/HamfestFlyer2018.pdf
Sponsor: Muskegon County Emergency Communication Services
Type: ARRL Hamfest
Talk-In: 146.820 - (PL 94.8)
Public Contact: James Duram , K8COP, Phone: 231-638-7010, Email: k8cop@...

Kalamazoo Hamfest, Sunday, October 21
Location: Kalamazoo County Fairgrounds and Expo Center, 2900 Lake St, Kalamazoo, MI 49048
Website: http://www.kalamazoohamfest.org/
Flier: http://www.kalamazoohamfest.org/flier.pdf
Sponsor: Southwest Michigan Amateur Radio Team & Kalamazoo Amateur Radio Club
Talk-in: 147.04+ (94.8)
Contact: phone: (269) 205-3560, Email: info@...

ONGOING EVENTS:

WEST MICHIGAN HAM NETS
https://calendar.google.com/calendar/embed?src=nfoddovv5unc52f0jsj5mv51p8@...&ctz=America/New_York&pli=1

Every Friday, Lunch Bunch at Noble Restaurant in Wyoming. https://eatnoble.com/
Gather in the back room starting about 11:30. This gathering of hams is sponsored by NOBODY! It's just hams that get together for lunch on Fridays, and there is always room for you.

If I missed something or there is something coming up of interest to the West Michigan Ham community, let me know, my callsign @...

73 Jack NY8D

3950. Joe Walsh Promotes Ham Radio

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2018-05-31 19:21:15 UTC
From: Tom Behler
Topic: 3950 Message: 3950

Hello, everyone.

Here's a link with some information regarding Joe Walsh's efforts to help the ARRL promote amateur radio.

http://www.arrl.org/news/eagles-guitarist-joe-walsh-wb6acu-promotes-amateur-radio-in-media-announcements

This might be good to present at club meetings, and other venues where we can spread the word about what we do.

Tom Behler: KB8TYJ

3951. Tables at IRA Hamfest. Lunch after

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2018-06-01 12:04:11 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 3951 Message: 3951
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

http://w8ira.org/hudsonville-hamfest/ Saturday

Reminder! As always, I will have outside tables available for members use.

For anyone so inclined, lunch after the hamfest.

1PM, the Pizza Ranch in Hudsonville.
3492 Chicago Dr
Hudsonville Community Fair
5235 Park Ave, Hudsonville, MI 49426

Take Grant St to 36th Ave

Turn right onto 36th Ave

Continue on Allen St. Drive to Harvey St

Pizza Ranch
3492 Chicago Dr, Hudsonville, MI 49426
https://goo.gl/maps/ESNKiWgsrDz

73 Jack NY8D

3952. Re: [GRARA] Tables at IRA Hamfest. Lunch after

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2018-06-01 15:44:42 UTC
From: wd8usa@...
Topic: 3951 Message: 3952
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

What time is the road kill potluck tonight? JB

-----Original Message-----
From: Jack Amelar jamelar@... [GRARA] <GRARA@yahoogroups.com>
To: GRARA@yahoogroups.com <grara@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Fri, Jun 1, 2018 8:14 am
Subject: [GRARA] Tables at IRA Hamfest. Lunch after

http://w8ira.org/hudsonville-hamfest/ Saturday

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73 Jack NY8D

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3953. Re: Tables at IRA Hamfest. Lunch after

Yahoo group: GRARA
Date: 2018-06-01 17:20:06 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 3951 Message: 3953

"What time is the road kill potluck tonight? JB"
Their flier says 6:30
June GRARA meeting follows

01.06.2018, 11:47, "wd8usa@... [GRARA]" :

What time is the road kill potluck tonight? JB